

WDSF DELEGATES REPORT 2015

Friday morning saw your delegates in a Pan American/Oceania meeting with the Sports Director, Jim Fraser and Tony Tilenni followed by various informal meetings throughout the weekend.

Saturday 13 June (9-12am)

Professional Division AGM

The first formal meeting started with the Professional Division AGM on Saturday morning which we attended along with other delegates from 36 of 51 member countries.

- the first PD World Championship outside Europe was held in Nanjing, China last November
- a short presentation of the new database system for the selection of PD adjudicators was given. There had been some allegations of match fixing and as some adjudicators had received multiple selection, a new random database system has been set up to ensure a fair allocation of selection events for each PD adjudicator.
- There were 3 motions presented by Germany.
 1. Rule PD B.3 changed to restrict the allocation of PD Championships and Cups to one competition per weekend. This is to avoid a conflict for the athletes and ensure all competitions have a good attendance. Unanimous
 2. PD competitions to be held separately rather than included in another competition. Following some discussion the motion was withdrawn by the proposer.
 3. third motion was divided into 2 parts -
 - (a) requiring nominations for PD Championships and Cups to be received no later than 4 weeks before the event. Unanimous
 - (b) regarding late entries to these competitions. The motion was amended to permit the organiser in consultation with the PD Sports Director to decide whether the late entry/nomination would be accepted. Unanimous.
- Prize money for PD World Championships in Standard and Latin has been increased – details on the website.
- The Professional Division has held three world championships for PD Master Class (Seniors) as well as a growing number of other PD Open competitions, Super Grand Prix etc.

Saturday 13 June (1-6pm)

Open Forum

Annual Open Forum was held Saturday afternoon. It included a number of presentations keeping delegates informed about the progress of some commissions and special projects for the Presidium, and more importantly the general open forum after the presentations where delegates have the opportunity to raise questions about any controversial motion or issue.

Vision 2020

Jean Laurent Bourquin (IOC) updated progress of Vision 2020, the pathway to Olympic inclusion. There were 40 recommendations supplied by the IOC which need to be met by any sport seeking inclusion in the Games. A large number of these recommendations have already been met or exceeded by WDSF

- Gender equality - 50% female participation'
- World Games - held in Kaoshung in 2014,
- Sports Lab – develop product into IOC sports lab
- Code of Ethics (to be presented to WDSF AGM 2015)
- Judging system
- Credibility / transparency / sustainability / youth, etc

The Kaoshung Games were held under the Olympic banner and presented jointly by the WDSF and IDO encompassing 40 disciplines involving nearly 800 athletes. They attracted huge numbers of spectators for all styles and are a major step towards the Olympic dream. It is anticipated that these Games will be held every 4 years the same as the Olympic Games

The current goal is to achieve inclusion as a showcase sport in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, an ambitious but feasible goal

He recommended the Athletes Hub where social media is used as a learning gateway with information on health, nutrition etc for athletes – an app for your cellphone.

Anti- Doping

The WDSF Anti-Doping commission has reviewed and updated its Code in line with Olympic and WADA requirements.

Athletes are recommended to regularly check the updated list of prohibited substances as it changes frequently

Athletes who need to take prohibited drugs for health reasons eg asthma or diabetes, can obtain a Therapeutical Use Exemption (TUE)

Medical Commission

A commission has been working since the 2014 AGM on the WDSF requirements for health education, research, injury prevention and rehabilitation and the support all officials, coaches and athletes

WDSF Academy

The Academy has updated requirements for WDSF Adjudicator A and B licences and also implemented a WDSF Trainer course aimed at developing a more transparent accurate and systematic judging system. It has produced an adjudicator's handbook defining the principles of absolute judgement and providing details of performance assessment standards.

The WDSF Trainer Technical course will be over 3 days with the first courses scheduled for Hong Kong (20-22 June) and Poland (15-17 October)

The Academy has also created a Medallist system and associated syllabi specifically aimed at clubs, schools and new members who have no other system

Other Dances

The Sports Director gave an overview of the proposed motion incorporating 'Other dances" into the WDSF competition rules. This was part of Vision 2012 and now needed to be incorporated into Vision 2020 to bring all styles of dance under one umbrella body for the IOC.

General Discussion

Concern was expressed by USA, Canada and ourselves over the Presidium Motion #6 which appeared to restrict athletes from competing in specific WDSF high level events. There was considerable discussion with other countries unaware of the possible implications for their athletes. The Sports Director acknowledged these concerns and undertook to reconsider the motion.

Sunday 14 June (10am – 6pm)

WDSF AGM

The meeting opened at 10.10. The President and 1st Vice President were both absent from the meeting following surgery and the meeting was chaired by Shawn Tay, General Secretary.

The Minutes of the 2014 AGM and all reports as listed in the Agenda were accepted unanimously.

Disciplinary council was re-elected

Presidium Motions

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| 1. | Create code of ethics – | Majority, 2 abstentions (NZ for) |
| 2. | Implementation code of ethics | Unanimous |
| 3. | Anti-doping code revision | Unanimous |
| 4. | Financial Regulations amend | Unanimous |
| 5. | Disputes Resolution (Comp rules) | Unanimous |
| 6. | Implementation disputes resolution | Unanimous |
| 7. | Various (comp rules) – separated and voted individually | |
| | a Change chairman/chairmen to chairperson/chairpersons | Unanimous |
| | b Reimbursement expenses – paid for rehearsal day | Unanimous |

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| c | Dress regulations, change to black/white | Carried
5 abstentions (NZ abstained) |
| d | Age restrictions clarified | Unanimous |
| e | Revised comp format, solo dances for adult, U21 & youth | Unanimous |
| f | New Judging system for high level may be applied for | Unanimous |
| g | Formation competition dress changes | Unanimous |
| h | Include Code of Ethics | Unanimous |
| l | Appendix dress code – no artificial hair for juveniles | Unanimous |
| h | Reimbursement expenses for rehearsal day | Unanimous |
| l | D2.2.3 & 2.2.5 an amended motions was presented which was acceptable to the countries who had been seriously concerned | Majority -2 abstentions |
8. Other dances. Some countries expressed concern about conflict with IDO who they currently are also members of. A number of countries asked for talks to be recommenced with IDO.
Norway presented motion to adjourn the Presidium motion until next year pending talks with IDO –
Original motion was moved –
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| | | Lost |
| | | Majority – |
| | | 28 abstentions, 7 against (NZ for) |
| 8a | Implement Other dances rules | Majority, 22 abstentions (NZ for) |
9. Expulsion RDSU. Negotiations had been held over the weekend and a declaration signed by RDSU to resign from EDSU and committed to a number of other conditions within certain time frame.
Motion from Presidium to table from Agenda not withdrawn. Unanimous

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