



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

MINUTES FOR GC MEETING January 20, 2020		
Voting Member	Title	In Attendance
Gary Stroick	President	Yes
Greg Warner	Senior VP	Yes
Fiorenza Todaro	Secretary	Yes
Damian Pataluna	Treasurer	No
Giacomo Steccaglia	DanceSport VP	Yes
Melissa Dexter	Professional VP	Yes
Leland Whitney	Social VP	No
Roger Greenawalt	DanceSport Delegate	Yes
Inna Brayer	DanceSport Delegate	Yes at 9:30 ET
Michael Murphy	DanceSport Delegate	No
Damian Pataluna	DanceSport Delegate	No
Herb McGurk	Membership Director	Yes at 9:53 ET
Open	K12 Programs Director	N/A
Open	Development Director	N/A
Open	Admin Support Director	N/A
Ross Pearce	College Network Director	Yes
Don Davenport	Chapter Relations Director	Yes
Open	Marketing Director	N/A

Roll Call: There are currently 14 filled seats on the Governing Council. A quorum consists of 9 or more members in attendance. A **quorum is present** as 10 members are in attendance. A Bylaw amendment requires a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the filled seats; 0.75×14 so 11 votes would be required to amend the By-Laws.

1) **Call to order:** Gary called the meeting to order at 9:05 PM ET

2) **Agenda Approval:**

- Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the director and officer report (Gary/Melissa).
- MOTION passes 8/0/0

3) **Approval of Minutes:**

- Motion to approve December 16, 2019, GC Meeting minutes (Fiorenza / Greg)



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- MOTION passes 8/0/0
- Motion to approve December 30, 2019, GC Meeting minutes (Fiorenza/ Melissa)
- Motion passes 6/0/2 (Greg and Fiorenza abstaining due to absences)

4) Executive Session:

- Motion to enter executive session (Gary / Fiorenza)
- MOTION passes 8/0/0
- Enter executive session at 9:11 PM ET
- Motion to exit executive session (Gary / Giacomo)
- MOTION passes 10/0/0
- Exit executive session at 10:04

- Inna joins the call at 9:30 PM ET
- Inna leaves at 9:34 PM ET
- Inna joins the call at 9:56 PM ET
- Herb joins the call at 9:53 PM ET

5) MAC Update

After attending MAC, Greg briefly shared his insights on the competition, specifically on athletes' attendance, number of events, venue, and encouraged a discussion on how to improve MAC in the future

6) Travel Policy

- Travel policy provides good internal control for approvals and expenditures associated with USA Dance travel
- It applies to all USA Dance Officers, Directors, employees and any other individual who travels for or on behalf of USA Dance for approved business purposes.

Policy: Reimbursement for USA Dance related business expenses are approved only when the following procedures are followed.



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Procedures:

- All requested travel must be pre-approved by the Senior-VP or an officer as designated by the President.
- Travel by the Senior-VP must be approved by the President.
- This approval must be documented in an e-mail.
- This approval process is to be followed even if the proposed travel and related expenses were included in the annual budgeting process.
- Travelers are to take reasonable steps to arrange travel to minimize expenses to USA Dance.
- If questions arise during this process, the traveler should contact the responsible travel officer of USA Dance for clarification (Senior-VP to contact the President).
- Travelers must complete the attached "USA Dance – Request for Payment or Reimbursement Form within 30 days of travel.
- Exceptions to this 30-day window must be approved by an Officer of USA Dance.
- The traveler must also attach a copy of the email granting approval for the travel when submitting the Request for Reimbursement.
- MOTION to approve the travel policy (Greg/Gary)
- Motion passes 10/0/0

7) Director and Officer Report

- Greg shared the updated schedule for periodic reports by officers, directors and committees
- Directors who have committee responsibilities will complete 1 (one) report per the schedule
- reports are due the second meeting of the month according to the schedule

8) Nationals 2020 Update

- Giacomo informed that the Nationals Committee will meet this week
- Judges number has been reduced compared to last year
- Hotel contracts have been signed by the President and the Secretary
- Number of competitors will be clearer as the date approaches in April



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9) NCDC Update

- Ross informed that attendance numbers are slightly higher than last year
- Contracts for hotels have been signed
- Contracts are ready to be sent to officials
- Waiting for some officials to confirm attendance
- Gary is planning to attend the NCDC Championships in Chicago at the end of March

10) Social Council Update

- Don informed that the chapter of the year and the volunteer of the year have been selected
- Royal Palm Chapter in Florida has been selected as chapter of the year for the second time in a row
- Royal Palm Chapter will host a two-day NQE at the end of February
- attendance of athletes at this competition seems to be high
- Royal Palm Chapter has expanded its social dances in 3 different locations
- Don informed the GC team members that while some chapters are starting to use blogs and enjoying the use of the social link, many others are ignoring it
- He will be working with Herb in the future to expand in the operational system of social link

11) Chapter 1022 Dissolution

- Chapter 1022 Yakima, WA, has faded
- This chapter did not file anything in 2018
- last report dates back to the end of 2017
- Chapter counts only with 2 (two) members
- Both Leland and Mary have contacted the two members of the chapter but they did not have any response
- USA Dance bylaws state that a chapter must have a minimum of 25 members
- MOTION to dissolve Chapter 1022 (Gary/Fiorenza)
- Motion passes unanimously



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12) Membership Auto-pay

- Herb presented the idea of instituting autopay memberships for social members and DanceSport athletes
- Athletes would have to sign up to autopay voluntarily
- a major concern would be for members who still do not use electronic means of pay
- Herb will provide more information and ideas at future meetings with the GC

13) Posting of Ethics Committee Decisions and Recommendations

- Ethics Committee Complaints have been submitted
- proposal to publish all complaints and let USA Dance members only see the status and the decisions of the committee will be discussed at future meetings

14) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Governing Council will be February 3, 2020 at 9 PM Eastern Time

- Herb leaves the call at 10:59 PM ET
- Inna leaves the call at 11:06 PM ET
- Inna rejoins the call at 11:06 PM ET

15) Meeting Adjourned at 11:07 PM ET

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Fiorenza Todaro, Secretary



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