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MINUTES FOR GC MEETING 1/28/19		
Voting Member	Title	In Attendance
Gary Stroick	President	Yes
Greg Warner	Senior VP	Yes
Jack Kellner	Secretary	Yes
Ruth Long	Treasurer	Yes
Giacomo Steccaglia	DanceSport VP	No
Melissa Dexter	Professional VP	Yes
Leland Whitney	Social VP	Yes
Roger Greenawalt	DanceSport Delegate	Yes
Inna Brayer	DanceSport Delegate	9:04 pm
Michael Murphy	DanceSport Delegate	Yes
Damian Pataluna	DanceSport Delegate	No
Herb McGurk	Membership Director	Yes
Kym Zion	K12 Programs Director	Yes
Open	Development Director	N/A
Open	Admin Support Director	N/A
Open	College Network Director	N/A
Don Davenport	Chapter Relations Director	Yes
Open	Marketing Director	N/A

Roll Call: There are currently 14 filled seats on the Governing Council. A quorum consists of 8 or more members in attendance. A **quorum is present** as 11 members are in attendance. A By-Law amendment requires a ¾ vote of the filled seats; 0.75 X 14 so 11 votes would be required to amend the By-Laws.

Called to Order by Gary at 9:01 pm EST, 1.28.2019.

1. **Motion to approve the revised agenda** for tonight's meeting (Don/Melissa). Passed 11-0-0.
2. **Motion to approve the minutes from 1/14/19** (Gary/Greg). Passed 8-0-3. (Melissa, Jack and Kym abstained as they didn't attend on 1/14/19.)
3. **Motion to amend the previously approved 12/3/18 minutes to add an unintentionally missing item, 8. Judges for Nationals** (Greg/Michael). Passed 10-0-1 (Jack abstained).
4. VP for Social Dance (Leland)
 - A. Leland reviewed the year-to-year membership numbers, focusing on chapters with declining membership and identifying interventions to help them. Multiple ideas were discussed. Ruth suggested a monthly conference call open to chapter officers to connect them more with the business and projects of the GC.
 - B. District Directors expressed interest in plaques for district level chapter-of-the-year and volunteer-of-the-year award winners.



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C. The National chapter-of-the-year and volunteer-of-the-year winners were revealed.

5. Herb presented and discussed a survey of chapters he conducted regarding dues and rebate opinions and options. Herb's 12/17/18 motion regarding chapter rebates was called from the table. Leland and Ruth withdrew their previous "unfriendly" amendment.

Motion to table motion on chapter rebates (Gary/Greg). Passed 10-2-0. (Nays: Herb, Kym).

Proponents were asked to return with a comprehensive membership plan that includes a chapter rebate component.

6. VP - Professional (Melissa)

Melissa proposed an exam for adjudicator applicants who had teaching certifications from organizations outside USA Dance. After discussion, the exam proposal was not presented for a vote tonight.

7. SVP (Greg)

Greg distributed a new proposed policy, "Use of member personally identifiable information" for discussion and a vote at the next meeting.

8. **Motion to approve the minutes of 1/7/19 "B" as amended (Greg/Jack).** Passed 11-0-1. (Kym abstained as she didn't attend 1/7.)

Herb left the meeting.

9. DanceSport (Roger)

Motions to approve the following DS Rulebook changes (Roger/Ruth). All Passed 11-0-0:

- A. **While a USA Dance organizer needs to be a member of USA Dance, upon DSC recommendation, the GC modified rule 2.2.12 so that the organizer is not required have "USA DANCE OFFICIAL" membership status.**
- B. **2.2.13.6, remove reference to January 1, 2019 effective date.**
- C. **2.2.25.3, remove the 2017 effective date.**
- D. **4.8.2.3, remove the 2017 effective date.**
- E. **As the competition "grandfathering rules" regarding time and distance between comps are no longer needed, delete 5.1.3 - 5.1.3.5.**
- F. **7.4.2, Delete reference to the 2010 budget.**



