



Minutes of the 2010 IDSF Annual General Meeting, Vienna Sunday, June 13, 2010

IDSF is an International Sports Federation Recognised by the IOC, Member of SportAccord, ARISF, IWGA and IMGA with

88 National Members of which 65 members are recognised by National Olympic Committees

1. President's Opening remarks and Call to Order at 10.05 am

Mr. Freitag made a special presentation to Heinz Spaeker on his retirement as IDSF Sports Director. The following is a copy of Mr Freitag's speech:

"There are times in life when all good things must come to an end. When this time arrives, it is very important that we have the courage to take this step and, have the wisdom to start a new chapter in our lives. By taking this great step, we allow ourselves to discover new challenges and new beginnings.

Today, it is my great privilege to honour our Sports Director, Mr Heinz Spaeker who has had the courage and wisdom to embrace the future and end his role as IDSF Sports Director after 16 years of dedicated service to IDSF and DanceSport.

Over the years, Heinz has offered very practical, knowledgeable and wise counsel to many of us and, I know that we all wish him the very best for his future. Of course, I am sure that Heinz will continue to make himself available for IDSF.

I am also positive that Heinz will remain very active and very committed to working and supporting the continuing growth and development of DanceSport and IDSF Worldwide.



I know that we all must eventually find some time for ourselves and so I respect and understand Heinz's decision and, I would now like to make a special gift presentation to him on behalf of all of us".

Mr Spaeker responded to Mr Freitag's remarks.

He sincerely thanked members and the Presidium for their support to him and IDSF over the years and confirmed that he would be available to keep working as a Chairman and Adjudicator of IDSF events. It was his belief that his work has only been successful because of the strong and valuable support of the members. Mr Spaeker stated that **"...of course I am a little sad but, I am also happy and looking forward to the next stage in my life"**. Mr Spaeker also urged delegates to give their full support to the next IDSF Sports Director.

The President asked the members to confirm by acclamation the awarding of Honorary Member to Mr. Heinz Spaeker for his services to DanceSport.

Unanimous.

The President then called the 2010 Annual General Meeting of IDSF to order.

On behalf of the Presidium, Mr Freitag welcomed all participants to the meeting. A special welcome was provided to:

**Former President IPDSC
President of the WRRC
President of the IDO
President of UCWDC
IPC Wheelchair Technical Committee
Manager IPC Wheelchair DanceSport
Acting President, IPDSC
President of WBTF
IFC General Manager
Athletes Commission
Chair of Disciplinary Council
Adviser for IDSF Communications
Adviser for TV & New Media**

**Peter Maxwell
Miriam Kerpan-Izak
Bill Fowler
Jeff Bartholomew
Grethe Anderson
Athena Charitaki
Daniele Tondon
Sandi Wiemers
Simon Graver & Robert Huber
Timo Kulczak
Erich Staeldi
Roland Hilfiker
Richard Bunn**

NEW PRESIDENTS:

BULGARIA:	Mr. Aleksander Penovski	NOT PRESENT
AUSTRALIA:	Mr. Craig Wilson, President	PRESENT
CYPRUS:	Mr. Kyriakos Anastasiades, General Secretary	PRESENT



NEW MEMBERS:

- DOMINICAN REPUBLIC NOT PRESENT

Absences: **Mr. Léon Léonard, Honorary Member**
 Mr. Detlef Hegemann, Honorary Life President
 Mr. Rudi Baumann, Honorary Life President

Passed away: The President made the following statement to delegates:

"Dear Delegates, I now ask for your undivided and respectful attention to recognise two valued supporters of DanceSport who passed away this year.

Firstly, let me recognise Mr Otto Teipel, our Honorary IDSF Member and former President.

It was Otto Teipel, the German Champion from Weisbaden who was able to rally dissident Amateur groups to re-establish the Amateur movement after World War II. Mr Teipel was elected inaugural President of the International Council of Amateur Dancers on the 12th May, 1957 and served until the 13th May, 1962.

Secondly, I want to recognise a Giant of the Olympic movement and sport who also died this year.

His Excellency the Marquis, Juan Antonio Samaranch, was a strong and valuable friend of DanceSport, both during and after his four terms as President of the International Olympic movement. It was through Mr. Samaranch's encouragement and support that the International DanceSport Federation was accepted as a Recognised International Sports Federation (IF) of the IOC.

Early in his appointment as IOC President, Mr. Samaranch was instrumental in taking the Olympic movement from one of organisational and financial crisis, to a body which benefited from his visionary and revolutionary development of International sponsorship and broadcasting deals. It was Mr. Samaranch who recognised that global sponsors were essential to the development of the IOC, instead of relying on local sponsorship arrangements of National Federations.

IDSF was deeply honoured that in his retirement, His Excellency, Juan Antonio Samaranch was prepared to accept an appointment as IDSF's Ambassador at Large to continue supporting DanceSport.



I know that many of you met him over the years at various meetings including the IDSF AGM in Barcelona and, I am sure that you will agree that Mr Samaranch was enigmatic and commanded an amazing presence when he was in a room.

Ladies and Gentlemen, let us all not only remember a great Spaniard and one of the World's greatest individuals of the last 60 years, but let us also fondly remember a true friend and supporter of DanceSport, his Excellency the Marquis, Juan Antonio Samaranch.

Mr Freitag requested delegates to stand up for a minute of silence to recognise the lifetime achievements of these two outstanding individuals."

Mr Freitag thanked delegates and continued with the meeting by confirming that according to Article 21 of the **IDSF Statutes**, the meeting will be conducted at all times in English. Delegates were requested to make sure they went to the microphone to speak and that they speak loudly and slowly.

In accordance with a decision of the Presidium, it was decided that as President Mr Freitag would conduct the meeting to the end.

Mr. Freitag confirmed that unless the meeting was delayed, a lunch break should occur at around 13.00 until 14.00.

2. Roll Call, Ascertainment of Votes

53 Member Bodies represented (106 votes) including 8 proxies (16 votes).

4 Associated Members (6 votes exercised). *Note:* IPC chose not to exercise 2 votes.

3 Provisional Members (no vote).

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES 128 votes

A simple majority (50% + 1) would require 65 votes

A 2/3 majority would require 85 votes.



ATTENDANCE OF MEMBER BODIES & ASSOCIATE MEMBER BODIES:

Full Member Bodies Represented (2 votes each): Andorra (proxy Portugal), Argentina (proxy Portugal), Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Canada, China, Chinese Taipei, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, England, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, India (proxy Korea), Indonesia (proxy Australia), Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Kyrgyz Republic (proxy Russia), Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macau, Malta, Mexico (proxy Ecuador), Moldova, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Scotland, Singapore (proxy Australia), Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, U.S.A., Vietnam (proxy Thailand), Wales.

61 Full Member Bodies; 53 represented plus 8 by proxies

Provisional Member Bodies (no votes): Albania, Cyprus, Malaysia

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3 Provisional Member Bodies

Associate Members Bodies Represented (2 votes each): WRRRC, IDO, IPC & UCWDC

3 Associate Member Bodies voting; IPC chose not to exercise their votes.

3. Approval of the Agenda by the Members' vote

The President asked members to approve the Agenda as proposed and circulated.

4. Allocation of time for each Agenda item

Mr Freitag believed that a balance needed to be achieved to provide delegates the right to discuss matters while at the same time being efficient in the conduct of the meeting. As a result, he proposed that each person could speak for a maximum of 3 minutes on a subject. The mover of the motion will be allowed 6 minutes and at the end of the debate further time to respond.

5. Apointment of Scrutineers

Mr. Demy Rosen from Luxembourg, Mr. Sutu Ok from Korea, Habib Atallah from Lebanon and Mr. Jordan Pavlidis from Greece were appointed scrutineers by a unanimous vote of the meeting.

6. Approval of Minutes of 2009 AGM

The meeting approved the minutes of the last AGM unanimously without amendment.



7. President's Report

The President asked if there were any questions in relation to his detailed written report.

Mr Freitag highlighted to delegates from his written report that the IOC has prepared an Athletes Career Program. The Program has been developed to assist athletes in their transition to life after competition and, it has been confirmed by the IOC that IDSF athletes were able to access this program via the IOC website as listed below:

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<http://athlete.adecco.com/Pages/Home.aspx>

There were no questions of the President.

The meeting unanimously accepted the President's report.

8. First Vice President's Report

The First Vice President asked if there were any questions in relation to his detailed written report. There were no questions.

The meeting unanimously accepted the First Vice President's report.

