



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



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Location	Date	Time	Format
United States	September 28, 2020	9:00pm ET	Uber Teleconference

In Attendance

Board Members Present		
Gary Stroick	President	Present
Greg Warner	Senior VP	Present
Fiorenza Todaro	Secretary – Minute Taker	Present
Spencer Chang	Treasurer	Present
Clifford Arnold	Social Dance VP	Present
Giacomo Steccaglia	DanceSport VP	Absent
Melissa Dexter	Professional VP	Present
Roger Greenawalt	DanceSport Delegate	Present
Inna Brayer	DanceSport Delegate	Absent
Damian Pataluna	DanceSport Delegate	Present
Michael Murphy	DanceSport Delegate	Present
Herb McGurk	Membership Director	Present
Ross Pierce	College Network Director	Present
Don Davenport	Chapter Relations Director	Absent
Others Present		

Roll call: There are currently 13 filled seats on the Board of Directors. A quorum consists of 7 or more members in attendance. A **quorum is present** as 11 members are in attendance. A By-Law 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.

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Gary Stroick called the meeting to order at 9:04pm Eastern Time

At that time, a quorum was confirmed.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Gary asked members if anyone had a conflict to declare or had a conflict related concern in relation to any of the items on the agenda. None were reported and the agenda was unanimously approved.



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MOTION	BD	20	01
To approve the agenda as presented.			
Moved	Gary Stroick	Seconded	Fiorenza Todaro
CARRIED			

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION	BD	20	02
To approve the minutes of September 14, 2020 with a minor amendment: Greg's suggestion to add the sentence "5 hours under budget" in item # 6 regarding Talley Report.			
Moved	Fiorenza Todaro	Seconded	Clifford Arnold
Abstaining	Greg Warner - Absent		
CARRIED			

At 9:10, Melissa Dexter joined the meeting.

4. Letter to Members from Andrea Zaramella

In response to his candidacy for USA Dance President being disallowed, Mr. Zaramella wrote an e-mail to the BoD, apologizing for misrepresenting his credentials, and an open letter to USA Dance members stating that he takes full responsibility for his actions and misstatements. In his e-mail and in an effort to move forward, Mr. Zaramella requested the Board provide his letter to the USA Dance Membership, through a post on the USA Dance website, and with an email blast to the membership. The Board reviewed Mr. Zaramella's letter and request. This item will be further discussed at the next BoD meeting.

ACTION	The Board requested Mr. Zaramella to make a few edits to his letter and include how he intends to support the growth of the organization.	Clifford will contact Mr. Zaramella	By 30 September 2020
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5. Financials

Spencer reported on bank balances, receivables and payables and the current financial status of the organization. August income looks to be the best since 2011 as a result of the current conditions with Covid-19 and low number of activities. Questions were asked, addressed and discussed.



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6. Data Access Agreement

Gary reviewed with the Board the data access agreement contract, which provides data access to the Ballroom Comp Express and is related to competition registration, competition scoring, and ranking of USA Dance competitors. Michael suggested removing section 10.5 of the agreement regarding attorney fees provisions. The Board agreed by consensus. No other concerns were raised.

MOTION	BD	20	03
To accept the data access agreement with the condition that section 10.5 be removed			
Moved	Gary Stroick	Seconded	Greg Warner
Abstaining	Clifford Arnold		
CARRIED			

ACTION	Place updated agreement on Google Drive and allow Ballroom Comp Express to access USA Dance data	Gary	Upon completion of signature of contract from all parties
	Inform Ballroom Comp Express that agreement was approved by BoD	Gary	29 September

7. Elections

Gary led a brief discussion about the upcoming elections that will begin on November 1 and will end on November 10. He also reported that he is working on setting up the application for the online voting. Michael and Herb offered to help to test the online voting system.

8. Q & A Forum RE Elections from Communication Committee

Antoinette Datoc sent a Q & A Forum proposal to Michael and Fiorenza. Michael presented to the Board the main points of Antoinette's project:

- send a letter to memberships.
- members will ask 5 questions to candidates.
- questions will be reviewed by Antoinette who will then post them on the website and videos will be posted on the USA Dance YouTube channel.
- candidates will submit videos up to 8 minutes in length to answer questions from members.
- If approved, green light for this project would be September 29.

MOTION	BD	20	04
To authorize the Communication Committee to move forward with the Q & A Forum for the 2020 Elections			



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Moved	Michael Murphy	Seconded	Herb McGurk
Abstaining	Roger Greenawalt Greg Warner		
CARRIED			

ACTION	Set up Q & A Forum for 2020 USA Dance Elections	Antoinette Datoc	To be completed by 15 October 2020
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9. Communication of the Voting Process to Members

Gary went over the election process informing that voting instructions will be sent via e-mail on October 31 to all membership eligible to vote. Members will have 10 days to vote, from 12:01am ET on November 1st to 11:59pm ET on the 10th.

Greg, Fiorenza and Michael stressed the importance of communicating with members and proposed sending out several announcements encouraging members to vote.

ACTION	Send out announcement about 2020 Election Voting	Gary	As soon as drafted
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10. New Business

Gary informed that DanceSport VP Giacomo Steccaglia will resign effective October 1st, 2020 and briefly explained the process outlined in the bylaws regarding the resignations of officers.

ACTION	Send out an announcement to fill the position of VP for DanceSport for the remainder of the term through 2022	Gary	By October 1 or 2 2020
	Will coordinate with Communication Committee to post announcement on USA Dance social media	Gary	

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14pm ET.

Respectfully submitted,

Fiorenza Todaro, National Secretary