



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

MINUTES FOR GC MEETING 4/10/18		
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	Yes
Melissa Dexter	Professional VP	Yes
Leland Whitney	Social VP	Yes
Roger Greenawalt	DanceSport Delegate	Yes
Inna Brayer	DanceSport Delegate	No
Michael Murphy	DanceSport Delegate	Yes
Damian Pataluna	DanceSport Delegate	Yes
Herb McGurk	Membership Director	Yes
Kym Zion	K12 Programs Director	Yes
Open	Development Director	N/A
Kirk Sigmon	Admin Support Director	Yes
Hannah Cole	College Network Director	Yes (late)
Don Davenport	Chapter Relations Director	Yes
Open	Marketing Director	N/A

**Roll Call:** There are currently 16 filled seats on the Governing Council. A quorum consists of 9 or more members in attendance. A **quorum is present** as 14 members are in attendance. A ByLaw amendment requires a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote of the filled seats;  $0.75 \times 16 = 12$  votes would be required to amend the ByLaws.

1. Meeting was called to order by Gary at 9:03 pm.
2. The Agenda was approved with no objections.
- 3A. **MOTION to approve minutes from 3/12/18** (Gary/Ruth). Passed 11-0-3. Greg, Kirk and Damian abstained.
- 3B. **MOTION to approve minutes from 3/26/18 with a clarified section 10B** (Ruth/Kym). Passed 11-0-3. Greg, Kirk and Damian abstained.
4. President's Report
  - A. Gary recommended Alex Tavera for the position of Director of Marketing. **Ratification by GC** passed 14-0-0.
  - B. **MOTION to amend Bylaws by adding the words "or Lawful Permanent Resident" at the end of Article III, Section A.1 following the word "Citizen"** (Michael/Ruth). Passed 14-0-0.



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- C. Gary welcomed the new members of the GC at their first meeting: Kirk, Greg and Damian.
- D. Gary referred to the DSC the issue of age divisions for cabaret and/or showdance. Giacomo accepted the referral and the DSC will get back us in 2-4 weeks.
- E. The Letter of Intent for Dance Notions for the website and membership lists is still being drafted. Once it is completed it will be submitted for an email vote, as time is of the essence.
- F. An attorney will give the GC a "safe sport" presentation before the May 7th GC meeting at 8:30 pm EDT. The business meeting will start at 9 pm.
- G. Gary thanked all the volunteers for making Nationals and the NCDC so successful this year.

#### 5. SVP Report

Greg asked for copies of materials presented at, and member questions from, the AGM.

#### 6. Treasurer's Report (Ruth)

Ruth discussed very positive responses to the Nationals and NCDC events. She expects we will break even on Nationals.

#### 7. Secretary's Report (Jack)

- A. Charity registration has been filed in all states which require it where we have chapters. However some states take up to six months for processing.
- B. Corporate registrations are in place in states where we have an office (e.g., FL, OR), some other business connection (e.g., CO - home of the USOC), or which require it for charity registration (e.g. ND, DC). Otherwise corporate registration is not needed for chapters to operate normally.
- C. State Sales Tax Exemption has been requested by a handful of chapters. However, the work and expense of obtaining it is a major constraint. Ruth said that for most chapters the amount saved would not justify the time and costs involved.

#### 8. VP – DS (Giacomo)

- A. We had our first professional divisions at Nationals.
- B. Giacomo is now focusing on the national training team.
- C. A meeting will be held this week with the USOC which will include covering the World Games.
- D. The DSC will soon be taking up same-gender competitions.

Giacomo left the meeting.

#### 9. VP – Pro (Melissa)

- A. Melissa thanked everyone for making the recent Congress a success. Four WDSF



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adjudicators from Europe attended.

B. Work continues on the professional rulebook. Nick Cotton has volunteered to assist.

C. The Congress was well attended by many judges and chairpersons.

10. VP – Social (Leland)

A. Social dancing was reinstated at Nationals.

B. Three more chapters have committed to the Flashmob activity for this year.

C. A potential candidate for District 3 Director has been identified: Thomas Hirata from Ft. Wayne, IN.

D. Leland suggests chapter boards can appoint a DanceSport coordinator.

11. Kym, Don and Kirk had nothing new to report.

12. Membership / Ethics (Herb)

A. Herb reported membership has rebounded to above 11,000.

B. The new membership application is ready.

C. There are six Complaints currently pending before the Ethics Committee. One has been returned for clarification, one is going to a hearing panel.

Hannah joined the meeting.

13. NCDC (Ruth, Michael, Hannah)

The NCDC had 372 registrants and over 100 spectators. Staff handed out 131 copies of the American Dancer magazine. Ruth and Michael expect the event will come close to breaking even.

Ruth left the meeting.

14. There was no Old Business nor New Business.

15. Gary called the next meeting for Monday 4/23/18 at 9 PM EDT.

16. Adjournment

**MOTION to ADJOURN** (Melissa/Gary). No objections. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 pm EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kellner

National Secretary