9. Financial matters and Treasurer's Reports

Mr. Tilenni confirmed that it was his great pleasure to present the 2009 financial reports. Mr Tilenni then thanked delegates for having the courage to increase fees at the 2009 AGM as it is now clear that without the fee increases the accounts and budgets could have gone into deficit. He confirmed that no questions had been asked since the reports were sent to members by the General Secretary on May 18th and now asked delegates if there were any questions from the floor. There were no questions of the Treasurer.

9.1 Balance Sheet as at December 31, 2009 and Profit and Loss Account

Mr. Tilenni confirmed that the accounts were sent to Members by email by our General Secretary on May 18th, 2010. The information forwarded to members included:

- the Balance Sheet as at December 31, 2009
- the Profit and Loss Account
- the separate Explanations and
- the 2009 IDSF Financial Report and 2010 Budget Report.

Copies of the documents were included on page 49 of the booklet for this AGM.

9.2 Auditor's Report

The report of the Auditor, LIGUSTER Treuhand and Verwaltungs AG, Zurich (Switzerland) dated May 5th, 2010 was sent to Members by the General Secretary as required by the **IDSF Statutes** on May 18th, 2010. The Auditor's report is also included at page 56 of the booklet for this AGM.



9.3 IDSF's Financial Examiner's Report

Professor Kiyotaka Uzaki, Member of the IDSF Finance Commission, submitted the Financial Examiner's Report for the year ended December 31, 2009 and commented:

"On behalf of the IDSF Financial Commission, I am pleased to present the Financial Examiner's Report at this year's IDSF General Meeting.

This Financial Commission consists of three persons, Mr. Tony Tilenni, (Treasurer), Mr. Lukas Hinder (First Vice-President) and myself (Financial Examiner). The three of us have thoroughly discussed the financial future and strategies of the IDSF.

In addition, I have carefully examined the financial statements, balance sheet and profit and loss statement. Consequently, I have come to the conclusion that these financial statements accurately reflect the current financial situation of the IDSF.

The global financial crisis has impacted on the world economy as well as the IDSF's revenues. However, the impact of the crisis was not overly worrisome as it was contained as much as possible. This is a remarkable achievement by the Presidium members, especially Mr. Tony Tilenni and Mr. Lukas Hinder.

That notwithstanding, when I compare with the other Olympic sports, it is obvious that the IDSF needs to have a more comprehensive financial strategy to improve our financial base.

It is therefore necessary for us to discuss and adopt the appropriate financial strategy among ourselves to foster the growth of the Federation. On this note, I would like to appeal to all Presidium members to suggest possible revenue avenues for the betterment of our Federation.

Finally, I wish to express my gratitude to both Mr. Tony Tilenni and Mr. Lukas Hinder. I am deeply grateful to both of you for your cooperation and valuable contributions.

Mr. Tilenni thanked the two members of the IDSF Finance Commission, Mr. Lukas Hinder and Professor Doctor Kiyotaka Uzaki for their very co-operative teamwork and support in the last year."

The members unanimously accepted the 2009 Audit Report, the Audited Balance Sheet & Profit and Loss Accounts and, the Financial Examiner's Report.

9.4 2010 Budget

The budgets were sent by the General Secretary to members including:

- 2010 Budget and 2011 Provisional Budget and explanatory notes.
- Treasurer's Budget Report.

Copies of the Budgets were also provided in the booklet for this AGM at page 71.



Mr. Tilenni reminded members that he had sought any comments or to raise any queries in relation to the 2010 budget & 2011 Provisional Budget. No questions were raised at the time or by the AGM.

The 2010 Budget was unanimously accepted.

9.5 2011 Provisional Budget

The 2011 Provisional Budget was unanimously accepted.

9.6 Appointing an Auditor for the period 2010 – 2013

The members voted unanimously to continue using as IDSF's Auditor, LIGUSTER Treuhand and Verwaltungs AG, Zurich

The motion was unanimously accepted.

Before leaving the floor, Mr. Tilenni thanked Mr Hinder and Professor Uzaki as members of the Finance Commission and the President, all other Members of the Presidium and Member Federations for their continued support.

10. Report of Sports Director & and Athletes Commission

10.1 Report of the Sports Director

As Sports Director, Mr Spaeker sincerely thanked the Presidium and members for their excellent cooperation over the years.

The report was included in the booklet for this AGM.

The meeting unanimously accepted the Sports Director's report.

10.2 Report of the Athletes Commission

The Athletes Commission Report was presented by Mr Timo Kulczak who briefly introduced himself and the work of the Commission.

Mr Kulczak confirmed that he believed that the establishment of the Athletes Commission was a wonderful development created through President Freitag's leadership.

Mr Kulczak also explained that a letter was written to all IDSF Member bodies asking if an Athletes Commission existed at a National level and asking for their contact details. Timo asked Members to make sure that they return the questionnaire to be able to effectively represent athletes.

The meeting unanimously accepted the report of the Athlete's Commission.



11. IDSF Membership Commission & General Secretary

Mr. Sietas confirmed that he believed that there is a great deal of good work going on particularly in Africa and South America. He also explained that IDSF held our first competition in South America during the past year and it was a huge success.

Over the last year, Mr Sietas explained that he had been able to take the opportunity to visit and discuss with various members of South American NOCs the continuing development of DanceSport in South America. He found the amount of support from NOC's in the region remarkable and he expected to see DanceSport being pushed to succeed.

Mr Sietas' report was included in the booklet for this AGM.

The meeting unanimously accepted the report of the Membership Commission and General Secretary.

12. Statutes and Legal Commission Report

The President asked if Mr. Fraser wanted to add something to his written report. He had nothing to add.

The report was included in the booklet for this AGM.

The meeting unanimously accepted the Legal Commissioner's report.

13. Anti-Doping Commission Report

Mr. Ko de Mooy expressed his great thanks for the co-operation from the DTV to assist with testing at the 2009 German Open Championships.

Mr. de Mooy also asked Members to make sure that they responded to the ongoing questionnaires which were required in order to make it possible to fulfil IDSF's requirements with the IOC and WADA.

The meeting unanimously accepted the report of the Anti-Doping Director.

14. Communications Director's Report

Ms. Goetz explained that PDF documents will be available to print from the IDSF website.

It was also confirmed that there will be an email newsletter for subscribers to keep everyone informed and linked to the IDSF website.

The new IDSF magazine is already online. A printed version will not be produced in future due to the costs.

The meeting unanimously accepted the report of the Communications Director.



15. IPDSC Report

Mr Tondon, Acting President of IPDSC, thanked Mr Peter Maxwell for his attendance at this historic AGM and for his continuing support. Mr Tondon also thanked Mr Freitag and the Presidium for their leadership and in particular to Mr Fraser for his legal support. He also expressed his sincere thanks to the President of the IDSF Member body Mr. Ferruccio Galvagno.

The meeting unanimously accepted the report of the Acting IPDSC President.

16. IDSF Disciplinary Council Report

Mr. Staeldi reported that there was no attempt by any member of the Presidium to attempt to influence any disciplinary matter before the Disciplinary Council since the last Annual General Meeting.

The DC report is an attachment to these minutes.

Mr Staeldi explained that the DC decision about Anti-doping last year was appealed and the Court of Arbitration for Sport has set aside our one year sanction and increased it to two years. Mr Staeldi confirmed that it is Member bodies' responsibility to inform couples. Ignorance from the couples or the members are not acceptable defences.

Members were then referred to the detailed procedural decision relating to the former Malaysian IDSF Member "MDSB". In summary, the DC decided that it would not make a formal decision in this matter and specifically referred the Presidium's 2009 decision to revoke MDSB's Membership in IDSF to this AGM as the highest body with authority to consider the Presidium's actions.

The meeting unanimously accepted the report of the Chair of the DC.

17. Reference from IDSF Disciplinary Council – Malaysia / MDSB

In response to a reference from the IDSF Disciplinary Council in its recent Procedural Decision, the President asked for consent to move forward the Presidium's Motion under Article 5(8) of the **IDSF Statutes** to confirm its 2009 expulsion of MDSB from Membership in IDSF.

The meeting agreed without any objections. The President suspended the time requirements for speakers in this debate. All speakers were given the opportunity to speak without any interruptions or time restrictions.

Mr Craig Wilson informed the meeting that only he and Mrs Lonsdale were authorised to speak on behalf of the Australian IDSF Member body at this AGM and that Mr Vince Bain, an Australian representing MDSB at this AGM, was not authorised to speak on behalf of Australia. [Editor's Note: Mr. Bain was authorized in writing by MDSB to speak for it during this debate.]



