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MINUTES OF THE 2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, April 16, 2026 at Embassy Plaza, Laval, Quebec

Delegates Present:

Sandy Brittain	Ontario, CDS President
Pinky Wong	British Columbia, CDS Vice President, DSBC President
Sy Jung	British Columbia, CDS Secretary, DSBC Vice President
Gord Brittain	Ontario, CDS Treasurer, ODS President
Fran Scott	Ontario, ODS Vice President
Marjolaine Lagacé	Quebec, DSQ President
Rae Westlake	Quebec, DSQ Vice President
Wayne Backer	Alberta, DSAB President
Gene Rassin	Alberta, DSAB Vice President
Benoit Papineau	Quebec, Representative from CDS Professional Committee

1. Call to Order at 9:03 a.m.
 - (a) Identification of Proxy Holders
Proxy forms were received from all those in attendance except for Benoit Papineau (Total 9 proxies)
 - (b) Determining Compliance with Bylaw 8(3)
Confirmed Bylaw compliance (delegate forms received)
 - (c) Determining Compliance with Bylaw 6
Confirmed Bylaw compliance
 - (d) Chairman's Remarks
2. Approval of Agenda
Moved by Sandy Brittain, Seconded by Wayne Backer, Unanimously approved
3. Allocation of Time for Each Agenda Item
Noted
4. Approval of the Minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting
See below – Business Arising
5. Business Arising from the Minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting
The minutes were circulated. It was indicated that the tone and negativity presented in the minutes need to be deleted, that the minutes should generalize and summarize the discussion. It was also noted that the person's words were recorded at their request. It was agreed that the minutes would be revised to take out negativity.
ACTION ITEM – Wayne Backer will work on a revision of the 2025 AGM Minutes.
6. President's Report
Sandy Brittain advised that her workload had decreased this year as there was no Breaking in the Olympics. They are still campaigning for the next one in Australia. They have only been in the Olympics once and there is currently no funding for it.



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There is a new Pro Committee and they will be having their first meeting tomorrow. Benoit Papineau is here to be able to inform the members at tomorrow's meeting. Nelson tried to organize a meeting but ran into a problem. We are lacking professional members and should look at recruiting retired athletes. CDF runs monthly on-line boot camps for professionals. Membership is down.

Moved by Pinky Wong,

Seconded by Rae Westlake

Unanimous – Accept President's Report

7. Vice-President's Report

Pinky Wong helped the president as much as she could, with lots of time spent in the past, dealing with breaking. This year was much better. Thank you to Sandy Brittain for all her work.

Moved by Gord Brittain

Seconded by Gene Rassin

Unanimous – Accept Vice-President's Report

8. Treasurer's Report

Gord Brittain advised that CDS PD transferred the money left in the PD bank account by an e-transfer of \$1,500 and provided the balance by way of a cheque. There is \$4,230.20 in the CDS bank account allocated for the purpose of CDS PC activities like exams, national workshops etc.

GIC at 2.8% will mature on April 6, 2027

Moved by Sy Jung

Seconded by Wayne Backer

Unanimous – Accept Treasurer's Report

9. Auditor's Report

There were no questions or discussion.

Moved by Wayne Backer

Seconded by Marjolaine Lagacé

Unanimous – Accept Auditor's Report

10. Presentation of Budget for the 2026 Association Year

Gord Brittain advised there is still \$16,000 in our accounts that will go to Breaking. Geoff Reyes will deal with the Government regarding the required grant report to Sport Canada which will be copied to Sandy Brittain and Pinky Wong.

The necessity for 2 people to attend the WDSF AGM was brought up. It was suggested that the dollar amount saved could be used for bursaries or used to recruit more coaches, as Canada is not a high profile nation.

It was explained to the board that we should not give up our proxies in the World organization as we need to make Canada important. The WDSF AGM consists of Saturday workshops and Friday meetings with representatives from different National Member Bodies. To be present is to be noticed. Pinky Wong was appointed invigilator at the last WDSF AGM. If we can afford it, we need to keep 2 delegates.

Moved by Pinky Wong

Seconded by Rae Westlake

Unanimous – Accept the presented budget for 2026 Association Year



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11. Regional Associations' Reports:

(a) DSQ

Marjolaine Lagacé advised that Hit the Floor has approached DSQ to have a sanctioned event a Canadian breaking – Adult event. Rae Westlake advised that a group of kids are coming over from CDF.- The number of kids is increasing, Breaking decreased 65 kids at Le Relance, Kids Team Match, Super Am- 82 competitors, 51 kids, to get bursaries, Hit the Floor runs multi-dance competition – 3 competitions in Quebec, Breaking Quebec & Canadian Breaking Championship, in May, Montreal Games for Breaking School Program, going well, good relationship with Pros Le Relance & Super Am next year, positive experience for athletes and volunteers

Moved by Rae Westlake

Seconded by Wayne Backer

Unanimous – Accept DSQ report

(b) ODS

Gord Brittain advised that it is difficult to compete with CDF as they have so many competitions and Ontario has a lack of CDS judges.

