



National Governing Body of DanceSport, Member Organization of the US Olympic Committee, and the World DanceSport Federation

MINUTES FOR GC MEETING 3/12/18		
Voting Member	Title	In Attendance
Gary Stroick	President	Yes
Open	Senior VP	N/A
Jack Kellner	Secretary	Yes
Ruth Long	Treasurer	Yes
Giacomo Steccaglia	DanceSport VP	Yes
Melissa Dexter	Professional VP	Yes
Leland Whitney	Social VP	Yes
Roger Greenawalt	DanceSport Delegate	Yes
Inna Brayer	DanceSport Delegate	Yes (late)
Michael Murphy	DanceSport Delegate	Yes
Open	DanceSport Delegate	N/A
Herb McGurk	Membership Director	Yes
Kym Zion	K12 Programs Director	No
Open	Development Director	N/A
Open	Admin Support Director	N/A
Hannah Cole	College Network Director	Yes
Don Davenport	Chapter Relations Director	Yes
Open	Marketing Director	N/A

**Roll Call:** There are currently 13 filled seats on the Governing Council. A quorum consists of 7 or more members in attendance. A **quorum is present** as 11 members are in attendance. A ByLaw amendment requires a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote of the filled seats;  $0.75 \times 13 = 9.75$ , or 10 votes would be required to amend the ByLaws.

1. Meeting called to order by Gary at 9:03 pm EDT, 3.12.2018.
2. One item was added by Gary, and the agenda was approved with no objections.
3. **Motion to approve the 2.26.18 minutes** (Gary/Don). Passed 10-0-1 (Melissa abstained).
4. **Motion to amend Bylaws Article IV Section E.1 by adding the word "election" between the words "the" and "year" and deleting the words "prior to the election" so it will read "...October 1st in the election year with..."** (Gary/Michael). Passed 11-0-0.
5. National Selection Committee proposal was discussed, but no votes were taken. An opinion will be requested from the Ethics Committee.

Inna joined the meeting



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6. Gary reported the D&O policy we currently have also covers the Ethics Committee and Hearing Panels. Gary will look into some new questions which were raised.

7. Gary reported that Jim Fraser of the WDSF still has not answered his letter. There was discussion about who would be attending the WDSF's AGM as representatives and observers. Giacomo and Melissa said they were planning on attending.

**8. Motion to approve agreement with Marigold Media Group to assist with publicity and planning for PBS Grand Slam Series (Gary/Ruth). Passed 10-0-1 (Jack abstained).**

9. A new Lifetime Membership was approved 12-0-0 to be awarded at the AGM next month.

**10. Motion to reconsider a recent email vote about relocating professional titles from the 2018 Nationals event, with a re-vote on the original motion to be taken after legal consultation (Roger/Leland). Passed 11-0-1 (Melissa abstained).**

11. DS Rulebook proposed changes:

A. **In 5.2.5.4.5 - replace the words: area with district, and areas with districts (Roger/Ruth).** Passed 12-0-0.

B. **In 6.6.2 - add the word Showdance after the word Cabaret (Roger/Ruth).** Passed 12-0-0.

C. **Delete 4.7.6.2 (Roger/Ruth).** Passed 12-0-0.

12. Rulebook changes for collegiate competitions:

**Motion to approve rule changes to 3.13 for collegiate competitions and approve that all collegiate competition rules are effective immediately (Michael/Gary).** Passed 12-0-0. Rule changes appear in Appendix 1.

**13. Motion to ratify Damian Pataluna for the vacant DSC Delegate position as recommended by the DSC (Giacomo/Ruth).** Passed 12-0-0.

Inna left the meeting.

14. Michael led a discussion about Head Coach positions and applicants.

**Motion to enter Executive Session (Michael/Giacomo).** Passed 11-0-0.

**The GC voted to leave Executive Session at 12:03 am, 3.13.2018.**



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Inna rejoined the meeting. Jack left the meeting.

Remaining agenda items were postponed until the next GC meeting.

15. Gary called the next meeting for 3/26/18 at 9 PM EDT.

16. Meeting was adjourned at 12:18 am, 3.13.18.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jack Kellner  
National Secretary

## Appendix 1

3.13.1 These rules provide a structure for USA Dance Sanctioned Collegiate Competitions. Acknowledging the informal nature of collegiate competitions organizers of Collegiate Events are encouraged but not required to comply with Sections 5.2.3-5.10 of this Rulebook with regard to the relevant collegiate events.

3.13.9 At the Competition Organizer's discretion, collegiate events may allow participants to attend workshops and coaching sessions during the course of the competition that are organized by Competition Organizer. Provision of such workshops and coaching sessions and interactions with competitors at Collegiate Events will not violate Rule 6.2.1.3-5 or Rule 8.3.6 of these rules. This exception to Rules 6.2.1.3-5 and 8.3.6 is only available to Sanctioned Collegiate Competitions, not to other sanctioned competitions that may include collegiate events.

3.13.13.2 Competition Organizers of Recognized Collegiate DanceSport Events are encouraged but not required to comply with Sections 5.2.3-5.10 of this Rulebook with regard to the relevant collegiate events.