



Canada DanceSport

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MINUTES OF THE 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday, April 25, 2025 at Beban Park Social Centre, Room 7, 2300 Bowen Road, Nanaimo, BC

Delegates Present:

Sandy Brittain	Ontario, CDS President
Pinky Wong	British Columbia, CDS Vice President, DSBC President
Sarah Au-Yeung	British Columbia, DSBC Director & Recording Secretary for these minutes
Gord Brittain	Ontario, CDS Treasurer, ODS President
Marcin Kwietniewski	Ontario, ODS Vice President
Marjolaine Legace	Quebec, DSQ President
Rae Westlake	Quebec, DSQ Vice President
Diane James	Alberta, DSAB President
Gene Rassin	Alberta, DSAB Vice President
Patricia Goh	Ontario, CDS PD President

1. Call to Order at 9:00 a.m.

- (a) Identification of Proxy Holders
Proxy forms received from everyone including Geoff from Breaking (total 9 proxies)
- (b) Determining Compliance with Bylaw 8(3)
Confirmed Bylaw compliance, Delegate Forms received
- (c) Determining Compliance with Bylaw 6
Prior to the President being able to determine Bylaw 6 compliance, Diane James insisted on using this time slot to launch a complaint under Bylaw 6 but qualified her complaint by not asking for a suspension. Diane's complaint was in reference to Pinky collecting fees from BC Professionals when Bylaw 18 was still in effect.
Pinky's reply to Diane's complaint were as follows: DSBC's decision was to ensure judging pros in BC are paid up members via a temporary registry before judging the Regional qualifiers and the 2025 Canadian Closed Championships. BC Pros surveyed by DSBC were agreeable to this registry. DSBC had no intention of governing the pros.
Sandy advised the meeting that it must be noted that Bylaw 6 pertains to Regional Associations (members not individuals)
In addition, Diane expressed DSAB's concerns that DSBC has invited a WDC professional Latin couple to showcase at the CCC and had concerns about harming CDS reputation
In response, Pinky stated that this pro couple resides in BC and brings many students to our competitions even competing in pro-am. Pinky also expressed that we had to do this to survive given the competitor numbers are declining plus we need to remain friends with the other side. Pinky also stated that the Edmonton's WDC event also invited couples from our side to perform in their March competition. As well, Pinky mentioned that DSAB also allowed Pros from NDCC to compete in their pro-am events so why is that different.
Following the above exchange, Diane's accusation of wrongdoing did not sit well with Pinky and she therefore requested CDS to suspend DSBC thereby canceling the 2025 Canadian Closed Championships. If DSBC is suspended, CDS will fail because there were only two or three couples from each of DSAB,



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ODS and DSQ who have registered to compete in the CCC. Without DSBC's 26 to 28 couples competing, there will not be a CCC.
Further arguments initiated by Diane ensued but not recorded.
Sandy stated that Bylaw 18 will still be in effect until after the President's motion results at this Meeting.

(d) Chairman's Remarks

Sandy stated her wish for a respectful meeting and everyone to try to work together. She requested that everyone give each delegate a chance to respond to a motion/topic or issue before responding a second time to ensure fairness to all, less interruptions and to stay productive.

2. Approval of Agenda
Unanimous vote to approve the Agenda at 9:38am
3. Allocation of Time for Each Agenda Item
Try to keep within time limit
4. Approval of the Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting
Pinky motioned to approve, seconded by Gord,
Vote: Unanimous
APPROVED
5. Business Arising from the Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting
Financial funding, new Governance Bylaws, CCC annual trophy decisions & shipments were discussed & completed throughout the year . All trophy & payments done (keep shipping boxes)
6. President's Report: Sandy gave a summary on Canadian Safe Sport program education. She stated that International standard & Latin not covered under Federal Safe sport insurance. Course required for national level athletes & their coaches. Marjolaine & Patricia suggests a free course on Safe Sport for parents, elite dancers, judges, coaches etc of international style of dance.
ACTION ITEM: We need to find a free En/Fr Safe Sport course for all National level athletes and all CDS coaches.

