



**USA Dance Governing Council Welcomes  
Leland Whitney as New  
Director of Chapter Liaison**

August 18, 2015

The Governing Council of USA Dance is pleased to announce that Leland Whitney will be joining the Governing Council as the new Director of Chapter Liaison. The vacancy was created in June with the elevation of the former Director of Chapter Liaison, Marta Pascale, to National Secretary.

We thank everyone who applied for the vacancy. From the applications received, National President Yang Chen appointed Leland Whitney, subject to ratification by the Governing Council, based on his many successes and achievements:

- Under his leadership as President of the Minnesota Chapter #2011, from December 2013 to the present, his chapter nearly quadrupled membership from 98 members in 2013 to 385 today.
- Since May 2014, he has served as District Director of District 2 which covers nine states: IA, IL, KS, MN, MO, ND, NE, SD, WI.
- With his wife Leslie, he is an avid competitor and is 2015 National Champion in Senior Smooth and Rhythm events at the Championship level.
- He holds a Ph.D. in Theoretical Physics from the University of Minnesota and is listed as inventor on 30 patents in the United States.

President Chen's appointment was ratified by the Governing Council on August 13.

Per the USA Dance Bylaws, Art. VI.J., the Director of Chapter Liaison shall:

1. serve as a liaison to the chapters, working through area coordinators [i.e., District Directors] to advise and assist chapters as needed
2. schedule individual or combined face-to-face meetings with chapters officials in various parts of the country in order to supplement the annual national chapter conference
3. prepare reports on chapter trends and other analyses in order to support chapter growth and development

Mr. Whitney's term is effective immediately and runs through December 31, 2016.

We congratulate and thank Leland Whitney on his willingness to volunteer as Director of Chapter Liaison joining the Governing Council. We look forward to working with him to further the mission of USA Dance.

Yang Chen, President  
On behalf of the Governing Council  
USA Dance, Inc.