

MINUTES
of the 2012 WDSF Annual General Meeting
held in Berlin, GERMANY on Sunday, June 17, 2012

1. President's opening remarks and call to Order at 10am.

Mr Freitag asked the President of the host German WDSF Member body DTV, Mr Franz Allert to speak.

On behalf of DTV, Dr Thomas Bach President of German Sports Federation and Vice President of IOC, Mr Allert welcomed the delegates to Berlin, the capital of a unified Germany. He also thanked WDSF for the opportunity to host this AGM on DTV's 100th Anniversary. In the spirit of friendship Mr Allert presented a famous "Berlin bear" to Mr Freitag.

Mr Allert explained that the first dance competition was held in 1912 in Berlin, Germany, and said that he was very proud for DTV to contribute to the development of DanceSport and said "...Let us hold intensive discussions in friendship for the development of DanceSport."

Mr. Freitag thanked Mr Allert and began the day by making a special presentation to Mr. Helmut Roland. The following is a summary of Mr. Freitag's speech:

The WDSF Long and Distinguished Service Award

I am delighted this year to present the WDSF Long and Distinguished Service Award. This award is presented in recognition of outstanding services to WDSF and the development of DanceSport.

The Award this year is being presented to Mr. Helmut Roland. Mr Roland work is in the area of Sport and Event Photography including:

- Photos
- Documentation & presentation of Sport and private events.
- Specialising in DanceSport photography

Mr Roland has cooperated with WDSF and provided photos of WDSF events whenever needed. His photos have been published in Tanzspiegel and Dance Beat. WDSF acknowledges Mr. Roland's amazing photographic work for DanceSport.

In August 2010, Mr Freitag secured Mr Roland's cooperation with WDSF to intensify the reporting on WDSF Championships all over the world and at the same time created live blogs. In 2011, Mr Roland attended 14 WDSF competitions all over the world and supported WDSF communications.

Mr. Roland's commitment and selfless dedication to his work on behalf of DanceSport has been incredibly impressive and deserving of this recognition.

Mr Roland describes himself as an enthusiastic photographer of DanceSport who works to show the elegance and dynamism of this sport, as well as emotions in his pictures.



The President asked Delegates to confirm by acclamation the awarding of the 2012 Long and Distinguished Service Award to Mr. Roland for his services to DanceSport. The Delegates unanimously acclaimed Mr. Roland as he accepted the Award.

Mr Roland thanked the Presidium and members for the award. In his opinion, DanceSport is the most interesting sport in the world. Mr Roland believed that by watching Dancesport you can feel a sprinkling of athleticism, artistry, high energy and a wonderful sense of something special. Mr Roland thanked delegates for their support for his work.

The President called the 2012 WDSF Annual General Meeting to Order at 10.05.

On behalf of the Presidium and Members, Mr. Freitag welcomed all participants to the meeting.

A special welcome was provided to:

Honorary President of WDSF PD	Peter Maxwell
Honorary Member of WDSF	Heinz Spaeker
Director of WDSF Professional Division	Alexander Melnikov
President of WRRC	Miriam Kerpan-Izak
President of WBTF	Sandi Wiemers
IPC Wheelchair Technical Committee	Grethe Andersen
President of UCWDC Organising Committee	Jeff Bartholomew
Vice-President of the IDO	Michael Wendt
Advisors, IDSF Communications	Roland Hilfiker
	John Caprez
Advisor for TV and Media	Richard Bunn
Athletes Commission	Zoran Plohl
Co-Chairman Committee of National & Non Olympic Sports Russia	Aleshin Gennady
Councillor to the President 2014 Sochi Winter Olympic Games	Nikolay Lents

Mr Freitag also welcomed new Presidents:

