



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

MINUTES FOR GC MEETING 8/27/18		
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	Yes
Michael Murphy	DanceSport Delegate	Yes
Damian Pataluna	DanceSport Delegate	Yes, late
Herb McGurk	Membership Director	Yes, late
Kym Zion	K12 Programs Director	Yes
Open	Development Director	N/A
Kirk Sigmon	Admin Support Director	Yes
Hannah Cole	College Network Director	Yes
Don Davenport	Chapter Relations Director	Yes
Alex Tavera	Marketing Director	No

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 14 members are in attendance. A By-Law amendment requires a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the filled seats; $0.75 \times 17 = 12.75$ so 13 votes would be required to amend the By-Laws.

1. Meeting called to order at 9:02 pm.
2. **Motion to approve agenda** (Jack/Ruth). Passed 14-0-0.

Damian joined the meeting.

3. **Motion to approve the 8.6.18 minutes** (Jack/Ruth). Passed 14-0-1. (Hannah abstained.)
4. **Motion to approve the 8.13.18 minutes as amended** (Ruth/Greg). Passed 14-0-1. (Hannah abstained.)
5. **Motion to enter Executive Session** (Greg/Roger). Passed 15-0-0.

Herb joined the meeting during Executive Session.



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6. The GC left Executive Session at 10:21 pm.
7. President's Report (Gary)
 - A. Gary commended Kirk for his work on the recent IT issues.
 - B. Gary is working on bylaw cleanup and policy updates, for a future meeting.
 - C. Gary recently supplied some additional documentation to the Baltimore hotel and he hopes the final bill with them for Nationals will be resolved soon.
8. SVP's report (Greg)
 - A. Greg continues to review the new SafeSport policy for any needed updates or revisions.
 - B. **Motion to approve contract with Houston airport Holiday Inn for the fall GC face-to-face meeting** (Ruth/Greg). Passed 12-1-3. (Jack voted no, and Kirk, Hannah and Michael abstained.)
9. Treasurer's Report (Ruth)
 - A. Esther's last day before her retirement is 8.31.18.
 - B. The Youth Committee of the DSC has produced several well-done documents and Ruth is looking for funds to print and distribute them.
 - C. **Motion to Reprimand Ken Richards** (Ruth/Gary). Passed 16-0-0.
10. Secretary's Report (Jack)

Jack passed given the amount of business forthcoming.
11. Social Dance VP (Leland)
 - A. The Social Dance subcommittee met last night.
 - B. Re the San Antonio chapter - only 11 members are left -- a new group of people (25+) who are not currently members want to join and revitalize it. Leland will follow the situation.
 - C. A series of conference calls between chapter leaders and Gary/Greg/Ruth/Leland is forthcoming
 - D. A new chapter is developing in MO
12. DS VP (Giacomo)

Motion To Reinstate GNY Chapter Board (Michael/Ruth) as follows:

The Governing Council USA Dance, hereby reinstates the members of the board of the Greater New York Chapter in whole or in part upon the agreement by the prior board members to the following stipulations:

The Chapter and all its functions are operated in accordance with the USA Dance Bylaws Policies, Procedures, Rules, and Codes. Specifically, the 2019 MAC is run in accordance with



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USA Dance's Rulebook and in accordance with the initial NQE sanction request submitted by the Board of the Greater New York Chapter and approved by the DanceSport Council on July 11, 2018.

To enhance communications, the Greater New York Chapter and MAC Organizing Committee promptly implement a project management system that is shared with the DanceSport Council. This may be the detailed competition task worksheet provided by the DanceSport Council to the President of the Greater New York Chapter on July 7, 2018, or a similar worksheet for managing a complex project.

The MAC Organizing Committee be reformed in conjunction with the DanceSport Council and expanded to include additional members as approved by USA Dance's DanceSport Council and one member of USA Dance's Governing Council. A project lead for the 2019 MAC be empaneled to report anticipated and realized revenues and expenditures to the Chapter Board and the DanceSport Council.

The DanceSport Council and members of the MAC Organizing Committee will promptly communicate regarding the implementation of non-NQE events (e.g., collegiate and/or pro-am competitions) at the MAC.

The Chapter Board members cooperate with an investigation into emails sent after the board was dissolved that alleged the recipients of the emails were owed hundreds of dollars by the Greater New York Chapter and/or USA Dance.

Motion passed 14-1-0. (Giacomo voted No; Jack recused himself.)

13. Chapter Relations (Don)

The Royal Palm Chapter from the Ft. Lauderdale area received a sanction for an NQE next February. This will be the first NQE ever held in FL.

14. K-12 Programs (Kym)

A. Kym received from Mary a list of chapters running their own K-12 programs and will reach out to them this fall.

B. Kym has been in touch with the CT chapter about continuing the pilot program started last year.

15. Membership / Ethics (Herb)

A. We are 27 days into the new membership drive and new member incentive program. We should start seeing some numbers in September.



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- B. Two hearings have concluded and we are awaiting the panels' reports.
- C. One complaint is heading to a hearing panel and another has a possible informal resolution.

16. College Programs (Hannah)

A. **Motion to approve the Collegiate Sponsorship Agreement for 2018-9** (Hannah/Ruth).

Passed 15-0-1. (Jack abstained.)

B. **Motion to increase collegiate sponsorships from \$6000 to \$10,000 for the remainder of 2018** (Hannah/Greg). Roll Call vote, with nine votes needed to pass.

Yeas: Melissa, Don, Greg, Gary, Kirk, Michael, Roger, Giacomo, Hannah

No: Ruth

Abstaining: Herb, Jack, Leland, Kym, Inna

Motion passed 9-1-5.

C. **Motion to recognize the allocation of \$10,000 to Collegiate Programs as a modification of the 2018 budget** (Ruth/Michael). Passed 15-0-0.

17. Old Business

None

18. New Business

A. Michael requested a report from the Nominations and Elections Committee for our next meeting.

B. Hannah asked for an update on 2019 Nationals. Ruth said the goal was to announce the locations and dates in September.

19. Gary called the next meeting for September 10, 2018 at 9 pm EDT.

20. **Motion to adjourn** (Greg/Ruth). Passed by unanimous consent. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 am EDT on 8.28.18.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kellner
National Secretary

October 21, 2019

Amendment to the August 27, 2018 Minutes:

"The reprimand of Ken Richards was rescinded October 21, 2019."