Motion to accept President's report
Marjolaine, Diane seconded;
Vote: unanimous
Report **Approved**
7. Vice-President's Report: Pinky provided summary. She assisted Sandy wherever possible. Pinky proposed a Motion to thank Sandy.
Gord motion to accept, Marcin seconded,
Vote: unanimous
Report **Approved**
8. Treasurer's Report: Gord provided summary. Thanked Pinky for noting corrections and revisions made and circulated. Gord explained his revised report was due to Safe Sport. He put away \$1,000 to pay for Safe Sport (Safe Sport was to start Jan 1 but delayed to end of March since new Federal group not prepared to start).



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Last year WDSF membership fee was \$1,900 while this year over \$2,000 since Swiss Franc for WDSF membership for CDS increased due to Canadian Dollar Insurance increase due to Directors Insurance, due to Safe Sport, therefore Insurance premium increased. This year \$2,500 next year will go to \$3,300. Insurance is bought through an insurance company which DSQ uses but DSQ insurance is lower because they belong to a group insurance.

ACTION ITEM: Gord is going to look for cheaper Director's Insurance.

Bursaries- \$4000 went to DSAB, ODS, DSBC. Although the bursaries provide support to competitors but query their commitment to stay with CDS. Parents are thankful to be able to represent Canada.

This is a valid reason to give CCC & Qualifier dates early as possible so that athletes can plan their competition schedule to attend both events.

Pinky motion to accept, seconded by Marcin,

Vote: unanimous

Report **Approved**

9. Auditor's Report: no questions.

Diane motion to accept, Rae seconded,

Vote: unanimous

Approved

10. Presentation of Budget for the 2025 Association Year: Gord reported insurance cost is up, paid on Jan 16. Due to tight budget, Marjolaine asked since CDS is losing money, maybe we should only send 1 delegate to the WDSF AGM. Sandy replied that on Saturday the WDSF holds its Forum consisting of presentations by Presidium members & other Federation. Sandy gave one last year on CDS' Breaking from our beginning of Breaking to the Gold Medal. It is a good opportunity to talk to other National Members, to network, and find out what they did in their country on topics of interest to CDS. She felt that the Saturday Forum was more informative than the Sunday AGM. She said that the 2025 Sunday AGM is an election year this year for the WDSF Presidium therefore important to be in attendance.

Diane asked how other countries incorporated Breaking into their country. Canada got started early because we had Youth Olympics in Breaking where we won a Silver medal. At the WDSF Forums & through zoom meetings we listened to how other countries formed their breaking division. We started by approaching the top people in Breaking in Canada & asked for assistance in forming Breaking under CDS. CDS then incorporated these ideas both from other WDSF countries and our Canadian Breaking people into CDS and formed our Breaking division.

Gord said we have approximately \$70k+ in accounts. CDS receives no money from government's Breaking grants except to use towards for Translation & Safe Sport. The rest of the grants goes to Breaking as outlined in Geoff's Breaking report.

Marjolaine motion to accept, Gene seconded,

Vote: unanimous

Budget Report **Approved**

11. Regional Associations' Reports:

(a) DSQ: report summarized by Marjolaine. Juvenile & Junior memberships are up.



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Competitions have lots more kids over seniors/adults. Solo/mixed entries, make scheduling harder, but are popular. Dancing in the schools no longer funded by government. Some school funding cuts. Reduced breaking members for kids. Funding received to prepare breaking team for Youth Olympics and French Games as long as they join DSQ membership. There were less kids at the Super Am. DSQ sanctioned "Hit the Floor" for Breaking. After-school programs saw over 4000 kids. Quebec government supports sports and arts. Their DSQ Instructors do the programs. DSQ currently has no scrutineer
Rae motion to accept, seconded by Gord,
Vote: unanimous
Report **Approved**