Mr. Bozidar Cavala, Croatia	(Present)
Ms. Eva Bartunkova, Czech Republic	(Present)
Ms. Makpal Karibzhanova, Kazakhstan	(Present)
Mr. Titunin S.M., Kyrgyz Republic	(Not present)
Ms. Bernadette Kester, Netherlands	(Present)
Mr. Vasile Gliga, Romania	(Not Present)
Mr. Fabrizio Perrotto , San Marino	(Not Present)
Ms. Sabrina Sim, Singapore	(Not Present)
Mr. Marc-Frédéric Schäfer , Switzerland	(Present)
Ms. Violetta Kim, Uzbekistan	(Not present)

Mr Freitag also welcomed new WDSF Full Members:

San Marino – Mr. Fabrizio Perrotto, President	(Present)
Malaysia – Mr. George Tan, President	(Not Present)
Cyprus – Mr. Demetris Constantinou	(Not Present)



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Excused from this meeting:

Mr. Rudi Baumann, Honorary Life President of the WDSF
Mr. Ko de Mooy, WDSF Anti-Doping Director
Mr. Erich Stäldi, Chairman WDSF DC

Passed away:

WDSF Honorary Life President

Detlef Hegemann, GER
1927 - 2011

The noted German Engineer, Industrialist, Entrepreneur and former President of WDSF for some 33 years passed away last year. Our deepest sympathies are extended to his dedicated wife.

Former WDSF Press Commissioner

Werner J. Braun, GER
1927 - 2011

The German professional journalist Werner J. Braun worked for many years as the WDSF Press Commissioner. Some of his work has survived to this day and I am sure that delegates will honour his passing.

Mr Freitag requested delegates to stand for a minute of silence in memory of Mr. Hegemann and Mr. Braun, which they all did.

Mr. Freitag thanked Delegates and continued with the meeting by confirming that according to Article 21 of the **WDSF 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 to 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 from around 13.00 until 14.00.

2. Roll Call and Ascertainment of Votes

65 Country Bodies represented (130 votes) including 13 proxies.
3 Associate Members (6 votes exercised).
1 Honorary Member (1 vote)
1 Provisional Members (no vote).

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES	--	137
50% + 1 majority	--	69
2/3 majority	--	92



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ATTENDANCE OF MEMBER BODIES & ASSOCIATE MEMBER BODIES:

Full Member Bodies Represented (2 votes each):

Andorra (proxy to Portugal) Argentina (proxy to Ecuador), Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia & Herzegovina (proxy to Portugal), Canada, Chile (proxy to France), China, Chinese Taipei, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, England, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Georgia, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia (proxy to Korea), Ireland, Israel, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Kyrgyz Republic (proxy to Kazakhstan), Latvia, Lebanon (proxy to France), Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macau, Malta, Malaysia (proxy to Hong Kong), Mexico (proxy to Ecuador), Moldova, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, San Marino, Scotland, Singapore (proxy to Korea), Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain (proxy to Switzerland), Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine, U.S.A., Uzbekistan (proxy Switzerland), Vietnam (proxy Hong Kong), Wales.

65 Full Members were represented, 52 by Delegates and 13 by proxy.

Provisional Member Bodies (no votes):

Colombia

Associate Member Bodies Represented (2 votes each): WRRRC, UCWDC & WBTF.

3 Associate Members (six votes)

Honorary Life Member (1 vote)

Mr. Heinz Spaeker

Other Federations represented

International Paralympic Committee Wheelchair DanceSport (IPC)

International Dance Organisation (IDO)

3. Approval of the Agenda

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

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

4. Allocation of Time

Mr. Freitag said he 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 speaker could speak for a maximum of 3 minutes on a subject. The mover of any motion will be allowed 6 minutes' initial argument and further time to respond at the end of debate.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

5. Appointment of Scrutineers

The following Delegates were nominated by the Presidium to count votes when necessary to determine the outcome of a Motion:



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Asushi Yamada, Japan
George Yip, Hong Kong
Marc Schaefer, Switzerland
Karen Larson, Ecuador

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

6. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting

There were no objections to the minutes of the last AGM, therefore they deemed to be passed unanimously without amendment.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

7. Presidium's Motion to expel DanceSport Federation of Russia (DSFR) from World DanceSport Federation under article 5 (8) of the WDSF Statutes... (see WDSF website)

7.1. Introduction by the President

The President introduced the Motion. He highlighted that that state accreditation of the DSFR had been withdrawn until at least 2016. He reminded the meeting that the Russian Ministry of Sport had informed the WDSF by letter that only state-accredited federations may produce or licence national and international competitions in Russia.