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10. Some athletes from Utah have approached USA Dance stating they had intended to qualify for Nationals at the UVU DanceSport Festival and because of existing travel schedules cannot attend the Mid-Atlantic Championships or another NQE on the east coast. These athletes have requested assistance qualifying for the 2019 Nationals. Permitting athletes who had intended to compete at the UVU DanceSport Festival to qualify for Nationals is in the best interests of USA Dance and may mitigate some of the damage caused by the organizers of the UVU DanceSport Festival renegeing on their prior commitment to hold a partial NQE.

Motion: athletes who can credibly demonstrate that they would have qualified for Nationals through the 2019 UVU DanceSport Festival, may participate in the 2019 Nationals. (Michael/Inna). Passed 10-1-0. (Jack voted no.)

11. Following the withdrawal of the UVU DanceSport Festival as a partial NQE, Todd Wakefield has applied to list the Utah Classic as a USA Dance partial NQE (pre-teen through adult) and requested a partial exemption for this year from DanceSport Rulebook Rule 3.4.3 for pre-teen through youth qualifying competitions to allow the event to host qualifying competitions with fewer than the number of dances listed in Rule 3.4.3. For example, youth championship Standard consists of 4 dances and omits Viennese Waltz. The basis of this request is that the Utah Classic published its competition materials listing the dances for the pre-teen through youth competitions months ago and cannot change those materials now. Adult division events will follow Rule 3.4.3, qualifying events will use USA Dance registered adjudicators, and athletes in qualifying competitions will be USA Dance members. This is a one-time request and future NQEs organized by Mr. Wakefield will fully comply with Rule 3.4.3. Approving this request is in the best interests of USA Dance and may mitigate some of the damage caused by the organizers of the UVU DanceSport Festival renegeing on their prior commitment to hold a partial NQE.

Motion to approve the 2019 Utah Classic as an NQE with a partial exemption from DanceSport Rule 3.4.3 (Michael/Ruth). Passed 10-1-0. (Jack voted no.)

12. President's Report (Gary)

A. Gary reported that the Executive Committee has suspended Viktoriya Drubetskaya for one year for a Rulebook violation.

B. Motion to approve two hotel contracts for the NCDC, with Hyatt Place and Holiday Inn (Gary/Ruth). Both Passed 11-0-0.

C. Motion to approve a contract for a collegiate internship program with BYU Idaho (Gary/Ruth). Passed 10-0-1. (Jack abstained.)

D. Motion to approve an agreement with DanceVision to use their ProDVIDA instructional and educational materials at no cost through 12.31.2019 to USA Dance for the training and evaluation of adjudicators (Gary/Greg). They will be used while USA Dance's own materials are being developed.



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Motion to table (Michael/Roger). Failed 5-6-0. (Yeas: Leland, Inna, Michael, Roger, Jack. Nays: Gary, Greg, Ruth, Melissa, Don, Kym.)
Main motion Passed 9-0-2. (Michael and Jack abstained.)

E. An agreement with Ms. Susan Silva to use her theatrical syllabus was put off until the GC can review said syllabus.

F. Motion to approve \$295 for a witness examination on-line course for the members of the Ethics Committee, and any interested GC members (Gary/Ruth). Passed 11-0-0.

G. Motion to award the 2020 WDSF Smooth World Championships (Adult/S1/S2/S3/S4) to Wayne Crowder to be held at the Southeastern DanceSport Championships in Atlanta, subject to risk mitigation measures such as event cancellation insurance and/or indemnification of USA Dance should the event be cancelled as discussed at the December 17, 2018 Governing Council meeting. (Gary/Ruth). Passed 10-0-1. (Jack abstained.)

H. Gary will be conducting interviews for the vacant Collegiate Director position next week.

13. **Motion to enter Executive Session** (Gary/Greg). Passed 11-0-0. The GC entered Executive Session at 11:58 pm.