Moved by Pinky Wong

Seconded by Gene Rassin

Unanimous – Accept ODS report

(c) DSAB

Wayne Backer advised that DSAB memberships run from Jan 1-Dec 31. A recent grant application was rejected; decision made based on number of applications, how many times they have already received a grant. They also applied to Calgary Tourism for a grant. He further reviewed their financial status. They have a good relationship with all the professionals. Community engagement: Mount Royal – more than 3 visits to establish relationship with their students. They are hoping to get a second year accounting student to volunteer for Treasurer. They plan on boot camps to recruit more members, lesson, practice time and free entry to competitions.

They have no breaking members-no contact after 3 attempts. Flip their paradigm to change their approach to be more positive for our dancers, opportunities for judges to work, students to compete.

Moved by Wayne Backer

Seconded by Gord Brittain

Unanimous – Accept DSAB report

(d) DSBC

Pinky Wong advised that CCC in Nanaimo was a huge success; the showcase had a professional couple from CDF & one amateur couple from Poland. CCC had funding from Tourism Nanaimo and another grant from the City of Nanaimo. Athlete turnout was low, other than BC, there were only 5 qualified couples.

For Snowball, entries and spectators were low, possibly because there was a new competition sanctioned by CDF and being held on the week after Snowball. IFB is organized for May. Snowball has new chairs, and will be held at a different venue. We have just recruited a new judge from Victoria.

Moved by Rae Westlake

Seconded by Fran Scott

Unanimous – Accept DSBC report



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12. Report from Wheel Dance
No presentation - Wheel Dance has been greatly affected by COVID.
Moved by Wayne Backer
Seconded by Sy Jung
Unanimous – Accept Wheel Dance Report
 13. Report from Breaking Canada
No presentation
Moved by Wayne Backer
Seconded by Sy Jung
Unanimous – Accept Breaking Canada Report
 14. Past, Present, & Future Championships
 - (a) 2025-67th Canadian Closed Championships (DSBC)
 - (b) 2026-68th Canadian Closed Championships (DSQ)
Marjolaine Lagacé provided information and details for this year's CCC.
 - (c) 2027-69th Canadian Closed Championships (DSAB)
Wayne Backer – dates will be April 23 & 24, 2027; is being planned and going well.
 - (d) 2028-70th Canadian Closed Championships, (ODS)
Gord Brittain – probably at the same venue as last time but may only be one day.
- A). **President's motions**

MOTION 1 - All pertaining to Bylaw 6

A. Bylaw 6.05 - delete “and Professional Division”

B. New Bylaw 6.06 - The Corporation shall maintain a Professional Registry (herein referred to as "PR") consisting of the names of all Professional Officials and Professional Athletes from each Region and their respective qualifications. Fees for registering in PR are as set forth in Schedule A to these Bylaws and shall be payable to the Corporation. No professional officials nor professional athletes shall be registered in PR unless the registration fees have been paid.

C. Old Bylaw 6.06 to be renumbered to become 6.07

Reason: They are all housekeeping motions regarding the changes made at the 2025 CDS AGM & finalized in summer of 2025.

No discussion

Approved Unanimously

MOTION 2 -All pertaining to Bylaw 8

A) Bylaw 8.02 - Delete the word “athlete” in e) to read “a registered member of that Active Member”



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B) **Bylaw 8.03 Delete** the word “athlete” in e) to read “a registered member of that Active Member”

Reason: Many members of the Board are now retired athletes.

No discussion

Approved Unanimously

MOTION 3 – All pertaining to Bylaw 9

A) **Bylaw 9.03** - delete “and the Professional Division Executive Director”

Replace with “representative of Professional Committee”

Amended by Marjolaine Lagacé

Seconded by Rae Westlake

Approved Unanimously

B) **Bylaw 9.04** correct the typo in 3rd last line “Schedul” to “Schedule”

C) **New Bylaw 9.05** - “Notwithstanding any other provisions contrary to these Bylaws, notice required to be given hereunder may be given in writing in writing by electronic mail transmission.”

Reason: Housekeeping. Pinky Wong & I proposed a new Bylaw 9.05 for methods of sending Notices as there are various Notice provisions in the Bylaws which required either prepaid registered post (Bylaw 5.01) or double-registered post (Bylaw 6.03) or no delivery method (Bylaw 8.03) or to the last address recorded (Bylaw 10.04) - Proposed amendment will allow notices to be sent by email notwithstanding the type required under the current Bylaws.