The General Secretary, supporting the Motion, presented a detailed explanation giving reasons why the Presidium had decided to terminate the membership of MDSB. Mr Shawn Tay as Adviser to ADSF, supporting the Motion, then supported Mr Sietas' presentation with additional reasons, including citing his long and intimate connections with Malaysia and Malaysian DanceSport.

Mr John Fam, of Malaysia, supporting the Motion, then spoke representing the new member body MPDC.

Mr. Bain, opposing the Motion, then presented a detailed argument on behalf of MDSB, including citing his long familiarity and connections with Malaysia and Malaysian DanceSport. He was not interrupted and was given as much time as he required to present MDSB's case and to answer any questions or respond to any other speakers.

Mr Tay, Mr Freitag, Mrs Lonsdale and Mr Galvagno all spoke supporting the Motion.

Mr Pulumo Nchakha of Lesotho spoke without supporting or opposing the Motion.

After debate for about one hour, the President asked for further speakers, noted that no one else (including Mr Bain) wished to speak, and suggested that the vote be conducted. There were no objections from anyone to conducting the vote. The President noted before the vote that a 2/3 majority was required to pass this Motion under Article 5(8) of the **IDSF Statutes**.

A secret ballot was conducted. The scrutineers counted the vote and reported as follows:

IN FAVOUR	96
AGAINST	29
ABSTAINED	1
INVALID	2

TOTAL VALID VOTES: 125 (96 + 29)

The meeting adopted the Motion with a 2/3 majority.

No one in the meeting objected to the result. Mr. Bain left the AGM voluntarily at this point and did not return.

18. Approval of the Presidium's Work since the last General Meeting.

Mr Sutu OK from Korea moved the Motion to approve the Presidium's work since the last AGM.

He explained that since 1994 he has attended the IDSF AGM nearly every year. However, he has found this as his first opportunity to speak. He asked Delegates to thank Presidium members for their hard work and devotion since the last AGM. Mr Ok believed that there had been many great achievements over the last year relating to



more work on Vision 2012, the development of the new adjudication system, acceptance of the concept of an Artistic Games, ARISF, the World Games, etc.

Mr Ok asked members to support, accept and thank the Presidium for their hard work and devotion for the future of IDSF.

The meeting unanimously accepted the Motion to accept the Presidium's work.

19. Presidium's Motions

19.1.1 Presidium's Motion to Amend IDSF Statutes

MOVED, that Article 9(6) of the IDSF Statutes be revoked.

PRESENT VERSION

Article 9

General Meeting

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6. Presidium Members may serve as Delegates. Presidium Members may receive and vote proxies.

NEW VERSION

6. ***[Revoked]***

REASON: Some Members of IDSF have recommended that the Presidium would appear to be more impartial if Presidium Members could not serve as Delegates of IDSF Member bodies at the General Meeting, and could not receive and vote proxies. In June, 2009 the IDSF Presidium discussed this proposal and agreed to it. This Presidium requests that the 2010 IDSF Annual General Meeting revoke the privileges given to Presidium Members under Article 9(6) of the IDSF Statutes.

The meeting unanimously agreed to the motion with a 2/3 majority.



19.1.2 Presidium's Motion to Amend IDSF Statutes

MOVED, that Article 20(2) of the *IDSF Statutes* be amended by deleting the words "*Competition Rules, the Rules for Adjudication, the*" so that it shall now read as follows (with changes shown by **strikeout** and **underlining**):

Article 20

Rules and Regulations

1. The IDSF has the following Rules and Regulations:

- a) **Financial Regulations***
- b) **Competition Rules***
- c) **Rules for Adjudication***
- d) **Regulations for Television, Broadcasting, New Media, Advertising and Sponsorship***
- e) **Anti-Doping Code***
- f) **Disciplinary Council Code***

*2. The ~~Competition Rules, the Rules for Adjudication, the~~ **Anti-Doping Code** and the **Disciplinary Council Code** are integral parts of the **Statutes**.*

*3. The other Rules and Regulations are not an integral part of the **Statutes** and maybe amended by postal ballot or by the General Meeting.*

REASON: to be able to change the **IDSF Competition Rules** and the **IDSF Rules for Adjudication** more easily. This change would mean that these **Rules** could be amended by a simple majority of the General Meeting rather than a 2/3 majority of the General Meeting.

IN FAVOUR	88
AGAINST	27
ABSTENTIONS	8

The meeting adopted the Motion with a 2/3 majority.



19.2 Presidium's Motion 2 to Establish the IDSF Professional Division (see page 135 of AGM booklet)

Mr Hogenhoout from the Netherlands was concerned that the proposal to create a professional division as proposed would mean that the professionals would be "under" IDSF.

The Delegates consented to Mr Maxwell's speaking as a guest of IDSF. Mr Maxwell believed that on Monday, the IPDSC members will choose to freely agree to create a Professional Division within IDSF. Although he believed that the Delegate from the Netherlands made a good point, the fact remains that an elite and representative group of Professionals has trusted IDSF to make this choice at great personal cost. However, he explained that:

"...It is not about power, it is about responsibilities. I have worked for the last 15 years to seek to help the development of DanceSport and professionalism. The choice was presented to me that I could remain as Chairman of Judges in Blackpool, or to stick to my principles and remain President of IPDSC. I decided to stay as President of IPDSC and I was removed as Blackpool Chairman – but, I mention this not because I am seeking your sympathy but because I need to explain that it was the right thing to do.

It has cost many people very dearly to do the right thing in the interests of maintaining professional sports principles and philosophies, but I hope that the decision to include a professional division can assist in all of us respecting each other. It is not about who is over or under each other – we have to make this work. I believe that there are many persons in the profession who are fully committed to this idea.

With regards to the technicalities, each and every country has sensitivities and requirements which cannot be incorporated into the rule of law. But to reach agreement through consensus and compromise is certainly one of the most important things.

In IPDSC, there are many important organisations who have agreed to do this. Please give this a chance and we will move to WDSF very fast."

The delegates provided a standing ovation to Mr Maxwell.



IN FAVOUR	122
AGAINST	2
ABSTENTIONS	4

The meeting adopted the Motion with a 2/3 majority.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 2pm.

The meeting reconvened at 3pm.

19.3 Presidium's Motion 3 to Adopt New IDSF Professional Division Rules (see page 162 of AGM Booklet)

WHEREAS IDSF and the International Professional DanceSport Council ("IPDSC"), have agreed in principle to create a new IDSF Professional Division;

1. **MOVED**, by the Presidium, that the following text be adopted as the **IDSF Professional Division Rules**, to receive into IDSF the IPDSC Competition Rules and to establish a basic set of Administrative Rules for the administration of the Professional Division.

Note: new text is shown in red highlighting, former IPDSC text is shown in black colour.

The meeting adopted the Motion with a 2/3 majority.

19.4 Presidium's Motion 4 Changes to IDSF Competition Rules

Advertising and competition numbers

IDSF Competition Rules - Rule 4.1

OLD VERSION:

Rule 4

Advertising and competition numbers

1. In all IDSF granted DanceSport Competitions advertising of up to two sponsors per person on competition dress is permitted up to 40 square cm for each sponsor. The place of the advertising is on the waist, chest or sleeves.



NEW VERSION:

Rule 4

Advertising and competition numbers

1. In all IDSF granted DanceSport Competitions advertising ~~of by~~ up to four sponsors ~~per person~~ **is allowed** on competition **costumes. The man is allowed to advertise up to three sponsors, and the lady only one sponsor. The size of the advertisements may be no more than is permitted up to 40 square cm for each sponsor. The place of the** Such advertising **is may only be displayed and located** on the waist, chest or sleeves.

REASON:

The IDSF Athletes Commission proposed this change on the reason that sponsors look clearer and have more space on the man suit for advertising, that on lady's dress.

Unanimous

19.5 Presidium's Motion 5 Changes to *IDSF Competition Rules*

Procedure for International Competitions

IDSF Competition Rules - Rule 10.9

OLD VERSION:

9. There must be a break of at least 15 minutes between the rounds of a competition.

NEW VERSION:

9. There must be a break of at least ~~15~~ **20** minutes between the rounds of a competition.

REASON:

The IDSF Athletes Commission proposed this change on the reason that 15 minutes is too short to recover the total physical conditions for the next round.

Unanimous

19.6 Presidium's Motion 6 to Amend IDSF Financial Regulations

1. *MOVED*, that the following text be adopted as a new paragraph 9 of the *IDSF Financial Regulations*:

9. Reporting Requirements and Obligations

- 9.1. Each division of the IDSF, including the Professional Division, must make timely financial reports and maintain financial controls consistent with the requirements of the ***Statutes***, the General Meeting and the Presidium, including to assist in the proper completion of IDSF's Audited accounts.



