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4TH QUARTER UPDATE

Now is the time of year the Social Council is working on the Selecting the Chapter and Volunteer of the Year. The Nationals Committee is busy with organizing Nationals. The Governing Council is currently preparing the 2018 budget and the Directorships yearly report.

In the fourth quarter, 2017, the USA Dance, Inc Governing Council has completed the work necessary in the Rulebook and the Bylaws to fully authorize the Professional Council to move forward with all elements of professional. The definition of professional now includes the Organizers and will be defined under the Professional Council.

The updated Rulebook will be published towards the end of January, 2018. The updated Bylaws will be published on the WEB and noted in the minutes of the Governing Council. The DanceSport Council will continue to sanction events, the Professional Council will work directly with professionals, including Organizers.

Currently the Governing Council voted and adopted changes to the selection process for NOE adjudicators. We sometimes forget that "NOE" means "National Qualifying Event" – the Governing Council, per the bylaws, is responsible for "National" events. In the past the Nationals Competition judges were selected by a committee within the Nationals Committee and approved by the Governing Council, but "NOE's" were selected by Organizers through various, sometimes undefined methods.

As Governing Council, we are calling for discussions with the three distinct groups in USA Dance affected by this change: Organizers, Professionals and Athletes. The first meeting was held with the Organizers. In this discussion the known issues of the Professionals and Athletes were voiced, the Organizers were given the opportunity to voice their concerns. Notes were taken. A second meeting will be held with Organizers to provide an opportunity for those unable to attend the first meeting, or if they choose, an Organizer may attend for a second time.

Several meetings will be held to discuss the same issues with the Professionals and the Athletes. Following those meetings the Governing Council will address the procedures for the selection of adjudicators at NOE's. These meetings are specifically organized to provide freedom of expression within the groups themselves without concern for pressure outside of the group. Professionals, Organizers and Athletes have differing perspectives on this topic.

This year has been busy. The Governing, Professional, DanceSport and Social Councils meet bi-weekly in separate meetings. In addition, the committee structure in each of the Councils, and Directorships meet to continue developing USA Dance. This year has produced significant improvements in USA Dance: Ethics Committee, Professional Council, expanded committee structure in Social Dance, K12 program introduction, Collegiate Circuit, expansion of dance styles, updated Bylaws, revised Rulebook, WSDF world events, expanded competition and dance camp programs, etc.

As a Governing Council we look forward implementing new initiatives. Please contact us at:
membersvoice@usadance.org – we look forward to your input!