More generally, the DSFR no longer had the support of the Russian sport authorities including the National Olympic Committee. The President clarified that the Motion was proposed primarily because the DSFR was no longer able to function as a national Member federation.

7.2. Statement by the DSFR

DSFR President Mr. Sergei Salnis spoke and reminded the meeting that the DSFR was a long-standing Member of the WDSF. He disputed the claim that DSFR was prevented from organising competitions due to the suspension of its state accreditation.

Mr. Salnis expressed the view that the WDSF had not done enough to support the DSFR in Russia. Mr. Salnis concluded by stating that DSFR had never breached the **WDSF Statutes**.

7.3. Other speakers

Certain delegates asked on what basis DSFR could be excluded if one accepted that they had not breached the **WDSF Statutes** or regulations. Mr. Wenzel, a Swiss lawyer who is the WDSF legal adviser, clarified that the Motion to expel DSFR was not based on one of the violations or acts of misconduct set out at art. 14.1 of the WDSF Statutes but on the wider authority of the General Meeting to expel a Member pursuant to art. 5.8 of the **WDSF Statutes**.

Certain delegates asked the President to give further information about what he had done to support DSFR, in particular during his trips to Russia. The President replied that he had worked very hard to support DSFR, including meeting with a number of government and sport officials, but that he had been unable to prevent the withdrawal of DSFR's state accreditation.



Mr. Melnikov was asked to speak on the situation in Russia. He reported that DSFR had lost the support not only of the government and sport authorities, but also of athletes and coaches. He said that he had spoken personally to athletes who were in favour of the recently formed and state-accredited Russian DanceSport Union (RDSU).

Mr. Salnis was given the opportunity to respond to each speaker and did so each time. In particular, he disputed that WDSF or its President had supported DSFR and asked for the support of the General Meeting.

At the end of the debate, the President asked Mr Salnis if there was anything else he wanted to say. Mr Salnis agreed that he had nothing else to contribute to the debate.

There were no further members who wished to speak on this matter.

7.4. Concluding Response by the President

After the long debate, the President decided that it was not necessary for him to make any concluding remarks. Mr Freitag asked if members wanted him to read the latest letter from Russian NOC or print extra hard copies of the letter for members at the meeting. There was no corresponding request from the members.

7.5. Secret ballot by the Member Bodies

The Meeting conducted a secret ballot.

7.6. Result of the Voting and Decision

In Favour	87
Against	33
Abstentions	15
Missing	2

MOTION CARRIED WITH TWO THIRDS MAJORITY OF VOTING MEMBERS

As the Russian WDSF Member body had now been expelled, the voting changed as follows:

- 64 Member Bodies represented (128 votes) including 13 proxies.
- 3 Associate Members (6 votes exercised).
- 1 Honorary Member (1 vote)
- 1 Provisional Members (no vote).

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES	--	135
50% + 1 majority	--	68
2/3 majority	--	91

8. President's Report

Mr. Freitag's detailed written report is on the WDSF website



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

Mr. Flemming Riis, Denmark, asked Mr Freitag what basis he had to conclude that athletes, officials and the public were very pleased with the new Adjudication system. Mr Riis explained that the sponsors in Denmark did not want the new system and the Danish WDSF Member lost sponsorship as a result of the system.

Mr Freitag explained that each year he attended many competitions worldwide and it was during these visits that he spoke to a very wide range of persons. During these discussions he received an enormous amount of positive feedback on the new Adjudication system which is based on the ISU system as accepted by the IOC.

There being no further questions, delegates voted.

The meeting overwhelmingly accepted the President's report.