- (b) ODS: report summarized by Gord. ODS currently has no breaking members this year but expects renewals once there is an Ontario Breaking competition. Ontario Qualifier was run at a loss due to low number of senior competitors attending.
Pinky motion to accept, seconded by Diane,
Vote: unanimous
Report **Approved**
- (c) DSAB: summarized by Diane. Membership report by Gene. Calendar year now aligned to calendar year. Slight increase in membership, few Breaker memberships. AWC qualifier saw 121 competitors but was the same weekend as Salsa Congress. Increased pro-am and solo kids' entries. Smooth/rhythm music styling is different. CCC 2027 dates chosen to secure Calgary venue at good rates. No contribution or volunteer help from breaking.
Gord motion to accept, Marjolaine seconded,
Vote: unanimous
Report **Approved**
- (d) DSBC: summarized by Pinky. 178 memberships, 123 athletes mostly seniors, 1 Breaker (board member). Had 5 events since last AGM DSBC Report
Ran single dances for solos for medal levels, Lots of kids solos. Juveniles can dance in Junior events. UBC ran DSBC's Qualifier, Good relations with other associations.
Expensive to run Robson Square in summer.
Insurance covers all events but in Nanaimo it's per event.
2025 CCC here in Nanaimo.
Question: Do you see more of your seniors sign up as solo. No
Patricia asked about doing similar thing in Ontario? Sandy said "ODS needs a person to organize it." Summary of competitions given.
Diane motion to accept, Rae seconded,
Vote: unanimous
Report **Approved**

12. CDS PD Executive Director's Report:
Report summarized by Patricia. Professional members pay fee. Some pushback but resolved. 2 new national adjudicators to judge competitions, Normand Fortier, (DSQ) & Petre Samoila (DSAB). Sergey Kyrychenko came to CDS from CDF.
How to judge solos? Need to create rules and more defined restrictions or styling for open levels for solos. No rules from WDSF yet on judging solo competitions. Judges are



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looking for guidance.

Gord motion to accept, Rae seconded,

Vote: unanimous

Report Approved

13. Report from Wheel Dance –Report circulated. Few dancers (3 couples) since COVID.
14. Report from Breaking Canada – Report circulated only since Geoff is representing CDS at the COC. Youth Olympics coming up.
15. Past, Present, & Future Championships
 - (a) 2024-66th Canadian Closed Championships, (ODS): lack of spectators, grants helped of \$19000 to ensure not a loss.
 - (b) 2025-67th Canadian Closed Championships (DSBC): run in Nanaimo due to grants. Most couples from BC
 - (c) 2026-68th Canadian Closed Championships (DSQ): date TBD, approx. Apr 24/25. Venue search ongoing. City gets priority for bookings.
Update since AGM the date is confirmed at April 24, 25, 2026 at Embassy Plaza, Laval, Québec. DSQ will need to rent a floor
 - (d) 2027-69th Canadian Closed Championships (DSAB): planning has started, Date April 23/24 2027 Calgary MNP Community & Sport Centre Gym 4/5
 - (e) 2028-70th Canadian Closed Championships, (ODS): not yet planned

16. Motions Pursuant to Bylaws 9 and 19

A). **President's motions**

Motion 1 PUT on Hold -To be voted on by email before July 1st, 2025

Repeal CDS Bylaw 18 effective immediately. All references to CDS Professional Division will be struck out from the CDS Bylaws, Rule Book and related Schedules and Appendix.

Reference of deleted Bylaws: Bylaw 8.01, 8.05, 10.04, 13.05, 17.06, all of Bylaw 18, and any other references I missed.

Reason: The WDSF, at their 2024 AGM deleted WDSF Professional Division therefore CDS should organize the same way.

Motion 2 PUT on Hold -To be voted on by email before July 1st, 2025

All terms of office of CDS PD will be terminated immediately.

Reason: To agree with the WDSF organization of deleting all WDSF PD directors

Motion 3 PUT on Hold -To be voted on by email before July 1st, 2025

What will replace CDS PD?

Discussion on Motions 1-3

Pros like to be registered with association not be a member of the Association.

Perhaps form a committee with one representative pro member from each region.

Registered professional official with CDS not as a member of the Regional Association.

All references to Commission changed to Committee



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The Professionals would be able to attend and discuss at the Regional AGM.

They will pay the Annual Registry fee to CDS Treasurer who then pays a fee to CDS & to their CDS Regional Association they reside in. It is not a membership but called a Professional Registry.