- 9.2. For consistency and ease of interpretation, each IDSF Division must use the same structure and format in the presentation of its Financial Reports and Budgets as the IDSF Treasurer.
- 9.3. The Treasurer of each Division must report to the IDSF Presidium at least twice a year, on January 31 and July 31 every year, and more often if required by the Presidium. For audit purposes, on January 31 each year, each Division must deliver to the Treasurer a final set of Annual Divisional Financial Reports for the previous 12 months ended on the previous December 31, together with a budget for the current year and a provisional budget for the following year. The Annual Divisional Financial Reports must be supported by detailed receipts and records presented in a manner acceptable to the IDSF Treasurer and IDSF Auditors.
- 9.4. Each IDSF Divisional Financial Reports, current year budget and provisional budget shall be integrated into IDSF's Financial Reports and shall be presented to every IDSF Annual General Meeting.

REASON: to ensure orderly financial administration and to ensure that the IDSF can always comply with the rigorous reporting and auditing provisions of the IDSF Statutes and Swiss law.

Unanimous

- 2. MOVED, that the former paragraph 9 of the IDSF Financial Regulations be renumbered "10" accordingly.***

Unanimous

- 3. MOVED, that the texts published on the IDSF Web Site for guidance as the 2012 IDSF Financial Regulations be amended to conform with the above amendments.***

Unanimous

19.7 Presidium Motion 7 to amend the IDSF Anti-Doping Code.

In relation to this item, it was confirmed by Mr Freitag to the President of IDO that the Anti Doping requirements will be resolved as part of our new agreement with IDO.

Mr De Mooy explained that the IDSF Anti-Doping Code, was prepared for the 2008 AGM in Moscow, in a rush, as the new draft World Anti-Doping Code from WADA was only received at the end of April of that year. Nevertheless, the modified IDSF Anti-Doping Code 2009 was to become effective as per January 1st 2009, after approval by WADA regarding Code compliance.



In subsequently working with the document and reviewing again the text and obligations of the World Anti-Doping Code, I determined that we needed to adjust our IDSF Code slightly at certain places. Therefore, the following changes are proposed:

MOVED, that the text of article of the IDSF Anti-Doping Code be amended as follows:

1.

Art. 3.I.1, to be modified: *This Code applies to all PARTICIPANTS in **any capacity, including** adjudicators and organizers. IDSF shall have TESTING jurisdiction over all ATHLETES who are members **or affiliates** of **IDSF or** an IDFSF Member or who participates in their EVENTS **and/or** **COMPETITIONS**.*

REASON: to more clarity the jurisdiction of IDSF and ensure that IDSF jurisdiction over the DanceSport in total as an IOC recognized sport is maintained.

2.

art. 3.I.2, to be added to the existing text: ***Members are liable to IDSF for any omission by them or their licensees to furnish IDSF with all information about participants' identities and particulars and demographic information, which are required under this Code and any other rule or regulation of competent jurisdiction.***

art. 3.I.3, to be added to the existing text: ***Members shall actively assist IDSF in gathering all information which is required under this Code and any other rule or regulation of competent jurisdiction with respect to athletes who fail, refuse or neglect to sign such Forms of Consent as are required under this Code and any other rule or regulation of competent jurisdiction.***

art. 5.IV.2, to be added to the existing text: ***If sufficient information with respect to an Athlete or Person is not available from or provided by a relevant Member or Members, such Notice may be sufficiently given to such Athlete or Person by giving it instead to the Member with jurisdiction over athletes in the country in which the relevant athlete or persons resided according to the best information available to the Anti-Doping Director at the time of giving such Notice.***

art. 10.I.2: the present text shall be sub numbered 1). To be added under sub 2: ***Members shall furnish IDSF with all information requested by the Anti-Doping Director or the Presidium, with respect to their registered or affiliated athletes, adjudicators and other officials.***



REASON: to more clarify the duties and responsibilities of the Members regarding the proper administration of their athletes and (awarded) competitions and to avoid that anti-doping rule violations cannot be handled properly.

3.

Art. 1.VII.4, text to be modified: ... *including failure to file required whereabouts information and missed tests which are declared based on ~~rules which comply the~~ **IDSF Whereabouts and OOC Procedure in accordance** with the International Standard for Testing.*

art. 4.II.4 under a) to be modified: - *his/her whereabouts if leaving his or her domicile ~~for longer than two (2) days~~*

art. 4.II.4 under b), second sentence to be added: *This information shall be accessible, through ADAMS where reasonably feasible, to other Anti-Doping Organizations having jurisdiction to test the Athlete such as IDSF Members, **NADO's** or WADA.*

REASON: the old text is not in completely accordance with the International Standard for Testing

4.

To be added a complete new art. 9.VII:

VII. Appeals against Member's Anti-Doping Decisions

IDSF and WADA have the right to appeal to CAS any decision by the competent body of any of IDSF's MEMBERS in Anti-Doping matters, including:

- **any of IDSF's Members' decisions that an anti-doping rule violation was committed or not committed**
- **any decision by any IDSF Member imposing consequences for an anti-doping rule violation**
- **any decision by any IDSF Member that an anti-doping rule violation proceeding cannot proceed for procedural reasons (including, for example, prescription)**
- **any decision that any IDSF Member lacks jurisdiction to rule on an alleged anti-doping rule violation or its Consequences**
- **any decision by any IDSF Member not to produce or proceed with respect to an Adverse Analytical Finding or an Atypical Finding as an Anti-doping rule violation.**



Art. 3.II.4 under c), to be added: *Subject to the right to appeal provided in Art. 9.VI and VII,*

REASON: Harmonisation of the consequences in anti-doping rule violations. The World Anti-Doping Code requires that WADA always has the right to appeal to Decisions by the International Federations in order to maintain harmonisation in all sports all over the world. The Olympic Charter and World Anti-Doping Code also requires complete jurisdiction over its sports by an IF. In the opinion of WADA this includes also Decisions in anti-doping matters by the IF's member's. Therefore right of Appeal to CAS by IDSF and/or WADA in Decisions made by the Members is required and mandatory.

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Art. 3.II.1, new text:

II. Responsibility for Doping Control

1. a) ***At all international IDSF-granted DanceSport EVENTS and Competitions according to Rule 5 of the IDSF COMPETITION RULES, the IDSF ANTI-DOPING DIRECTOR decides which type of DOPING CONTROLS (i.e., urine or blood testing, or both) will be carried out.***
- b) ***At any MEMBER'S Championships, similar EVENTS and /or National competitions, IDSF can request that MEMBER to organize and perform DOPING CONTROLS or to allow IDSF to perform these DOPING CONTROLS, provided that the IDSF ANTI-DOPING DIRECTOR will decide which type of control or controls (i.e., urine or blood testing, or both) will be carried out.***
- c) ***The DOPING CONTROLS are organized, conducted and supervised by the ANTI-DOPING DIRECTOR at the DanceSport EVENT. The organizer of the EVENT shall provide***
 - ***all information required by the Anti-doping Director,***
 - ***a person or persons assigned as exclusive Anti-doping liaison to IDSF as well as the volunteers required by the Anti-doping Director,***
 - ***all reasonable means to set up a doping control room,***
 - ***the identification papers of the competing ATHLETES as requested by the ANTI-DOPING DIRECTOR and***
 - ***any further necessary requirement as reasonably requested by the ANTI-DOPING DIRECTOR.***

Old text 3.II.1:

1. At all international IDSF-granted DanceSport EVENTS according to Rule 5 IDSF COMPETITION RULES, the IDSF ANTI-DOPING DIRECTOR decides which type of DOPING CONTROLS (i.e., urine or blood testing, or both) will be carried out. The DOPING CONTROLS are organized, conducted and supervised by the ANTI-DOPING DIRECTOR at the DanceSport EVENT. The organizer of the EVENT shall provide
 - all required information,
 - a person assigned as liaison to IDSF as well as the required volunteers,
 - means to set up a doping control room,
 - the identification papers of the competing ATHLETES as requested by the ANTI-DOPING DIRECTOR and



- any further necessary requirement as reasonably requested by the ANTI-DOPING DIRECTOR.

Art. 3.II.2 under c), delete the word "such" at the end of the first sentence:
Members in the carrying out of ~~such~~ Doping Controls. Any

REASON: to more clarify the text regarding IDSF's right to perform controls in the Members competitions, that is an obligation under the World Anti-Doping Code in order in to maintain jurisdiction over its sport represented.

