



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

MINUTES FOR GC MEETING August 12, 2019		
Voting Member	Title	In Attendance
Gary Stroick	President	Yes
Greg Warner	Senior VP	Yes
Open	Secretary	NA
Ruth Long	Treasurer	Yes
Giacomo Steccaglia	DanceSport VP	No
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	No
Kym Zion	K12 Programs Director	Yes
Open	Development Director	N/A
Open	Admin Support Director	N/A
Ross Pearce	College Network Director	Yes
Don Davenport	Chapter Relations Director	Yes
Natalie Foreverland	Marketing Director	Yes

**Roll Call:** There are currently 15 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  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote of the filled seats;  $0.75 \times 15$  so 12 votes would be required to amend the By-Laws.

1. Call To Order: Gary called the meeting to order at 9:02 PM Eastern. A quorum is present.
2. Agenda: Motion to approved Agenda (Greg/Rog) with the addition of 2 additional items – Stipends and Proposed Rule Changes. MOTION Passes 10/0/0.
3. NCDC: Daniel O’Connell joined the GC to present along with Ross, an update and proposed budget for the 2020 Collegiate DanceSport Championships. They reviewed the objectives for the 2020 event:
  - a. Increase membership interactions beyond the NCDC event.
  - b. Establish a multiyear strategy.
  - c. Develop more donations for scholarships
  - d. Aggressively recruit members to USA Dance.
  - e. Report to stakeholders – goals and deviations.
  - f. Breakeven financially for 2020 event.



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- g. Daniel mentioned the USA Dance/UPartnership will continue for 2020 and 2021.
  - h. MOTION (Ross//Ruth) to approve NDCD budget as presented. MOTION Passes 14/0/0.
4. Minutes: Motion to Approve USA Dance GC meeting minutes of July 15, 2019 (Greg/Gary) MOTION Passes 14/0/0.
  5. Executive Session: Motion to enter Executive Session (Gary/Greg) MOTION Passes 14/0/0. Enter Executive Session at 9:25.
  6. Executive Session: Motion to Exit Executive Session (Greg/Herb) MOTION Passes 14/0/0. Exit Executive Session at 9:56
  7. President's Report:
    - a. SWOT – Gary reviewed strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats as identified during the Executive Committee meeting. He asked members to give these some thoughts, consider others and be prepared to discuss at the F2F.
    - b. National Selection Committee Policy Revisions – Gary reviewed minor changes to this policy. MOTION to Approve (Gary/Ruth) MOTION Passes 14/0/0.
    - c. USA Dance Policy Governing Elections and A revised Job Descriptions document were each tabled.
  8. Senior- VP Report:
    - a. New Chapter Certification – MOTION (Greg/Rog) to certify Chapter Number 6126, Charlotte Harbor, FL. MOTION Passes 14/0/0. This chapter, a previous satellite chapter, will serve the metro areas of Port Charlotte and Punta Gorda, FL.
    - b. F2F – Greg reported the 2019 F2F meeting will be held in San Diego, CA. Please respond to communications regarding the F2F as expeditiously as possible.
  9. DanceSport VP Report:
    - a. Giacomo discussed a one-time additional \$500.00 stipend for one couple as recommended by the DanceSport Council. MOTION to approve an additional \$500.00 stipend supplement (Giacomo/Natalie) MOTION Passes 13/0/0.
    - b. The USA Dance Rulebook does not permit stipends for Professional competitors. The DSC recommends an exception to policy to provide a one-time stipend of \$2500 for one professional couple attending the World Championships in October 2019. These dollars are within the DSC budget. Motion to Approve (Greg/Gary) 13/0/0. MOTION passes.
    - c. Rog reviewed DSC recommended changes to the USA Dance Rule Book. The first



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is the addition of 4.5.1.3 as noted below. Motion to Approve (Rog/Gary) 12/0/0. MOTION Passes.

- i. 4.5.1.2 A Professional may be reinstated to DanceSport Athlete status by complying with the requirements of rule 4.3.4 . Such reinstatement will become effective after approval by the DanceSport Council.
- ii. 4.5.1.3 Any Professional who has had their amateur status reinstated is ineligible to compete at syllabus or novice levels and may dance only, Pre-Championship and Championship levels.

Two additional recommend changes simply correct inconsistencies in Rules 5.3.2.2 and 5.2.3.1. The Table number listed in 5.3.2.2 is changed from Table 24 to Table 32. The Table number listed in 5.3.3.1 is changed from Table 24 to Table 32. Motion to Approve each change (Rog/Gary) 12/0/0. MOTION Passes.

10. Next GC Meeting: Gary established the date and time for the next GC meeting for September 9, 2019 at 9:00 PM Eastern.
11. Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn (Greg/Herb) 12/0/0. MOTION Passes. Meeting Adjourned 11:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Gregory Warner