



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	November 9, 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 9:03pm Eastern Time

At that time, a quorum was confirmed.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved unanimously.

MOTION	BD	20	01
To approve the agenda as presented			



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Moved	Gary Stroick	Seconded	Fiorenza Todaro
CARRIED			

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION	BD	20	02
To approve the minutes of October 12, 2020			
Moved	Fiorenza Todaro	Seconded	Clifford Arnold
Abstaining			
CARRIED			

MOTION	BD	20	03
To approve the minutes of October 26, 2020			
Moved	Fiorenza Todaro	Seconded	Gary Stroick
Abstaining	Fiorenza Todaro, Damian Pataluna, Ross Pearce		
CARRIED			

4. USA Dance Examiner Assessment Motion

On October 12, 2020, the Board approved this PC motion, contingent upon Melissa correcting the language in some sections of the document and resending it to the Board for review at the next meetings. Melissa informed the Board that the Professional Council has revised the language and she requested approval of the motion.

MOTION	PC	20	04
To approve the examiner assessment			
Moved	Melissa Dexter	Seconded	Gary Stroick
CARRIED			

5. Letter to Membership from Social VP Clifford Arnold

Clifford informed the Board that he has stepped forward to address the downward trend in USA Dance memberships with an effort to ask our current membership and the market of dancers around the US to support USA Dance. He informed the Board of some initiatives to reactivate the Social Dance Council, such as meeting with 5 district directors and several chapters presidents, in an effort to recruit, solicit new members or membership renewals. Clifford has drafted a solicitation letter that will be distributed to members and shared on social



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media. The Board is appreciative and thankful to Clifford for his efforts, and is fully supportive of his initiative.

6. Budget Submission

Spencer has sent out the 2021 budget spreadsheets to Board members. The goal is to have them approved by the first meeting in December.

- At 9: 31pm ET, Greg Warner joined the meeting during the discussion about the budget submission.

Clifford proposed to the Board the idea of sharing the budget template with the newly elected Social VP Jean Krupa and discuss the 2021 budget with her.

7. Bylaws

Gary led a discussion regarding the organizational structure of USA Dance reporting that some of the structural changes are in regards to the way the organization operates as part of the USOPC. During the discussion, he informed the Board that he met with David Patterson, from the US Olympic Committee, who is in charge of the National Governing Bodies and acts as liaison between the USOPC and the NGBs. Gary also reported that the USOPC proposes a minimum of one independent director on the boards of each NGB. Mr. Patterson has volunteered to attend a meeting with current Board members and the newly elected officers before the new administration takes office, to explain why these changes are necessary. The Board is fully supportive of the idea.

8. Announcement

Gary announced that the election voting will end on Tuesday, November 10, at 11:59pm ET. Results will be sent out to Board members first, via e-mail on Wednesday, November 11, followed by a notification to all membership, congratulating the newly elected officers.

9. DanceSport VP Ratification

- Michael Murphy recused himself and left the meeting at the beginning of the discussion, at 09:48pm ET.

Following Giacomo Steccaglia's resignation from his position as USA Dance VP for DanceSport, USA Dance has been looking for a replacement. Gary reported that six (6) individuals showed interest in this volunteer position. Members of the Nomination & Election committee have interviewed them and have sent recommendations that were later reviewed by Gary and Greg. Ms. Katrina Volgina and Mr. Michael Murphy were their top recommendations. During the meeting, the Board reviewed and



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discussed both candidates' materials and experience. A roll call vote was taken to choose between the two candidates:

- Katrina Volgina 5 votes (Fiorenza, Clifford, Ross, Greg, Gary)
- Michael Murphy 3 votes (Spencer, Melissa, Inna)
- Abstained: Herb and Damian

Following the vote, Gary moved to appoint and the Board ratify Katrina Volgina as the new DanceSport Vice President.

MOTION	BD	20	05
To appoint and ratify Katrina Volgina as the new VP for DanceSport			
Moved	Gary Stroick	Seconded	Fiorenza Todaro
Abstained	Melissa Dexter, Herb McGurk		
Recused: Michael Murphy			
CARRIED			

10. The next meeting of the BoD will be on November 23, 2020 at 9:00pm ET.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40pm ET.

Respectfully submitted,

Fiorenza Todaro, National Secretary