Unanimous (two abstentions)

20. Member's Motions

20.1 Motions by Finland – both motions were withdrawn

20.2 Motions by Member bodies from Northern European Countries

Hereunder Estonian Dance Sport Association EDSA, Icelandic Dance Sport Federation DSI (Iceland), Norges Danseforbund (Norway), Svenska Danssportförbundet DSF (Sweden), Danmarks Sportdanserforbund DS (Denmark) and Finnish Dance Sport Association FDSA (Finland) carry out the following motions to amend the IDSF rules and statutes:

20.2.1 Motion to change the statutes to restrict proxy holding by Presidium members - motion was withdrawn

20.2.2 Motion to make minor change to an obscure term in the Statutes

That Article 18.3 of the IDSF Statutes be amended by deletion of the words "trias politica" and replacement by the words "separation of power", so that the Article reads:

"Members of the Disciplinary Council exercise their duties independently according to the doctrine of separation of powers, and are not bound by any instructions of other IDSF organs regarding these duties."

Rationale

The term "trias politica" is obscure. There is no widely accepted definition of this term. The term "separation of power" is more readily understood.



On a show of hands a 2/3 vote was not achieved; no objections were raised when the Motion was declared lost.

20.2.3 Motion to clarify the power of the Presidium

That Article 14.3 of the IDSF Statutes be amended by the addition of the following words at the end of the Article:

" ... provided that any Presidium Operating Policy does not have the effect of changing the Statutes; and further provided that any Presidium Operating Policy must be ratified by a vote of the members at next General Meeting, and if not ratified, the Operating Policy shall cease to have any effect. Ratification by the General Meeting of any Presidium Operating Policy shall require the same voting majority as a change to the Competition Rules".

Rationale

Under the IDSF Statutes, the IDSF Competition Rules can only be changed by the General Meeting, and require a two thirds (2/3) majority to be passed. The IDSF Statutes allow the Presidium to make operating policies which have the same authority as the Competition Rules. These operating policies do not have to be referred to the General Meeting. If operating policies have the same authority as the Competition Rules, this means that the Presidium has a greater power than the General Meeting.

The effect of this motion is to ensure that the General Meeting retains its authority as the peak decision making body of the IDSF

The Presidium believed that this power already existed in the Statutes

On a show of hands a 2/3 vote was not achieved; no objections were raised when the Motion was declared lost.

20.2.4 Motion to Allow the General Meeting to adopt Operating Policies

That the IDSF Statutes are hereby amended by the addition of a new Article 9.10 as follows:

Statute 9.10 (new statute)

"The General Meeting may adopt Operating Policies in order to ensure the more democratic, collegiate and efficient conduct of IDSF's affairs. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between any part of an Operating Policy of the General Meeting and a Presidium Operating Policy, then the Operating Policy of the General Meeting has precedence over the Presidium Operating Policy, to the extent of any conflict or inconsistency."

Rationale

This motion is intended to make it clear that operating policies passed by the General Meeting have priority over operating policies passed by the Presidium.



The Presidium believed that this power already exists in the Statutes.

On a show of hands a 2/3 vote was not achieved; no objections were raised when the Motion was declared lost.

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20.2.5 Motion to Clarify the ability to Expel a Full Member - motion was withdrawn

That Article 14.1(d) of the IDSF Statutes be, by deleting the existing words and inserting the following:

"... recommend to the General Meeting the termination of membership of a Full Member and/or revoke the membership of a Provisional Member or an Associate Member". In urgent cases the Presidium shall have the possibility to terminate a membership provisionally to be confirmed by the next following AGM.

Rationale

Article 14.1(b) and 14.1(c) provide the necessary power to the Presidium to discipline Full Members. But removal from IDSF membership of a Full Member should be a decision of the General Meeting in accordance with the procedures laid out in Article 5.

Mr Lukas Hinder explained that it was a recommendation of the DC to change our Statutes to clarify this matter. The Presidium wished to leave this matter until the next 2011 AGM.

Mr Staeldi as Chair of the DC explained that this article of the Statues and the process needs to be changed. This must be thought through very thoroughly. A motion needs to be prepared by the Presidium for the next AGM. The Presidium has gained a great deal from this experience.

The motion was withdrawn.

20.3 Motions by Latvia

Hereunder Latvian Dance Sport Federation, Estonian Dance Sport Association, Icelandic Dance Sport Federation DSI (Iceland), Norges Danseforbund (Norway), Svenska Danssportförbundet DSF (Sweden), Danmarks Sportdanserforbund DS (Denmark) and Finnish Dance Sport Association FDSA (Finland) carry out the following motion to change the IDSF Competition Rule 11:



Existing Rule:

Rule 11

Age Restriction

1. The following age division is obligatory in all international competitions and championships:
Juvenile I: reach 9th birthday or less in the calendar year
Juvenile II: reach 10th and 11th birthday in the calendar year
Junior I: reach 12th and 13th birthday in the calendar year
Junior II: reach 14th and 15th birthday in the calendar year
Youth: reach 16th, 17th and 18th birthday in the calendar year
Adult: reach 19th birthday or more in the calendar year
Senior I: reach 35th birthday or more in the calendar year
Senior II: reach 45th birthday or more in the calendar year

Putting two age-groups together, such as juvenile I and II as well as junior I and II in one class, is optional. Youth couples are allowed to participate in adult competitions. In all age sections one partner of a couple can be younger, except in the seniors

New Rule:

Rule 11

Age Restriction

1. The following age division is obligatory in all international competitions and championships:
Juvenile I: reach 9th birthday or less in the calendar year
Juvenile II: reach 10th and 11th birthday in the calendar year
Junior I: reach 12th and 13th birthday in the calendar year
Junior II: reach 14th and 15th birthday in the calendar year
Youth **I**: reach 16th, 17th and 18th birthday in the calendar year
Youth II reach 19th, 20th and 21st birthday in the calendar year
Adult: reach 22nd birthday or more in the calendar year
Senior I: reach 35th birthday or more in the calendar year
Senior II: reach 45th birthday or more in the calendar year

Putting two age groups together, such as juvenile I and II as well as Junior I and II, and **youth I and II** to one joint age group is optional. Junior I couples are allowed to compete in Junior II, Junior II couples are allowed to compete in **Youth I, Youth I couples are allowed to compete in Youth II, Youth II** couples and Senior couples are allowed to compete in competitions of the Adult age group if wanted. It is not allowed that Juvenile II couples compete in Junior I age group on the reason of the syllabus. In all age groups one partner of a couple can be younger, except in the Senior age group.

Motivation:

The age groups being evenly distributed would benefit the Dance Sport development.



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AGAINST	54
ABSTENTIONS	24

On a show of hands a 2/3 vote was not achieved; no objections were raised when the Motion was declared lost.

However, it was agreed that the proposed DanceSport Academy, with the support of the French Member body and the Athletes Commission, will conduct a study to determine the physical, psychological and practical factors which would impact on changing the age groups.

20.4 Motion by Member bodies from Northern European Countries

Hereunder Estonian Dance Sport Association EDSA, Icelandic Dance Sport Federation DSI (Iceland), Norges Danseforbund (Norway), Svenska Danssportförbundet DSF (Sweden), Danmarks Sportdanserforbund DS (Denmark) and Finnish Dance Sport Association FDSA (Finland) carry out the following motion to an attempt to settle the current blocked position between IDSF and WDC:

Motion "to start unbiased and unprejudiced negotiations on top level WDC and IDSF"

The IDSF Presidium shall invite the WDC Presidium to appoint three representatives to a meeting at a neutral location. The aim with that meeting would be to sit down for unbiased and unprejudiced talks on the current situation between the IDSF and the WDC, and if possible agree to bring in an Arbitrator at the next possible meeting. The Arbitrator costs to be shared equally between the WDC and the IDSF.

Reason:

To try to find a way out of the present spiral of increasing conflict between the two organisations and to find out if a series of new meetings could provide a possible result in full negotiations.

Below is a very brief overview of the debate:

Mr Flemming Riis, of Denmark, supporting this Motion, confirmed that a similar motion was accepted by the 2010 WDC AGM. He believed that although we will have an IDSF Professional Division, we should still start negotiations with WDC.

Mr Freitag, opposing the Motion, replied that we have spoken with key individuals within WDC such as Mr. Burns and Mr. Bjister, but WDC's only interest at the last meeting appeared to be how to obtain for their judges the opportunity to judge IDSF events without IDSF licenses.