Approved Unanimously

MOTION 4 – All pertaining to Bylaw 13

A) **New Bylaw 13.02** - “Professional Officials and Professional Athletes registered with CDS are ~~not~~ neither eligible to become a voting member, a Director or Officer of any CDS Regional Associations nor are they eligible to stand for election as Directors of the Corporation.”

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Amended by Rae Westlake & Benoit Papineau

Approved Unanimously



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B) All old Bylaw 13.02- 13.09 to be renumbered

C) Bylaw 13.05 - typo 1st line "**represntatives**" should read "**representative**"

Reason: Typo plus should be singular as only one Professional Committee member may attend

Approved Unanimously

MOTION 5 - Pertaining to Bylaw 15

Bylaw 15.02 - requires a "**period**" on the 2nd line after the 3rd last word "**Corporation.**"

Approved Unanimously

MOTION 6 - pertaining to Bylaw 16

Amend Bylaw 16.05 to read: **Professional Officials and Professional Athletes registered with CDS are not eligible to stand for election as Officers of the Corporation.**

Reason: Housekeeping motion regarding the changes made at the 2025 CDS AGM & finalized in summer of 2025.

Approved Unanimously

MOTION 7

Bylaw 17.06 delete this Bylaw as the professional Committee's responsibilities are already set out in Bylaw 18.03 c)

Approved Unanimously

MOTION 8 – All pertaining to Bylaw 20

A) Bylaw 20.02 - change "**no less than (3) months**" to "**during a period of 40 to 80 days**"

Reason: Number of days' notice should match the wording in Bylaw 9.04

Approved Unanimously

B) Bylaw 20.03 - **Delete "Professional Division Executive Director"**

Amend to "a representative of the Professional Committee"

Amended by Rae Westlake

Seconded by Marjolaine Lagacé

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Approved Unanimously



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MOTION 9

Bylaw 23.01 - typo word "the" erroneously split into "t" on 1st line & "he" on 2nd line.

Approved Unanimously

MOTION 10 - pertaining to Schedule A - Financial Regulations

A) Rule 1.03 Delete Professional Division \$250

B) Rule 1.04 Change "PROFESSIONAL DIVISION" to "PROFESSIONALS REGISTRY (PR)"

Reason: Housekeeping motion regarding the changes made at the 2025 CDS AGM & finalized in summer of 2025.

Approved Unanimously

MOTION 11 – All pertaining to Schedule B

A) Rule 5.06 a) & b) should delete "with the Professional Division of" and amend it to read "...registered as Professional Athletes with any WDSF Member body"

B) Rule 7.01 - add "Senior V"

C) Rule 9.01- Amend "DanceSport Professional dancers" (hereinafter referred to as "Professionals") to "DanceSport Professional Athletes" (hereinafter referred to as "Professional Athletes")

D) Rule 9.02 - changed "Professionals" to "Professional Athletes"

E) Rule 9.02 b) - typo 1st word "tyle" should read "Style"

F) Rule 9.05 - should say "Should a Professional Athlete" be reinstated... instead of "an amateur dancer"

G) Throughout Rule 9 - the word "dancer" was used, this word should be amended to read "athlete" or "professional athlete" or "amateur athlete" where applicable.

Reason: All are housekeeping changes

Approved Unanimously

All Motions submitted by the President, Sandy Brittain, are seconded by CDS Vice President, Pinky Wong.



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Rule 14.09 g. ix) remove the word "Standard"

Amended by Marjolaine Lagacé

Seconded by Fran Scott

Approved Unanimously

16. World DanceSport Federation (WDSF)
 - (a) 2025 WDSF Annual General Meeting ("AGM") was held in Bucharest, Romania on Sunday, June 15, 2025. Sandy Brittain, CDS President, and Pinky Wong, CDS VP, attended the AGM which was also livestreamed. The WDSF Forum was held on June 14th. Minutes produced by Sandy Brittain & Pinky Wong were circulated to the board on The official General AGM minutes were circulated on 2025.
 - (b) Canadian WDSF Adjudicators & Chairmen: Currently only have 2 General Adjudicators A,, 2 Chairmen, 1 Scrutiny B, 4 Breaking Adjudicators, 2 Breaking Head judges,
 - (c) 2026 WDSF Annual General Meeting to be held on Sunday, June 14th, 2026 in Rome, Italy.
17. Election of Officers (2 year term) for the 2026-2028 Association Years
President: Sandy Brittain – Nominated by Sy Jung; elected by Acclamation

Treasurer: Gord Brittain
Marjolaine Lagacé was nominated by Wayne Backer;
Gord Brittain was nominated by Sy Jung
Voting by secret ballot resulted in a tie, broken by Sandy Brittain and she selected the current Treasurer, Gord Brittain..