Marjolaine is asking if we charge \$80, who is to get what money? Does money go to CDS or to Region.

Answer: part to CDS & part to Region.

Example of person not happy with CDS PD: Antoneta told Sandy they were world champions but not welcomed by Patricia so they went elsewhere.

Pinky stated that Patricia appointed herself and Phil as Examiners when they don't have a fellowship qualification which is a prerequisite for becoming an Examiner. Patricia stated that they can only examine up to a certain level. Regardless of what level they can examine, Pinky does not think that Patricia can self-appoint herself and Phil as Examiners when they were not qualified. Pinky then asked Patricia if she has a fellowship and she confirmed "no".

Patricia says if members are not happy with CDS PD then she's asking Sandy to name them because Patricia says she has in writing from Tatiana does not want to judge CDS events. Sandy said the Pros do not want their names mentioned but voiced concerns with current PD.

Marjolaine – before Christmas it came out we have to dissolve PD but it came out this morning that DSBC is not in compliance with bylaw as accused by Diane, does that have to do with WDSF that's not happy so what is the underlying problem. WDSF did it because there was no need any longer for a separate Professional Division. Problem in Canada is that some PD members are not happy with CDS PD.

Diane – respond to Pinky's email from last night so she went back to look at WDSF. Sandy replied that you will find there is no PD on WDSF website now.

Patricia questions if she is considered a board member? Answer under Bylaw 1.03 & 3.01 a & b the answer is no.

Discussion ensued about all the issues with PD division.

No objections from Pros about dismantling PD division. Pros don't want to be governed by amateurs.

Regions were hesitant to collect these fees.

Professional committee with one representative from each region, total 4 or 5. Up to Pros to decide who to represent their Region.

Funds paid to CDS Treasurer for Registry, price TBD and how to distribute funds?

Patricia will continue to collect fee from professionals, price of \$60 down from \$80

In the end, this topic was PUT ON HOLD- all Regions to send in ideas with aim deadline of July 1 for a vote

After the AGM, Sandy met with Jim Fraser, VP of WDSF Legal Affairs and he said that the Presidium expected members to follow WDSF and dissolve their PD too.

ACTION ITEM: Sandy said she would compose a Bylaw 18.03 to replace the CDS PD Division & Bylaw 19 outlining all the committee's tasks and taking into consideration all the points mentioned at this meeting.

Motion by Sandy, Rae seconded, all in favour to "put on hold" until July 1

Bylaw 18.03:

Some points will be:

All professional officials will be registered with CDS. All pro exams, matters, will be managed by pro committee. Maximum 5 members from different regions.

COMMITTEE, don't want to be governed by CDS

One professional will sit on the CDS board but no vote.



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1. All CDS PD duties will be assumed by CDS, Professional Commission, and the Regional Associations.
2. All PD financial assets will be taken over by CDS with such funds to be put aside for Professional related activities in the CDS treasurer's books
3. All professional members of CDS PD shall now become Regional Officials of CDS & their own Regional Association and remit the required fees to CDS Treasurer and cc CDS PD committee (still to be decided).
A uniform Professional Regional application fee and form will be designed as soon as this motion is accepted.
4. Professional Regional Officials will not be permitted to stand for office on the Regional & CDS boards but Regions may elect at least one Professional to sit on their Regional Board.
5. Regional Association along with CDS PD Committee will service any Professional DanceSport competitions
6. CDS, in conjunction with current CDS PD Board, will set up an initial Professional Committee consisting of 4 members. They should be examiners/Professionals from each Region to evaluate new Professionals qualifications, give exams, and other Professional Business. They must work with the Regional Boards regarding their Professional members. This Committee will be a 2 year term.
7. Since this is a transition period then the administrative structure, including items above will be finalized, with discussions with CDS Board, CDS PD & other interested parties asap.

Motion 4- Withdrawn

The CDS Board & Regional Board may elect at least one Professional to sit on their Regional Board as Sport Director for International Standard & Latin dances.

