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 ¾ vote of the filled seats; 0.75 X 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)
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.
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
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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