Roll Call: There are currently 14 filled seats on the Governing Council. A quorum consists of 8 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 14 so 11 votes would be required to amend the By-Laws.

 Called to Order by Gary at 9:32 pm EST.

1. **Motion to approve agenda** for tonight's meeting (Gary/Ruth). Passed 12-0-0.

2. **Motion to approve the minutes from 12/17 as amended** (Gary/Greg). Passed 11-0-1. (Giacomo abstained.)

3. **Motion to enter Executive Session** (Gary/Greg). Passed 12-0-0. GC entered Executive Session at 9:41 pm.

4. The GC left Executive Session at 10:22 pm.

5. SVP's Report (Greg)
A. Greg discussed following-up on goals set at the recent F2F meeting in Houston. He is developing a tool for this which he will be distributing soon.
B. Greg discussed better documenting any exceptions to USA Dance policies. He stressed the GC is solely responsible for approving policy and granting exceptions to those policies, unless this has been delegated to a council by the GC. Councils must request of the GC delegated powers, by submitting and gaining approval of the exception criteria to be used.

C. **Motion to approve a proclamation of thanks for Angela Prince for her work editing the American Dancer magazine** (Greg/Ruth). Passed 12-0-0. Attached as an appendix.

6. Treasurer’s Report (Ruth)
   A. Ruth and Karen are already finished balancing the national bank accounts for 2018 and expect to have the 2018 form 1099s issued on-time.
   B. 60% of the chapters have submitted their financials already.

7. Gary called the next GC meeting for Monday 1/14/2019 at 9 pm EST.

8. Adjournment
   **Motion to Adjourn** (Ruth/Gary). Passed 12-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Kellner
National Secretary

EMAIL VOTES:

Motion for email vote (Michael/Melissa),
Main Motion (Michael/Herb): **The Governing Council hereby delegates signatory authority to the President to sign responses to any internal complaints against USA Dance.**
Both Motions Passed 11-0-0, 1/12/2019
Yeas: Michael, Melissa, Giacomo, Roger, Gary, Inna, Leland, Jack, Don, Greg, Damian
Appendix

Proclamation
January 7, 2019

Whereas, Angela Prince has served USA Dance and its members as publisher of American Dancer for over 5 years; and

Whereas, during this time she has published more than 20 magazines of the highest quality; and

Whereas, Ms. Prince shared countless beautiful pictures showing the grace, elegance and athletic aspects of dance; and

Whereas, with each magazine Ms. Prince recognized the many achievements of countless USA Dance members; and

Whereas, Ms. Prince through her resourcefulness profiled many personal stories of USA Dance members demonstrating their courage, perseverance and resilience through dance; and

Whereas, American Dancer provided timely information to USA Dance members; and

Whereas, Ms. Prince’s demonstrated her dedication and support for USA Dance through her tireless efforts publishing American Dancer;

Be it therefore resolved, that the USA Dance Governing Council pauses from its regular order, to express its sincere appreciation for Ms. Prince’s years of dedicated service to USA Dance; and

Be it further resolved, that through the many USA Dance members’ lives she has touched through her work with American Dancer, USA Dance and all of its members express their profound gratitude to Ms. Prince and wish her good health and cheer as she transitions to the next stage of her career and life.

By order of a vote of the Governing Council, 1/7/2019,

Gary Stroick, President
USA Dance