A candidate for Sports Director for Standard & Latin dances must be a person committed to following all CDS, Regional, & WDSF objectives & Rules, should have Professional qualifications, should not be involved in another DanceSport Association. Duties of a Sport Director for Standard & Latin would inform eligible athletes of upcoming Recognized & WDSF competitions, help with organizing competitions, work with Professionals in their Region, and any other duties as decided on at the CDS AGM

Reason:

We already have a Sport Director for Breaking and Breaking athletic Rep on CDs Board and most Regions have a Breaking Director on their Regional Board. The Sport Director would assist Regional & CDS with notifying CDS athletes of upcoming events and involve the Professionals more with future of DanceSport in Canada. He/she would help the Regional Board deal with any Professional matters and work with the Professional Commission if necessary to resolve it.

Motion 5 (Unanimous Vote For this motion done by Email on Feb.26)

Whereas the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport is mandated to independently administer the Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS) under the Canadian Safe Sport Program (CSSP) effective April 1, 2025; and



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Whereas Canada DanceSport is a federally funded sport organization required to adopt the Canadian Safe Sport Program as a valid policy document incorporated into its rules; and
Be it resolved that Canada DanceSport formally accepts and adopts the Canadian Safe Sport Program.

Sandy Brittain moved that the motion be approved as presented above. The motion was seconded by Pinky Wong.

Reason: As of April 1st 2025 the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) is the Federal agency replacing the SPORT DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTRE OF CANADA (SDRCC). Therefore all contracts, participants consent forms, CCES's Safe Sport e-learning module is completed by all Participants in accordance with the Adoption Contract, CDS has adopted into its own rules the UCCMS as amended from time to time (current version is 7), every Participant is made aware that they are subject to the UCCMS and CSSP (Canadian Safe Sport Program).

CDS must provide proof to CCES that this motion was passed by the CDS Board in order to receive government funding from Heritage Canada or Sport Canada, or other government agencies.

Motion 6 (Unanimous Vote For this motion done by Email on Feb.26)

To replace CDS's current Privacy Policy with **CCES Canadian Safe Sport Program (CSSP) Privacy Policy.**

Reason:

Part of the switching of Safe Sport from SDRCC to CCES's CSSP. It is mandatory for all NSOs.

Motion 7 (Unanimous Vote For this motion done by Email on March 17)

By Sandy, 2nd Pinky to add urgent motions below highlighted in blue as Bylaw 10.12 (special resolution)

WHEREAS urgent motions are required when the notice provision for Bylaw or Rule changes cannot be complied with due to time restraint and when a decision must be made within a very limited window of time

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 10.12 be added

10.12 Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary in these Bylaws, the President may submit urgent motions to the General Meeting without prior notice.

Motion 8 (Unanimous Vote For this motion done by Email on March 17)

By Sandy, 2nd Pinky, to amend Bylaw 13.01 by adding one (1) Breaking Athlete Representative to the Board of Directors as shown below with the changes highlighted in blue (special resolution)

WHEREAS the addition of a Breaking Athlete Representative to the Board is required in order to comply with the requirements of Sport Governance within Sport Canada

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 13.01 be amended



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13.01 The Board of Directors of the Corporation (herein referred to as the "Board") shall consist of the President of the Corporation, two (2) delegates from each Regional Association, one (1) such delegate shall be the President or another member of that Regional Association, and the other shall be any member in good standing elected for such purpose by that Regional Association, and **one (1) Breaking Athlete Representative**, who shall be an active or recently retired (within four years) athlete, elected or appointed to ensure athlete representation in governance and decision-making.

Reason: This item was passed last year but only for 8.01 so this motion includes 13.01 which was what my motion stated last year but I left out second reference of 13.01

Motion 9 (Unanimous Vote For this motion done by Email on March 17)
By Sandy, 2nd Pinky, to add a new Bylaw 13.09 dealing with Board composition and equity commitment highlighted in blue below (special resolution)

WHEREAS the Board composition must adhere to the principles of the Corporation's Inclusion Policy pursuant to the requirements of the Sport Governance within Sport Canada

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 13.09 be added

13.09 The Board shall encourage the development of a diverse and inclusive Board of Directors which reflects the principles of the Corporation's Inclusion policy by:

- a) Maintaining gender balance to the greatest extent possible, ensuring that no one gender holds more than 60% of the Board positions.
- b) Promoting equity by actively seeking representation from underrepresented groups,
- c) Ensuring that any vacancy on the Board shall be filled with due consideration for maintaining the Board's diversity and equity objectives. If a seat is vacated by either an Athlete Representative, gender-specific quota or equity-designated person, the Board shall give priority to filling the position with another individual meeting the same criteria.