Mr Freitag also said that last year the Italian Federation banned couples from attending Junior competitions at the Blackpool Festival due to disputes with the organizers who together with WDC had tried to draw IDSF into this dispute but we refused to be used for their political purposes. With hindsight, we were correct not to be drawn into this argument which was manipulated to be able to send letters to the IOC claiming "child abuse". The IOC Ethics Commission answered the first letter confirming the obvious principle that sport Federations indeed have the power to determine where their athletes compete. Another letter was subsequently sent to the IOC disputing the IOC's position and the WDC received a similar response.

After these incidents, Mr Freitag explained that there were many nice letters from Mr Nils Carlzon of WDC as a "special envoy" to seeking a negotiation between WDC and IDSF. Mr Freitag again publicly confirmed that IDSF is happy to sit and speak with WDC but only when they have fulfilled three necessary minimum conditions:

1. to accept that we are a Sport.
2. to agree to fully support and implement Anti-Doping policies, procedures and testing for all athletes.
3. to pay the balance of IDSF's Court costs from their unsuccessful litigation in Spain in 2006, according to the Court Order made by the Spanish Court. In 2009, WDC only paid €1000 of these Court-ordered costs to IDSF but until all the costs are met, IDSF is unable to agree to speak with WDC.

Once these conditions are accepted, then IDSF will have the necessary basis and confidence to speak with WDC to find how they can participate in Vision 2012.

Mr Freitag believes that it is sad but clear that the two bodies are heading in different directions and the sooner everyone understands this, the better.

Mr Freitag also explained that it has been stated that WDC have sent many letters to him. However, he confirmed that he has only recently received the letter from the WDC General Secretary about having talks and setting up a Joint Committee. Mr Freitag has not actually received these letters and they appear to be published as a tactic as open 'political letters' to the DanceSport community and IDSF does not and will not respond to such letters and such tactics.

Mrs Lonsdale, opposing the Motion, said she believes this meeting made history today by seeking to establish the IDSF Professional Division and are finally on a new path. We must ignore the old divisions and create a Sports Federation for all athletes. She confirmed that it has always been her view that there can only be one sports body. Mrs Lonsdale asked delegates to please support the Presidium.

Mr Ken Richards, of the U.S.A., supporting the Motion, said he can agree and understand what was passed by the AGM delegates today but, we will all have a



problem within the USA. The problem is as much perception as anything else because WDC have merely asked to sit at a table.

Mr Shawn Tay, opposing the Motion, said that he used to attend WDC AGM's before he came to IDSF. But at the time, IDSF was only an Amateur Federation and not an International Sports Federation. All this changed in 1997 when we changed the name to IDSF, changed the **IDSF Statutes** and received recognition from the IOC. He said that before the AGM he had specifically asked the Asian IDSF member bodies if there was any support for this Motion and said that there was no interest from the Asian members. Mr Tay further said that just because we have all tried over the years to speak with WDC does not mean we should stop. However, the time is not right to do this. At the moment, there are a mix of good and bad members within WDC and we would be foolish to recognise licenses from WDC in Asia. He argued that WDC has no minimum continuing professional development requirements, no Congresses, no training, no improvement. We must move forwards and not backwards – standards must rise. However, we must not close the door, it is always open to WDC when they finally understand what is required and fulfill all their obligations to join our family.

Mr Storbraten, of the IDO, supporting the Motion, said that this is really an important issue as a lot of IDO members come through WDC. He explained that IDO now had 95 countries. This year, 21 were new ones. IDO does want to work together for Vision 2012. *"We all want it to be a success. When we have come to an agreement then this meeting must accept the final result. In IDO, we are never talking about WDC or IDSF, we are not looking back. In my whole life we have always had this WDC and IDSF conflict. IDO will have a problem complying with Vision 2012. If this happens, this will create a new war. It would be a great help for Vision 2012 if the two bodies talk together."*

Mr Riis, speaking again, said that in Denmark the two bodies work very well and argued that we need to talk seriously to WDC.

Mr. Wilson, opposing the Motion, stated that as a very new Delegate he believed that it is refreshing to see a room full of people with a clear vision and pathway for DanceSport. There is a mix of views in the Australian IDSF Member body but it was his view that IDSF and the new Professional Division were a fantastic step forward to create the World DanceSport Federation under Vision 2012. Coming from a competitive background, Mr Wilson acknowledged that there are different pathways. However, he believes that the future is very clear and very simple. All members needed to develop this fabulous product. He also believed that you can only give the sceptics so many chances to be involved and if they want to be involved then there must be minimum requirements.

Mr Hinder, opposing the Motion, confirmed that there were many many fruitless discussions over the years and, IDSF offered to unfiy some 7 years ago. Mr Hinder had a strong personal opinion that IDSF must continue to develop as an IF.



Mr Tilenni, opposing the Motion, asked members to consider why WDC wants to speak or maybe even reach some agreement with IDSF now? As explained, some 7 years ago, IDSF had offered to give up our IOC, GAISF, IWGA and ARISF recognitions to unify in one DanceSport body. Delegates were asked to remember what happened – WDC refused to even discuss or debate the issue at their AGM. They ‘tabled’ the IDSF proposal. In Mr Tilenni’s opinion, they only now want to talk because of IDSF’s success including the development of IPDSC and the move to an IDSF Professional Division. Mr Tilenni believed that Mr Freitag was correct to make three minimum but reasonable requirements for talks with WDC. He also reminded Delegates that it cost much more than €1,000, which was the only amount paid by WDC in 2009 to IDSF, to defend the WDC’s Court action and a subsequent appeal in Spain, and that WDC has effectively ignored an Order of the Spanish Courts to pay IDSF’s costs. In addition, WDC continues to ignore Anti-Doping requirements and, we understand that they were unable to present timely or audited financial statements to their AGMs for two or three years. Therefore, how can anyone honestly and logically believe that we should risk being associated with this body until they are prepared to fully meet their obligations?

Mr Peter Maxwell, opposing the Motion, believed it was nonsense to request to start unbiased and unprejudiced negotiations. IDSF did offer to give up its valuable recognitions. At this time and in these circumstances, Mr Maxwell could not see how or why any organisation would be able to do this? Mr Maxwell then asked delegates to consider what was the exact motion passed at the WDC AGM? He explained that the motion would not allow any WDC Presidium member to be part of such a negotiation with IDSF, so he could not understand how WDC intends to take any notice of this Group of negotiators – it is just another time wasting tactic to delay IDSF’s growth as a Sports Federation. He believed that this was a very serious matter. Over the years, WDC have done nothing but work to undermine and attack IDSF – therefore, it is difficult to understand how negotiations could be unbiased and unprejudiced.

IN FAVOUR 34
AGAINST 77
ABSTENTIONS 12

The Motion failed.

20.5 Motions by Denmark -

20.5.1 Motion to change the bidding process regarding the European and World Championships Latin, Standard and Ten Dance. motion was withdrawn

20.5.2 Motion to change the status of the Senior 1 World Championships in Latin and Standard.



The Danish Dance Sport Federation (DS) supported by the Northern European Countries, hereby ask the AGM to change the Senior 1 World Championships in Latin and Standard from having a maximum of two couples from each country to participate into free participations in the Latin and Standard sections.

Reason:

To establish the senior 1 division as exactly the same as senior 2 – and let the senior divisions increasing continue and include the senior 1 as well.

On a show of hands opposition was overwhelming and a 2/3 vote was not achieved; no objections were raised when the Motion was declared lost.

20.6 Motions from USA Dance

20.6.1 PROPOSED CHANGE #1

Current Language of Rule 13.2.1:

A couple can only represent a country in any IDSF Championship or Cup if one of the partners holds a valid and subsisting passport of the represented country at the time of registration and the time of the relevant competition.

Suggested Modification of Rule 13.2.1:

A couple can only represent a country in any IDSF Championship or Cup if one of the partners holds a valid and subsisting passport of the represented country, **or in the case of countries that provide other forms of legal/permanent residency, each of the partners must have a minimum of such legal residency status as determined by the Member Body and the immigration laws of that country** at the time of registration and the time of the relevant competition.

Translation / Intent: a couple could be: (1) passport/passport, (2) passport/no legal standing, (3) legal resident/legal resident, (4) passport/legal resident.

Rationale:

IDSF Rules SHOULD NOT dictate to a Member Body how it defines a citizen or legal resident. This matter should remain the power of the Member Body. Each country sets its own rules for athletes that can represent them based on its immigration laws.

The IDSF should continue to maintain rules about time frames for representing one country or another. Nobody wants athletes to “country hop”. And the IOC’s rules for eligibility should be followed for the Olympics, World Games and other events under their domain.

Every country has different laws, expenses and timelines for obtaining a passport. USA Dance can provide a supporting legal opinion that gives a best-case-scenario of 5 years and \$10,000. In most cases it takes much longer for a person to obtain a US Passport.

