



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	October 12, 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
DanceSport VP	N/A	N/A
Melissa Dexter	Professional VP	Present
Roger Greenawalt	DanceSport Delegate	Present
Inna Brayer	DanceSport Delegate	Present
Damian Pataluna	DanceSport Delegate	Present
Michael Murphy	DanceSport Delegate	Present
Herb McGurk	Membership Director	Present
Ross Pearce	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 12 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.

1. Call to Order

Gary Stroick called the meeting to order at 9:02pm Eastern Time

At that time, a quorum was confirmed.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved unanimously after rearranging the order of some items.



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MOTION	BD	20	01
To approve the agenda as presented			
Moved	Gary Stroick	Seconded	Herb McGurk
CARRIED			

3. Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes of September 28 were not ready and will be circulated via e-mail before the next meeting.

- At 9: 05, Damian Pataluna joined the meeting.

4. Trust Settlement Agreement

USA Dance Los Angeles County Chapter #4031 is the beneficiary of a charitable trust. There was a typographical error in the trust exhibit: USA Dance Los Angeles, was reversed and named as Dance USA. Dance USA agreed this was an error and the trustee provided a nonjudicial settlement agreement to confirm correction. The Board asked a family member to provide the trust for review and add two signature lines on the document. The charitable trust was unanimously approved by the BOD contingent upon a further revision limiting potential fees if another beneficiary objects to the trust terms.

MOTION	BD	20	02
To approve the acceptance of the S & D Charitable Trust			
Moved	Greg Warner	Seconded	Herb McGurk
CARRIED			

- At 9:28, Inna Brayer joined the meeting.

5. Zaramella’s Letter

Clifford informed the Board that he has spoken with Andrea Zaramella regarding his letter to the membership. The Board and Mr. Zaramella have agreed to publish his letter in three places: USA Dance Website, USA Dance Facebook page, and an email blast to the USA Dance membership. The Board considers this matter closed.

- At 9:39, Herb McGurk left the meeting.



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6. Complaint Settlement

A member filed a small claims court action against USA Dance. A potential settlement has been reached in principle in which USA Dance would pay no damages or funds to the complainant. A final settlement confirming the settlement in principle needs to be completed and signed.

7. Policy Interpretation

A request was made to discuss the election policy regarding the use of social media, specifically whether the policy prohibits sharing a post from one website to a chapter website. The Board agreed unanimously that Chapters should give equal opportunities to ALL the candidates. However, the USA Dance policy in the election procedure section, clearly states that any “use on other USA Dance social media sites will be disallowed”, therefore the interpretation of the policy is not in favor of sharing posts from a candidate’s to a chapter’s website. Adjustments to this policy will be considered after the current election.

8. Motions from Professional Council

Melissa informed the Board that new policies and procedures regarding the USA Dance examiners have been approved by the Professional Council. After discussing the new guidelines, she proposed a motion to approve them, contingent upon Melissa correcting the language in some sections of the document and resending it to the Board for review at the next meeting.

MOTION	PC	20	03
To approve the USA Dance Examiner Assessment contingent upon a few corrections			
Moved	Melissa Dexter	Seconded	Gary Stroick
Abstaining			
CARRIED			

Melissa also informed the Board that the Professional Council has edited and approved the WSDF social media rule and intends to adopt the same rule for USA Dance and WDFS officials in the USA Dance. This rule will be added to the USA Dance Rulebook in the section addressing adjudicator and official conduct.

Motion: "An adjudicator must refrain from making any kind of disparaging communications about athletes, coaches, other adjudicators, and other members of USA Dance or the WDSF in social media or other public fora. Such behavior will constitute a violation of the ethical standards and immediately lowers the tone and



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reputation of the competition and affects the efforts of all concerned to practice and project standards of fairness and objectivity."

MOTION	PC	20	04
To approve the social media rule as presented			
Moved	Melissa Dexter	Seconded	Greg Warner
Abstaining			
CARRIED			

9. Digital Collegiate DanceSport Challenge Officials Contract

The Digital Collegiate DanceSport Challenge will begin on October 31. Some Board members expressed concerns with the compensation section of this contract. Michael, Melissa and Ross will work with Daniel O’Connell to correct the language so that contracts can be sent out to officials as soon as possible.

10. USOPC Update

Gary informed the Board that he participated in the MultiSport Organization Committee meetings and gave an update on new NGBs criteria, bylaws, priorities and strategies of USOPC. Gary will send out notes to the Board for review.

There was discussion regarding whether USA Dance Breakin’ will be able to meet the new guidelines of the USOPC.

11. The next meeting of the BoD will be on October 26, 2020 at 9:00pm ET.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 11:12pm ET.

Respectfully submitted,

Fiorenza Todaro, National Secretary