Leland left the meeting.

14. The GC left Executive Session at 12:25 am.

15. **Motion to sanction Ronen Zinshtein** (Ruth/Greg). Attached as the Appendix (the Appendix has been slightly modified to clarify restriction 3 applies to communications with minor athletes and to correct a typo in the reference to USA Dance Bylaw Article XVII). Vote taken at the meeting was 9-0-1. (Jack abstained as he was not at Mr. Zinshtein's hearing.) Michael requested the vote remain open to allow those who were not present at the GC meeting to cast a vote. After the meeting, three additional GC members voted on the sanction by email, for a total vote of 12-0-1. Motion Passed. (Yeas: Gary, Greg, Ruth, Michael, Inna, Roger, Melissa, Kym and Don. Additional Yeas by email: Giacomo, Herb and Leland.)

16. Treasurer's Report (Ruth)

A. Twelve new members joined USA Dance at the recent MAC competition.

B. Ruth flew out to Utah and toured the venue for Nationals. She was impressed with the facility. She will be making another trip to Utah soon to continue working on the logistics.

C. Ruth has a meeting upcoming with a dance media group regarding the American Dancer magazine. Although Shawn Fisher has stated he intends to submit a proposal regarding American Dance, she has not yet received the proposal.



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17. Gary called the next regular GC meeting for Monday 2.11.2019 at 9 pm EST.
18. **Motion to adjourn** (Jack/Roger). Unanimous consent. Meeting adjourned at 12:41 am, 1.29.2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Kellner
Secretary

APPENDIX

In July 2018, two of Ronen Zinshtein's ex-students filed a civil suit against Mr. Zinshtein. After reviewing the contents of the civil complaint, USA Dance notified the US Center for SafeSport, conducted an investigation, and held a special hearing regarding Mr. Zinshtein's membership. Mr. Zinshtein disputed the allegations in the civil complaint, but acknowledged certain actions and conduct. Based upon certain admitted conduct, USA Dance's Governing Council finds that Mr. Zinshtein violated USA Dance's 2010 Abuse and Harassment Policy Guidelines and immediately restricts his membership within USA Dance as follows:

1. Mr. Zinshtein is suspended from teaching at any and all USA Dance and WDSF sanctioned training camps until the later of December 31, 2020 or final resolution of the civil litigation involving Jane Doe 1 and Jane Doe 2;
2. Mr. Zinshtein is prohibited from adjudicating any and all USA Dance competitions or representing USA Dance as an adjudicator at any WDSF competitions until the later of December 31, 2020 or final resolution of the civil litigation involving Jane Doe 1 and Jane Doe 2;
3. Mr. Zinshtein must refrain from communicating with or being alone with any junior and youth athletes under the age of 18 at any USA Dance event until the later of December 31, 2020 or final resolution of the civil litigation involving Jane Doe 1 and Jane Doe 2;
4. Mr. Zinshtein must find another person acceptable to USA Dance's Governing Council to assume organizer responsibilities for the American DanceSport Festival in 2019 and 2020, and the event may not hold any competitions for athletes below the adult division if he will be present at the event.

Violation of any of these terms may result in permanent revocation of Mr. Zinshtein's membership privileges in USA Dance with a recommendation for a similar permanent revocation of membership from the WDSF. These restrictions are based upon Mr. Zinshtein's admitted actions. There are several actions alleged in the civil complaint that Mr. Zinshtein denies. The Governing Council stays consideration of and ruling on these disputed allegations, but reserves the right to review and modify this decision and penalty in light of new evidence that may be uncovered as the civil litigation progresses.

Mr. Zinshtein has been provided the full decision of the Governing Council detailing the basis of the decision, and may appeal the matter to the United States Olympic Committee and/or the American Arbitration Association pursuant to USOC Bylaw Section 9 and USA Dance Bylaw Article XVII.