There is no equity in how these matters are handled from one country to another. For example – there was a US figure skater that was instantly given a Georgian Passport so he could skate for their team in the 2010 Winter Olympics. Some sports associations clearly have more influence over the passport



process than others.

And some countries have different forms of recognized "legal" permanent residency. In these situations a person with a passport from another country has all the rights of a citizen except for voting. With this status in the USA, they can work, drive a car, own property, pay taxes, pay insurance, etc. But under the current IDSF rules these people cannot dance for the USA.

We should not interfere in the career of young athletes who are seeking new partnerships in a different country, just because of a passport. If they follow the eligibility rules and immigration laws of the new home country to become lawful residents – then they should be eligible to represent that country. Moreover we have instituted rules for helping couples move from one country to another with written permission and a release. The reason for this was to help the athletes. It makes no sense to allow them to change countries but permit them to represent that country only if they find a partner in the new country with a passport. And we see no reason why this restriction should impact the GRAND SLAM events. In these prestigious events there are NO REQUIREMENTS for representing a country.

Finally we must consider the rules of other organizations. The Rulebook for the WDC Amateur League was recently changed and now has the following language (excerpt):

4. Participation and registration of competitors.

4.1 A couple entering the competitions must consist of a male and a female partner.

4.2 A couple may represent a country in a competition if one of the partners holds a valid and subsisting passport or is a legal resident or has applied for permanent residency of the represented country at the time of registration for the competition and at the time of the competition.

IN FAVOUR 45
AGAINST 67
ABSTENTIONS 10

The meeting rejected the motion – a 2/3rds vote was required.

20.6.2 PROPOSED CHANGE #2 - motion was withdrawn

20.6.3 PROPOSED CHANGE #3

(If Change #1 or Change #2 is not accepted by the Member Bodies)

Current Language of Rule 13.2.1:

A couple can only represent a country in any IDSF Championship or Cup if one of the partners holds a valid and subsisting passport of the represented country at the time of registration and the time of the relevant competition.

Suggested Modification of Rule 13.2.1:

A couple can only represent a country in any IDSF **Closed** Championship or Cup if one of the partners holds a valid and subsisting passport of the represented country at the time of registration and the time of the relevant competition.

Translation Intent: "Open" World Championships would not be impacted by the passport restriction.



Rationale:

We instituted "open" worlds for financial reasons and to bring couples to our events. What is the reason we have for requiring these people to do something (get a passport) that the country they call home doesn't even make them do? There is none and the rule must change.

Here's why – by a real example:

There is a US couple that has lived in this country for 27 years with a "Green Card" (form of legal residency) status and passports from Holland. They have two children born in the USA with US Passports. They work in the USA, own a home, pay taxes and more – but under ISDF rules they are not allowed to enter the Senior-2 Open World Championships Standard as representatives of the USA.

By a show of vote the meeting overwhelmingly rejected the motion – a 2/3rds vote was required. There were no objections from the floor when the result was declared.

20.6.4 PROPOSED CHANGE #4

Current Language of Rule 11 – Age Restriction:

Senior III: one partner must have reached his or her 55th birthday or more in the calendar year. The other part must have reached his or her 45th birthday or more in the calendar year

Suggested Modification of Rule 11 – Age Restriction:

Senior III: reach 55th birthday or more in the calendar year.

Rationale:

The purpose of adding additional age divisions is to create a fair competitive event for athletes as they age. If a Senior III couple wishes to dance in Senior II, they have that freedom. But someone that has reached age of 55+ should not be forced to compete against someone that is 10 years their junior. A team comprised of 55/45 has a distinct age advantage over a team comprised of a 55/55 partnership. The 55/45 couple should be forced to dance in Senior II, the age of the youngest partner. Further, as a matter of consistency, Senior III should be handled the same as all other age divisions within the IDSF.

**IN FAVOUR 64
AGAINST 38
ABSTENTIONS 14**

A 2/3 vote was not achieved; the Motion failed.

The next three motions were taken together – 20.7, 20.8 & 20.9

20.7 Motions by France to Implement the IDSF Professional Division

WHEREAS IDSF and the International Professional DanceSport Council ("IPDSC"), have agreed in principle to create a new IDSF Professional Division;



1. MOVED, by Fédération Française de Danse, that the IPDSC Competition Calendar be transferred to the IDSF Professional Division without substantially changing competition names, dates or other important features.
2. MOVED, by Fédération Française de Danse, that IDSF take all necessary steps to effect the prompt transfer of registrations of IPDSC athletes and adjudicators to the IDSF Professional Division.
3. MOVED, by Fédération Française de Danse, that IDSF ask IDSF Member bodies to collaborate more closely with IPDSC professionals re: professional DanceSport competitions.

Reason: IPDSC and IDSF have reached agreement on the creation of an IDSF Professional Division by the supporters of the IPDSC. These Motions provide necessary steps and mechanisms by which to implement this new IDSF Professional Division.

20.8 Motions by Italy

Motions to Establish and Encourage the IDSF Professional Division

WHEREAS IDSF and the International Professional DanceSport Council ("IPDSC"), have agreed in principle to create a new IDSF Professional Division;

1. MOVED, by Federazione Italiana Danza Sportiva, that the IDSF Professional Division ("IDSF PD") be established within IDSF.
2. MOVED, by Federazione Italiana Danza Sportiva, that IDSF invite IPDSC athletes, adjudicators, trainers and other officials to register in the new IDSF Professional Division.
3. MOVED, by Federazione Italiana Danza Sportiva, that IDSF requests that each IDSF Member body which has not already done so, register and admit IPDSC athletes, adjudicators, trainers and other officials to a similar Professional Division within that IDSF Member body, by local agreements, according to local law.

Reason: ***IPDSC and IDSF have reached agreement on the creation of an IDSF Professional Division by the supporters of the IPDSC. These Motions provide the basis for founding this new IDSF Professional Division.***



20.9 Motions by Portugal to Expand the Activities of IDSF Professional Division

WHEREAS IDSF and the International Professional DanceSport Council (“IPDSC”), have agreed in principle to create a new IDSF Professional Division;

1. **MOVED**, by **Portuguese Dance Sport Federation**, that IDSF encourage the inclusion of IDSF Professional Division competitions in all IDSF-granted competitions, and recommends that at least one IDSF PD couple from each country enter every IDSF Professional Division Championship.

2. **MOVED**, by **Portuguese Dance Sport Federation**, that in future, any IDSF Member body may be represented in all kinds of Games recognized by the International Olympic Committee, including the World Games, MultiSport Games, Masters Games, by our current IDSF athletes or by IDSF PD athletes, according to the decision of that IDSF Member body.

Reason: *IPDSC and IDSF have reached agreement on the creation of an IDSF Professional Division by the supporters of the IPDSC. These Motions encourage the development of further standards and systems to support the implementation of this new IDSF Professional Division.*

The combined vote for all three motions was:

**IN FAVOUR 89
AGAINST 0
ABSTENTIONS 15**

Unanimous.

20.10 Motion by Italy - motion was withdrawn

Motion to create the most important event
in DanceSport with IDSF World Championships –

The Italian member withdrew the motion in order that there were no misunderstandings that this only applied to the Italian Federation. It was confirmed that the motion would be re drafted for the 2011 AGM.

20.11 Motion by Latvia

It was moved that the dates of IDSF Championships and Cups shall be published on IDSF web pages before 1st June of the previous calendar year.



Reason: To have a possibility to organise IDSF member countries national championships before corresponding IDSF events.

On a show of hands the Motion was adopted by a simple majority.

21. Election of the Presidium for the period 2010-2013

The President proposed to the meeting that Mr Erich Staeldi be appointed as electoral officer.

Erich Staeldi – the meeting voted unanimously to accept Mr. Staeldi’s appointment as Chairman for the elections.

Mr Staeldi confirmed that the new Presidium would be elected after the end of this meeting and declared a brief adjournment.

Mr. Staeldi reconvened the meeting at 5.35pm. He explained the procedure for the election. The same 4 scrutineers for the meeting were also approved by the AGM for the election.

A motion was moved that in the case that there is only one candidate then only that election be conducted by show of hands.

On a show of hands the Motion was approved by an overwhelming vote; no objections were raised when the result was announced.

21.1 President- Mr Carlos Freitag

Mr. Staeldi asked if there were any further nominations, but there were none.

An election was conducted and Mr. Staeldi confirmed that the meeting had unanimously elected Mr. Freitag. Mr. Freitag accepted election.

Mr Freitag said that he wanted to thank his wife Evelyn for her strong support would continue to work very hard for DanceSport and the IDSF.

