



DanceSport BC

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DSBC PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO 2025 CANADA DANCESPORT AGM

The Board of Directors

DanceSport BC's Association Year ended on May 31st, 2024. The following board members were elected at the 2024 Annual General Meeting for the year 2024-2025:

President	Pinky Wong
Vice-President	Sy Jung
Secretary	Sarah Au-Yeung
Directors	Ram Randhawa, Andrew Miller, Sarthak Garg, Elliot Chong, Cole Munro, Maria Lee, Justin Lo

Membership

Our membership year is on a calendar year basis. As of the date of this report, DSBC has 170 members for the year 2025 made up of 123 Athlete members, 40 Junior Athlete members and 7 Associate members.

Sanctioned Competitions

April 6, 2024 - April Dance Fest

DSBC ran a small one-day CCC Qualifier event at the Crystal Ballroom in Richmond. The April Dance Fest allowed our athletes a chance to qualify for the 2024 Canadian Closed Championships to be held in Ontario. The Qualifier went well and we had a large entry of kids in the Solo events even with some athletes from the USA. Thanks to everyone who volunteered and helped with the organization of the April Dance Fest as well as those who helped on the day of the event.

June 1 & 2, 2024 - Island Fantasy Ball and BC Closed Championships

In its 30th year, Nanaimo Ballroom Dance Society once again hosted the Island Fantasy Ball at the Beban Park Social Centre in Nanaimo, BC on June 1 & 2, 2024. The event features the BC Closed Standard and Latin Championships in the Adult and Senior age categories. Despite the addition of seating capacity this year, the event was once again sold out on Saturday evening. The Saturday evening started off with a gourmet dinner and ended with an exciting Showcase of Champions. Congratulations to the Chair, Vicki Linfitt, and her team of dedicated Committee members for a successful event. Also many thanks to all the volunteers who helped out at the event.

June 8, 2024 - CDS Regional BC Breaking Qualifier

The Regional Breaking Qualifier was hosted by Breaking BC Foundation and organized by Thaiyo Seo and Justin Lo. The Qualifier was held on June 8, 2024 at the Boogaloo Academy in Vancouver. They ran a Bboy and Bgirl Qualifier for the National Championships in Ontario. Although the event went smoothly and people enjoyed it, they only had 9 Bboys and 1 Bgirl entered which resulted in a loss as the fees paid to DJs and Judges far exceeded their revenue. Many thanks to Thaiyo and Justin for hosting the Qualifier event.

November 9 & 10, 2024 - SnowBall Classic

DanceSport BC hosted the 2024 SnowBall Classic which was our 33rd annual event featuring the Adult International Open Standard and Latin Championships. We returned to the same venue, South Hall

Banquet & Wedding Centre in Vancouver for the second year over 1.5 days. The spectator and competitors turnout have improved over last year but still has not returned to the same level as pre-COVID.

March 21 & 22, 2025 – UBC Gala Ball

The UBC Gala Ball is hosted by the UBC Dance Club and the committee was made up of students from the Club. It was their 60th year and they have once again returned to the UBC Student Nest. The event was held over Friday evening and a full day on Saturday and featured not only Club Closed, Amateur and Fun events but also pro-am competitions. It was also the DSBC Qualifier event for our 2025 Canadian Closed Championships. This year saw an increase in the number of entries and spectators. Some fun competitions were also held on both days and a special showcase performance was scheduled for the Sunday evening. The Co-Chairs, Alvin Young and Iveel Yi, did an excellent job with the organization of this year's event. Many thanks to Alvin and Iveel and their amazing team of committee members and volunteers.

Unsanctioned competitions

Michel Guimond, Clara Shih-Marasigan and David Marasigan are the organizers of the Vancouver Challenge Cup in February. They will also host a Sunday Funday in June. Their events are sanctioned by NDCC and CDF.

We are aware that a new competition, the Vancouver Open Dance Classic, will be run at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel in Richmond on November 15, 2025. It will feature the Western Canadian Open Championships. Their event is sanctioned by CDF, NDCC & WDC.

Other DanceSport Activities and Promotion

Robson Square Summertime Dances

Under the capable leadership of Andrew Miller, DanceSport BC hosted the Robson Square Summertime Dance Series again in 2024 which ran for 10 Fridays from June 28 until August 30. Attendance as compared to last year was a bit smaller especially towards the last few Fridays. Venue rental fee is rather high and fortunately we were able to obtain a small grant which did help out with our finance. These dances were held at the open-air ice rink at Robson Square in downtown Vancouver. Each evening we would offer a free dance lesson with two dance related performances and social dancing to great music for the general public. Congratulations to Andrew and his team of volunteers who have made Robson Square once again possible and enjoyed by all.

The 2024 Paris Summer Olympics - Breaking

The International Olympic Committee added Breaking to the Paris Summer Olympics as part of an effort to draw more interest from young people in the Olympics. We are proud to announce that Philip Kim (Phil Wizard), a DSBC member, won the first men's Breaking Gold Medal with a 3-0 victory at the Olympic Games Paris 2024 on Saturday, August 10. Congratulations to Philip Kim for his amazing performance and Gold Medal win at the 2024 Paris Olympics!

2025 Canadian Closed Championships, BC

The hosting of the Canadian Closed Championships (CCC) rotates through the CDS Regions each year. This year it is DSBC's turn to host the CCC. Given our low attendance in competitions held on the Mainland, and the fact that IFB had demonstrated their ability to organize and host successful and sold out events, DSBC felt that we might have better success if we join force with the IFB Committee to host the 2025 CCC.

The 2025 CCC (67th annual) will be held in Nanaimo at the Beban Park Social Centre on April 26 and 27. I will be the Chair of the 2025 CCC. The organization is going well.

Relationship with the BC Professionals

Overall, we have a good relationship with the professionals in BC regardless of their affiliation.

Summary

DanceSport BC would not have accomplished so much without the dedication of our volunteers. These people are the backbones of our Association and their unselfish donation of time made a positive difference in the promotion of DanceSport in BC. I would like to thank my board for their support and especially to Sy, my Vice-President, for her help with membership and other board matters.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Pinky Wong', with a stylized flourish.

Pinky Wong
President, DanceSport BC
April 2, 2025