

WDSF DELEGATES REPORT 2016

The informal Pan American/Oceania meeting was held Friday morning and delegates from Canada, USA, Australia and NZ expressed concern about costs for adjudicators to attain and upgrade WDSF licences due to increasing criteria being imposed by the WDSF Academy. A formal letter to the Presidium was drafted and submitted on Saturday

Saturday 12 June (9-9.50 am)

Professional Division AGM

The Professional Division AGM was held on Saturday morning attended by 41 member countries (plus 3 proxies) of a total of 51 countries.

- President and Financial reports were unanimously approved.
- PD athletes would like to be involved more in the Academy, accepted positively
- Proposal to meeting to adopt the Motion from WDSF Presidium to amend Article 17 to form Management Board with 5 members.

Meeting closed at 9.50am (a record?)

Saturday 12 June (1-6pm)

Open Forum

The Open Forum was held Saturday afternoon.

Vision 2020

Jean Laurent Bourquin (IOC) updated progress of Vision 2020, pathway to Olympic inclusion. IOC includes sports initiation programme as part of Olympic Games or Youth Olympic Games too trigger youth involvement and benefit the community.

Rule 32 – strengthen ethics. Code of Ethics and rules of Procedure to be fully aligned with Olympic Agenda. Drive for more transparency.

Rule 27 – all organisations belonging to Olympic movement to accept and comply with principles of good governance of Olympic movement.

Slovenia presented information on the WDSF Junior DanceSport Festival proposed for April/May 2017

Sunday 13 June (10am – 7.45pm)

WDSF AGM

The meeting opened at 10.10.

Approval of Agenda - members were advised of a motion by Ireland to amend the Agenda. To include a Presidium motion to proceed with motion of urgency and further Motion to expel RDSU

Majority vote to amend Agenda

The Minutes of the 2015 AGM, President, 1st Vice-President and General Secretary's reports were accepted unanimously.

The meeting was joined by Mr Roberto Fabbricini, General Secretary of CONI (Italian National Olympic Committee) who spoke to the meeting. FIDS are on the executive of the Italian Olympic Committee. Rome have bid for the 2024 Olympics. Host city has opportunity to nominate one sport.

Treasurer's report was presented by Mr Tilenni. He reported that the Financial statements show additional expenditure for the estimated costs of correctly paying employment obligations for the Spain office for past 4 years as well as the appointment of a new CEO and shared office space for WDSF headquarters in Lausanne. Questions from the floor led to Mr Fraser, 1st VP, explaining the sequence of events leading to this additional expenditure

The Treasurer's report was accepted by overwhelming majority

The financial examiner and other reports as listed in the Agenda were unanimously approved.

The meeting approved the renewal of Associate Membership agreements for the World RocknRoll Confederation and International Federation of Cheerleading

Presidium Motions

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| 1. | Appointment of WDSF Auditor to 4 years | Unanimous |
| 2. | Amendment to Competition Rules – voted separately | |
| 2.1 | Sponsors advertising | Majority – 2 absentions (NZ for) |
| 2.2 | Show Dance announcements | Unanimous |
| 2.3 | Invigilator Show Dances | Majority – 4 absentions (NZ for) |
| 2.4 | WDSF Senior World Champs | Majority – 2 opposed (NZ for) |
| 2.5 | Ten Dance to have solo dances | Unanimous |
| 2.6 | NJS World Ranking Competitions | After some discussion withdrawn |
| 3. | Financial Regulations amend – fees for other dances etc | Unanimous |
| 4. | Secretary for Ethics Committee | Unanimous |
| 5. | Reforms WDSF PD management | Unanimous |
| 6. | Media Relations Code adopted | Unanimous |
| 7. | Social Media Rules | Unanimous |
| 8. | Internal Dispute Resolution Code (4 motions voted together) | Unanimous |
| 9. | Motion of Urgency to hear Irish Motion re RDSU | Motion carried (2/3 rd majority) |

Member's Motions

1. Motion by Ireland

To expel RDSU from WDSF membership – expulsion suspended until 31 October 2016 to give RDSU time to comply with requests from WDSF for reform, reconciliation, unification etc.

RDSU new President addressed the meeting. Representative of the alternative body was also given right to speak. Other delegates also spoke.

Secret Ballot held

Majority – 31 opposed,
3 absentions (NZ abstained)

Presidium presented Motion of Urgency

Motion carried – Majority

Motion for Presidium to issue Licences, athlete cards etc following expulsion of RDSU from 1 November if necessary.

Majority – 7 absentions

- 2 Motion from Netherlands

To amend Formation rules.

Withdrawn

3. Motion from Germany

Change to requirements for B licences - *Presidium did not support Motion. Concerns that standard for adjudicators varies from country to country. Discussion on increasing costs involved to obtain B and upgrade to A licences*

Majority (NZ for)

4. Motion from Slovenia

Formation of Ajdudicator's commission. *Presidium did not support Motion. Countries spoke supporting motion*

Majority with abstention
(NZ abstain)

Elections

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| a. | Secretary for WDSF Ethics Committee -Mr Antero Koponen proposed and duly elected | Unanimous |
| b. | President – Mr Lukas Hinder (Secret ballot) | Majority |
| c. | First Vice President – Mr Jim Fraser (secret ballot) | Majority |
| d. | Presidium member – Mr Thomas Shaunessy (secret ballot) | Majority |

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WDSF Delegates