Roll Call: There are currently 17 filled seats on the Governing Council. A quorum consists of 9 or more members in attendance. A quorum is present as 12 members are in attendance. A By-Law amendment requires a ¾ vote of the filled seats; 0.75 X 17 = 12.75 so 13 votes would be required to amend the By-Laws.

1. Called to Order by Gary at 9:03 pm EDT on 7.30.2018.

2. Motion to approve the agenda (Jack/Ruth). Passed 12-0-0.

3. Motion to approve the 7.16.2018 minutes (Gary/Ruth). Passed 11-0-1. (Roger abstained.)

4. Motion: Any USA Dance members who were asked to sign confidentiality agreements in order to be provided with copies of GC minutes or national audits from 2008-2013 are hereby released from any confidentiality obligations restricting sharing or use of the old minutes and/or audits, and may treat the minutes and audits as public documents, just as any other year’s GC minutes and audits (Gary/Ruth). Passed 12-0-0.

Herb and Alex joined the meeting.

5. Treasurer’s Report (Ruth)
A. NCDC and Nationals P&Ls are not ready as all payables still have not been paid. The delay with Nationals is from a continuing disagreement with the host hotel regarding their final bill.
B. There is some disconnect between our By-Laws and Commonwealth of VA rules regarding members reviewing the financial records. Ruth will present a clarified policy for consideration at the next GC meeting.
C. There will be a dedicated budget and financials GC meeting on 8/6. Gary asked if he could move that meeting from 9 pm EDT to 8 pm and if anyone would not be available? Jack indicated he had a schedule conflict and Roger indicated he possibly had a conflict, but nobody else.

Hannah joined the meeting.

6. Motion to enter Executive Session (Herb/Greg). Passed by unanimous consent.
The GC left Executive Session at 10:15 PM EDT.

7. Professional Dance VP's Report (Melissa)
A. Motion to approve changes in Rules 3.2.3, 3.4.7, and 5.8.10 related to the theater arts (now renamed theatrical ballroom) dance category (Melissa/Greg). Melissa clarified that the new name would not preclude a rhythm dance from being selected as a particular year's music / dance. Passed 15-0-0. Melissa added that the 2019 music has been selected but not released yet.
B. Motion to amend Rule 3.3.3.1 with a new clause added onto the current wording, to become effective only after the 2019 Nationals have been held (Melissa/Greg). Passed 15-0-0.

Inna joined the meeting during Melissa's report.

C. Motion to approve a new Adjudicator Application Letter, only the first three pages of which would be posted on the website (Melissa/Greg). Passed 16-0-0.

8. Motion to approve a Records Retention Policy drafted by Greg (Greg/Ruth). Passed 16-0-0. Attached as Appendix 1.

9. Motion to approve a SafeSport and Harassment Policy drafted by Greg (Greg/Gary). Passed 16-0-0. Attached as Appendix 2.

10. Motion to approve a contract with Simply Voting of Montreal, Canada to conduct the 2018 national elections (Ruth/Greg). Passed 16-0-0.

11. Gary introduced a proposal for a National Selection Committee for vote at the next
meeting.

12. Gary gave notice he will be introducing some By-Law cleanup at the next meeting.

13. Gary introduced and is soliciting comments and feedback to bring USA Dance's Policies document up-to-date in the future.

14. Herb reviewed a recent membership report from Mary at Central Office.

15. Herb reported there are 6 Complaints pending in the Ethics Committee docket. 5 of the 6 are in the process of, or proceeding to, Hearings. One is still in an informal resolution stage.

16. Alex made a presentation entitled "USA Dance Loyalty Alignment."

17. Gary reported that Ray Kaufman wishes to continue as our Registered Agent for the Commonwealth of VA.

18. Hannah directly distributed 2019 NCDC sponsorship contracts to the GC for its consideration at the next meeting.

19. Gary called the next GC meeting for Monday 8/13 at 9 pm EDT. He reminded everyone about the dedicated budget and financial meeting on 8/6 at its new hour of 8 pm EDT.

20. **Motion to Adjourn** (Greg/Herb). Passed 16-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:47 pm EDT.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Kellner
National Secretary