21.2 1st Vice-President – Mr Lukas Hinder

Mr. Staeldi asked if there were any further nominations, but there were none.

An election was conducted and Mr. Staeldi confirmed that the meeting had unanimously elected Mr. Hinder. Mr. Hinder accepted election.

Mr Hinder sincerely thanked delegates for their trust and support and the support of his lovely wife.

21.3 General Secretary – Mr Shawn Tay

Mr. Staeldi asked if there were any further nominations, but there were none.



An election was conducted and Mr. Staeldi confirmed that the meeting had unanimously elected Mr. Tay. Mr. Tay accepted election.

Mr Tay sincerely thanked members for their support. Mr. Tay explained that he promised his wife that he would only stay a short time if elected. However, it is different and a huge honour being the first Asian person to be given the honour to serve as IDSF General Secretary.

21.4 Treasurer – Mr Tony Tilenni

Mr. Staeldi asked if there were any further nominations, but there were none.

An election was conducted and Mr. Staeldi confirmed that the meeting had unanimously elected Mr. Tilenni. Mr. Tilenni accepted election.

Mr Tilenni thanked members for giving him the honour to once again serve DanceSport. He explained that Treasurers are not usually loved, in fact they are usually hated because of the impact they on members in the work they do. Mr Tilenni believed that we all needed to embrace change and that DanceSport definitely has a date with destiny.

21.5 Sports Director – Mr Marco Sietas

Mr. Staeldi asked if there were any further nominations, but there were none.

An election was conducted and Mr. Staeldi confirmed that the meeting had unanimously elected Mr. Sietas. Mr. Sietas accepted election.

Mr Sietas thanked members for their confidence and support.

21.6 2nd Vice-President – Ms Natasa Ambroz

Mr. Staeldi asked if there were any further nominations, but there were none.

An election was conducted and Mr. Staeldi confirmed that the meeting had unanimously elected Ms. Ambroz. Ms. Ambroz accepted election.

Ms Ambroz thanked members for the chance to finalise the projects that she had been involved with from the start such as the new Adjudication system.

21.7 Six (6) Ordinary Members of the Presidium

The following persons were nominated by the Presidium:

Mr Pavel Dorokhov of Russia, Mr Jim Fraser of Canada, Mrs Heidi Goetz of Austria, Mr Keiji Ukai of Japan, Mr Michael Eichert of Germany and Mr Ferrucio Galvagno of Italy

Mr. Staeldi asked if there were any further nominations, but there were none from the floor. Therefore, he confirmed that delegates can only vote for these six candidates or abstain. If



there is a different name or less than six names on a ballot paper, then the vote would be invalid.

Mr Staeldi proposed that as there were only 6 candidates he could conduct the remaining elections by show of hands rather than secret ballot, and asked for a vote of approval.

On a show of hands his proposal was overwhelmingly accepted.

The meeting by show of hands voted as follows:

Mr Dorokhov

An election was conducted and Mr. Staeldi confirmed that the meeting had unanimously elected Mr. Dorokhov. There were two abstentions. Mr Dorokhov accepted election.

Mr Dorokhov confirmed that he would try his best and intensify his work with the European Commission.

Mr Fraser

An election was conducted and Mr. Staeldi confirmed that the meeting had unanimously elected Mr. Fraser. Mr. Fraser accepted election.

Mr Fraser thanked Delegates for their confidence and support.

Mr Galvagno

An election was conducted and Mr. Staeldi confirmed that the meeting had unanimously elected Mr. Galvagno. There were 18 abstentions. Mr Galvagno accepted election.

Mr Ferruccio Galvagno was stated that he was honoured to be the first Italian to be elected to the Presidium. He offered to work hard with the Olympic Community and Professional Division. Mr Galvagno also promised to work hard to win the future support of all members including those who abstained.

Ms. Goetz

An election was conducted and Mr. Staeldi confirmed that the meeting had unanimously elected Ms. Goetz. Ms. Goetz accepted election.

Ms Goetz, thanked delegates for their confidence. She has enjoyed working in the last three years in the Presidium and looks forward to the next 3 years.

Mr Eichert

An election was conducted and Mr. Staeldi confirmed that the meeting had unanimously elected Mr. Eichert. Mr Eichert accepted election.



Mr. Eichert said he is looking forward to helping the new IDSF Sports Director generally and on developing the new IDSF Adjudication System. He hopes that we can all continue with the good work for DanceSport. He sincerely thanked the members for their support.

Mr Ukai

An election was conducted and Mr. Staeldi confirmed that the meeting had unanimously elected Mr. Dorokhov. Mr Ukai accepted election.

Mr. Ukai thanked the members very much and confirmed that he would continue to speak up on behalf of ADSF. He is looking forward to great successes in the Asian Games but inclusion in the Olympics is his ultimate goal for DanceSport.

Mr Staeldi repeated that there were no arguments from delegates against the use of this procedure in the room and that everything that has occurred was totally correct under Swiss Law. There were no objections from the floor. Mr. Staeldi then announced that as his work as Elections Officer was finished he was returning the Chair to Mr. Freitag.

22. New Business

Mr Freitag thanked members for supporting the team nominated for the elections that had just been held. Some very historic decisions were achieved this weekend and he was convinced that IDSF was working in the correct way.

Mr Freitag thanked the retiring Presidium member, Petr Odstrcil, who worked very hard and Mr Freitag confirmed that Mr. Odstrcil would now work as the new Head of the DanceSport Academy. The members gave a standing ovation to Mr Odstrcil for all his innovations, selflessness in resigning as a Presidium member and hard work.

Mr Freitag explained that when he first considered taking on the role as President of IDSF, he first went to visit his good friend, Mr Juan Antonio Samaranch and asked for his advice. Samaranch was very clear and advised him that this was a wonderful opportunity and that he should accept the position of President. However, he also explained to him that his life would change completely – and he was right! This included being virtually on call 24 hours every day and travelling to many different meetings and competitions.

Mr Freitag promised members that the new Presidium would work very hard for next three years and achieve many more important things.

Mr Freitag also expressed his sincere thanks to Marco Sietas for his many, many hours of work and, to Txus for all her efforts during the year and leading up to the AGM.

A special thanks was expressed by Mr Freitag for his wife Evelyn for her continuous support because the work of the President is not very easy.



Mr Hinder then made the following statement on behalf of all Presidium Members:

"As you can understand, it is never easy to be President of any body. But even moreso if you are a President with a strategy and a vision which requires that members embrace change.

The last three years have been very hard work for Carlos Freitag but, I can say to you in all honesty that Carlos Freitag is a true leader in every sense of the word. He will not avoid his responsibilities or be afraid to work hard to ensure that DanceSport and IDSF take our rightful place at the table of world sport.

Deep down, I believe that we all know the fundamental truth that DanceSport and IDSF need to look to the future, and of course it has been difficult for all of us to consider and accept change. It is far easier to be lazy and do nothing rather than to confront what we need to do to continue to achieve our goals.

I therefore publically acknowledge and thank Carlos Freitag for his work on behalf of all of us, his patience, his understanding and his leadership. I also thank his wife Evelyn who without her total support Carlos would not be able to continue with IDSF's work."

A gift of a bouquet of flowers was presented to Evelyn by Lukas Hinder on behalf of the members.

The delegates applauded the presentation.

Future appointments to the Presidium

Carola Tuokko, of Finland, spoke saying that she understood that IDSF wants to follow new procedures such as other sports such as changes to competition Rules 50% plus 1 vote. As part of future changes, she suggested that external independent persons are used to find candidates for the Presidium.

Ms Tuokko said she was also confused by Mr Freitag's statement during the 2007 election that he wanted to have the General Secretary close to him. She asked if this was still valid given Mr Tay's appointment? Mr Freitag explained that technology such as Skype made it possible to have face to face discussions on a daily basis.

Mr Shawn Tay explained that he did not reply to Mr Freitag when he first asked him about standing for the position of IDSF General Secretary as he was shocked but honoured to be considered. He agreed that technology has made it possible for the General Secretary to be located anywhere in the world.



23. Adjournment

Mr Freitag confirmed that all delegates were delighted with the excellent organisation, hospitality and all the work of our Austrian Member. He thanked Mr & Mrs Goetz and the Austrian Federation for all their efforts.

The President asked for a Motion to adjourn, and the Meeting voted unanimously to adjourn at 6.22 pm.

Vienna, Austria, 13th June 2010

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Any proposed changes to the minutes must be submitted to the General Secretary no later than August 31, 2010

MINUTES PREPARED BY MR TONY TILENNI, IDSF TREASURER