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Proposed New IDSF Member Body In USA

At the 2004 Annual General Meeting of the International DanceSport Federation (IDSF) in Lausanne, Switzerland, on June 19-20, 2004, the IDSF Planning & Development Commission met with representatives of USA DanceSport, which is the IDSF Member and National Olympic Committee Member in the United States of America, and representatives of the National Dance Council of America (NDCA), the U.S. Member of the World Dance & DanceSport Council (WDDSC). It was agreed that both parties had tried over a number of years to build a combined administrative body in the USA and that these attempts had to date not been successful.

Representatives of IDSF subsequently travelled to the United States and met with members of the USA DanceSport Executive Committee there prior to attending the July, 2004 NDCA Board of Governors meeting in Hollywood, Florida.

The benefits of a combined peak body, properly representing all of the members of the DanceSport community were proposed, discussed and acknowledged by both sides.

To further this proposal it was further agreed that:

1. The proposed new governing body would be organized in strict conformity with the requirements of the United States Olympic Committee ("USOC") for a National Governing Body, and would be the National Governing Body for DanceSport in the USA, with full membership in the USOC.
2. The statutes of the proposed new governing body would be subject to ratification by the IDSF Annual General Meeting.
3. The proposed new governing body would be responsible only for DanceSport, excluding social dance and social dance Pro/Am (Teacher/Student) competitions.
4. Representation on the governing board of the proposed new peak body would be broadly based on a representative model. This new body would be a democratic non-profit membership organization open to all.
5. A Press Release describing this agreement would be released by IDSF.

Rudolf Baumann, President of the International DanceSport Federation (IDSF) commented: "The IDSF congratulates both USA DanceSport and the NDCA for their statesmanship in moving from conflict to a vision for the sound development of DanceSport in the USA. Their vision is for a new, separate peak body as the U.S. member of the IDSF and as the USOC member for DanceSport, with representative membership open to all members of the DanceSport community."

"While this is only the start of a process to build a new separate U.S. peak body, and while much work and many potential difficulties lie ahead, IDSF is pleased to strongly support these steps. Not only is the United States a very important Member-country for IDSF, but the United States model may also become a blueprint for future developments in other IDSF Member countries seeking to bring all members of the DanceSport community under one unified 'umbrella' organization."



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