Action – Gord Brittain will work with Marjolaine Lagacé for eventual transition as Treasurer when he decides to retire.
18. CDS Delegation for the 2026 WDSF AGM:
Two delegates to attend the WDSF AGM:
 1. Sandy Brittain, CDS President and CDS Vice President.
Alternate will be Gord Brittain, CDS Treasurer since he is a senior CDS Executive Director plus will be attending as a guest.
 2. Recommended Financial Support for 2 CDS Delegates only will be a maximum of \$? per delegate.Sandy Brittain advised that there is no information on the time of the next AGM yet but there should be 2 delegates. It was suggested that we should look at succession planning for the future.
19. Fixing Financial Support for Championship Representatives for 2026-2027 for the WDSF Bursaries in 2025 CDS agreed to pay:
World Championships/World Cups,
Adult– \$500 per couples (8 Adult couples) =\$4000



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Youth – \$750 per couple (5 Youth couples for Standard/ Latin/Ten Dance) =\$3750
Junior II - \$750 per couple (5 Junior for Standard/ Latin/Ten Dance couples) =\$3750
Total of Bursaries: \$11500.
Not many bursaries were given this year.

Break for lunch at 12:34pm
Reconvened at 1:25PM

20. New Business:

a) How to increase:

- i. the number of CDS-recognized competitions – discussion on how to get more promoters; small unsanctioned comps for non competitors, award prizes, several times a year, have demos; how to regain competitors; new blood; social media promo; feature dancers in malls; recruit referrals, fun competitions, first competition to get a free application, run couples single dance (1 dance) competitions in all 10 dances. Check out college dancesport clubs to see if any interested in college competitions like they do in the USA.

- ii. Improve financial viability of events – no judges; retired couples; kids - adults/teenagers; pro-workshop for event; problem-cost of scrutineer; international comp on a ship (no rules) 02cm – Marjolaine Lagacé will call Van to see if he will scrutineer CDS comps, scrutineer fees over \$1,000; equipment required; not just competitions; copying

Maybe Bronze to Pre Champ Canadian Champions to increase lower level participation at CCC

- iii. Strengthen Regional membership and engagement of athletes, spectators, & volunteers
((Submitted by CDS President)

Workshops on volunteers and recruiting new members.

It was also noted that WDSF allows membership as a Solo OR Partner and the member cannot be both at the same time. There would be a waiting period to switch from one to the other.

- b) Athletes with Canadian Permanent resident card but no Canadian passport be permitted to compete in the CCC (run event as COC) as a solo athlete or in partnership with another Canadian Permanent Resident. They do not qualify to go to WDSF Worlds. (Submitted by ODS & DSQ) – Canadian citizenship is hard to obtain and takes a long time. Dancers who want to join will go to the other side; transferred from country; need to be dancing with a Canadian for world events; can we somehow allow permanent residents to qualify; closed and open results to be posted; not both; 1 is ok; run a closed and an open to incorporate permanent residents – not considered Canadian champ; to be discussed later- only if you have a Canadian passport.



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- c) Competition event names; should we strive for regional consistency. Regions are using different names for their events. DSAB would like to discuss consistency in what we call events nationwide, specifically teacher/student vs pro/am and solo vs single. (submitted by DSAB) this should be left as a regional decision
- d) Levels offered for single events. WDSF offers single in Junior to Adult. Should we be considering all Senior categories? (submitted by DSAB) this should be left as a promoter's decision
- e) National Titles for Teacher/Student. In 2025 a national teacher/student title was awarded according to the results. We would like to discuss this category and the rules that are applied. (submitted by DSAB)
There is no Canadian title for teacher student
- f) A discussion on the regions possibly having the ability to decide on waivers for CCC and the CDS Board for WDSF waivers. The requirement of a doctor note in Alberta is a \$60 to \$100 fee to obtain one. (submitted by DSAB & DSQ)
Regions will know if the dancers are legit; power back to the region to decide for waivers. Notify email and note on qualifier list;

Amend rule 7.09 schedule F (page 23 bottom) 3rd paragraph onwards - change CDS to Regional Board where appropriate.

Moved by Pinky Wong
Seconded by Gord Brittain;
Approved unanimously

- g) Writing of AGM Minutes (submitted by DSQ)
Wayne Backer will help clean up last year's

h) A.O.B

- 21. Compiling a CDS Calendar for the 2026-2027 Association Year: The President & Secretary will compile & circulate by July 15, 2026. Please supply us with any upcoming events, in person or virtual, for the calendar. So far I have received invitations for only a few WDSF World championships etc.

Minutes to be circulated by July 15, 2026

- 22. Housekeeping Resolutions

- 23. Setting the Date, Place and Time of the Next Annual General Meeting in Calgary.
April 22nd, 2027 in Calgary, Alberta.

- 24. Adjournment at 3:07 pm
Moved by Wayne Backer
Seconded by Fran Scott
Approved unanimously