Reason: Canadian Olympic Committee, Government of Canada & Sport Canada require that all Organizations in Canada adhere to equity, Diversity, & Inclusion. We already passed an Inclusion policy last year but they want it actually in our Bylaws.

Motion 10 (Unanimous Vote For this motion done by Email on March 17)
By Sandy, 2nd Pinky, to add a new Bylaw 18 - Committees and creation of the new Nomination and Financial Committees as bylaw 18.01 and 18.02 respectively highlighted in blue below (special resolution)

WHEREAS new Nomination and Financial Committees are necessary in order to comply with the requirements of the Sport Governance within Sport Canada

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a new Bylaw 18 - Committees be created and new Bylaws 18.01 and 18.02 be added



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BYLAW 18 - COMMITTEES

18.01 The Board shall appoint a Nomination Committee three (3) months prior to the Annual General Meeting. The Nomination Committee shall:

- a) be composed of two (2) members with experience in governance, recruitment, or equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI).
- b) be chaired by an executive director who is not standing for election. The chair shall oversee the orientation of newly elected Board members and report its activities and recommendations to the Board.
- c) be responsible for overseeing the recruitment, nomination, and selection of candidates for the Board of Directors, ensuring that the governance structure aligns with the strategic goals, diversity, and equity commitments of the Corporation.
- d) develop and maintain transparent and merit-based nomination procedures.
- e) actively recruit candidates who enhance Board diversity, including individuals from underrepresented communities.
- f) ensure that the Board includes at least one (1) Athlete Representative.
- g) assess the qualifications and eligibility of candidates, ensuring alignment with the Corporation's mission and strategic priorities.
- h) recommend a slate of nominees for election to the Board at the Annual General Meeting.

18.02 The Board shall appoint a Financial Committee consisting of the Treasurer, one (1) Breaking representative and one (1) other board member who are knowledgeable in the finance and accounting fields, The Financial Committee shall:

- a) be responsible for overseeing the financial health and risk management of the Corporation, ensuring transparency, accountability, and adherence to financial best practices.
- b) conduct semi-annual financial reviews with one to be held at the Spring Annual General Meeting and the second one in the Fall for purpose of reviewing the financial statements, financial reports from the Breaking division, budget forecasts, and risk mitigation strategies.
- c) oversee financial reporting and compliance with the Corporation's financial policies and regulatory requirements.
- d) monitor internal controls and financial risk management, recommending corrective actions as necessary.
- e) liaise with external auditors and review the findings of any financial audits.
- f) provide recommendations to the Board on financial policies and sustainability strategies.
- g) present a financial review report to the Board following each meeting.
- h) report to the Board as soon as any financial irregularities or risks were identified along with proposed corrective measures.
- i) oversee the appointment and performance of external auditors

Reason: These are requirements Canadian Olympic Committee, Government of Canada & Sport Canada require of all Organizations in Canada adhere to risk management, & good financial practices. A review in the fall will ensure that all CDS Board are aware of CDS' finances.

Motion 11 (Unanimous Vote For this motion done by Email on March 17)
By Sandy, 2nd Pinky, to Renumber and Reformat Bylaws (ordinary resolution)



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WHEREAS this Meeting has passed various resolutions that require updating the Bylaws

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board be directed to make such numbering and formatting changes to the Bylaws as may be reasonably required to maintain internal sequential numbering and organization.

Reason: House keeping

17. World DanceSport Federation (WDSF)

- (a) 2024 WDSF Annual General Meeting ("AGM") was held in Warsaw, Poland on Sunday, October 27th, 2024. Sandy Brittain, CDS President, and Gord, CDS Treasurer, attended the AGM which was also live streamed. The WDSF PD meeting was held on Saturday October 26 after the WDSF Forum was held. Minutes produced by Sandy & Gord were circulated to the board on Dec 3, 2024. The official CDS PD minutes were circulated on November 28 & the official General AGM minutes were circulated on January 8th 2025.
- (b) Canadian WDSF Adjudicators & Chairmen: Currently only have 2 General Adjudicators, 2 PD Adjudicators, 2 Chairmen, 8 Breaking Adjudicators, 2 Breaking Head judges, 1 Scrutiny B, & 1 DJ B
- (c) 2025 WDSF Annual General Meeting to be held on Sunday, June 15th, 2025 in Bucharest, Romania.

18. Election of Officers (2 year term) for the 2025-2027 Association Years

Vice President: Gord nominated Pinky Wong, no other nominations received
Pinky Wong accepted Vice President by acclamation

Secretary: Pinky read a self-nomination from Sy Jung for secretary, no other nominations received
Sy Jung was re-elected secretary by acclamation

19. CDS Delegation for the 2025 WDSF AGM:

Two delegates to attend the WDSF AGM:

Sandy Brittain, CDS President and CDS Vice President Pinky Wong

Alternate will be Gord Brittain, CDS Treasurer since he is a senior CDS Executive Director plus will be attending as a guest.

20. Fixing Financial Support for Championship Representatives for 2025-2026 for the WDSF Bursaries

CDS Board agreed to pay the same as awarded in 2024:

World Championships/World Cups, **Adult** – \$500 per couples (8 Adult couples) =\$4000

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.



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In 2024 many categories did not have full representation so paid only \$4000 therefore saved CDS \$7500. Many events in 2024 were held in China so competitors were not comfortable traveling there.

21. New Business:

- (a) CDS Reimbursement of travelling expenses :
Rae brought up the topic of that *Financial Rule -1.09 as it pertains to 16.08 states Per diem \$75 for food, nothing for mileage. She said that this is out of date since government & other organizations give more. Motion to be presented at 2025 AGM to increase per diem & add mileage for travel by car.*
I never received any motion from DSQ on this matter. I feel that this item, though, needs to be brought forward, discussed and voted upon today.
Motion to discuss this motion by Sandy, 2nd
Mileage reimbursements. DSBC & ODS reimburses travel by cost of lowest airfare.
No increase to per diem, Regional decision on airfare.
- (b) How to increase the number of Regional members? Run more fun competitions with fun events in your Region
- (c) How to get members to join the Regional Boards? Point out to them the chance to decide things in your Region while other dance organizations do not offer this democratic process.
- (d) How to attract more athletes to compete in CDS sanctioned competitions due to threats from NDCC coaches & studios?
Offer Single dances (meaning 1 dance competition in all 10 dances) for solo kids and couples
Offer 6 and under events
Divide Juvenile & Junior into I & II
Social dancers to try competition without judging
Bursaries through sponsorship to attract younger kids,
Gifts instead of medals for fun events
Team Match between studios, membership not required but must buy admission ticket)
Fundraisers, with fun competitions, team matches & social dances
Parent-child events
Up to the Region to sanction the fun events
ODS- find different venue than Thornhill
- (e) Amateur Teaching- how & do you enforce it?
There are Rules on amateur teaching, need to qualify. Usually champions. No money collected for amateur teachers this past year. Every country has own rules. An Amateur should not teach and earn their livelihood from it and still be considered an amateur.
Pinky wants to clarify if 10-dance is considered? Only if separate event held.
Decision: no changes, leave rules as is

Comment was brought up to improve communication between our regions



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22. Compiling a CDS Calendar for the 2025-2026 Association Year: the President & Secretary will compile & circulate by July 15, 2025. Please supply us with any upcoming events, in person or virtual, for the calendar.
23. Housekeeping Resolutions
24. Setting the Date, Place and Time of the Next Annual General Meeting in Montreal: April 23, 2026 pending contract signing. Embassy Plaza in Laval
25. Adjournment at 4:09pm.
Pinky motion to adjourn, Gord seconded.
Vote: Unanimous