9. First Vice-President's Report

Mr Hinder's detailed written report is on the WDSF website

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

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

10. Finance / Treasurer's Report

(Chair: T. Tilenni)

Please refer to pages 55 to 92 of the AGM Booklet

The Treasurer, Mr. Tony Tilenni, explained to delegates that the excellent audited surplus of CHF382,763 was an accurate reflection of the continued and amazing strength and growth of WDSF despite a very difficult financial environment.

He also explained that there is a need to spend more to assist with the development of DanceSport and WDSF

Members were advised that a new computerized invoicing system for WDSF was being implemented with the assistance of John Caprez, commencing in July with the preparation of the September 2012 Competition invoices

In the meantime, Mr. Tilenni asked for Members' cooperation to make sure all outstanding fees are paid on time. It is very difficult and time-consuming to collect fees from Members particularly when WDSF do not have a full time Accounting office.

The Treasurer asked if there were any questions in relation to his detailed written reports on **pages 55-60 and 73-78.**

There were no questions.

The meeting unanimously accepted the Treasurer's reports.

10.1. Balance Sheet as at December 31, 2011 and Income and Expenditure Account – page 63 & page 67 & 68 - 72



Mr. Tilenni confirmed that the accounts were sent by e-mail by our General Secretary as required by the **WDSF Statutes**.

The meeting unanimously accepted the 2011 Audited Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account.

10.2. Auditor's Report – page 61

The report of the Auditor, LIGUSTER Treuhand- und Verwaltungs-AG, of Zurich, Switzerland, dated May 10, 2012 was sent to Members by the General Secretary as required by the **WDSF Statutes**. The Auditor's report is also included in the booklet for this AGM.

The Treasurer explained that under the **WDSF Statutes** there is no need to reappoint the Auditors until the 2013 AGM.

The meeting unanimously accepted the Auditor's reports.

10.3. Adoption of the Financial Examiner's Report

Mr. Tilenni asked Professor Dr. Kiyotaki Uzaki, Member of the WDSF Finance Commission and Financial Examiner, to present his Financial Examiner's Report for the year ended December 31, 2011. The report is reproduced below;

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

The three of us, Mr. Tony Tilenni (Treasurer), Mr. Lukas Hinder (1st Vice President) and myself (Financial Examiner) have thoroughly discussed the financial future and strategies of WDSF.

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

The global financial crisis has impacted on the world economy as well as WDSF'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.

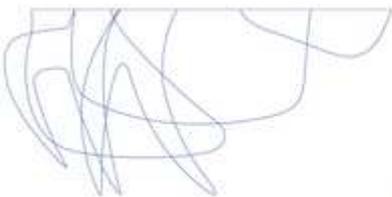
Finally, I wish to express my gratitude to both Mr. Tony Tilenni and Mr. Lukas Hinder. I am deeply grateful to both of you for your cooperation and valuable contributions."

The Delegates unanimously accepted the 2011 Financial Examiner's Report.

10.4. Adoption of the 2012 WDSF Budget – pages 83-85

The meeting unanimously accepted the 2012 Budget.

10.5. Adoption 2013 WDSF Provisional Budget – pages 83 - 85



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The meeting unanimously accepted the 2013 Budget.

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

11. Report of Sports Director / Sports Commission (Chair: M. Sietas)

Mr Sietas's detailed written report is on the WDSF website

The Sports Director asked if there were any questions in relation to his report.

He mentioned that World Opens with greater Ranking points were now being conducted by more and more Members.

It was also welcome that prize monies for Championships and Grand Slams were steadily increasing including prize money for the PD.

At the moment Mr Sietas was working on a new version of Adjudication system. Many members want to have the new system presented at a national level.

Ken Richards thanked Mr Sietas for all his hard work. Mr Richards asked why the Operating Policy for elections of the Athletes Commission had changed.

Mr Sietas replied that he provided support to the Athletes' Commission and that it had been announced that a Chair would be elected from the four World Championships last year. However, this was not his responsibility and so he could not provide additional answers to Mr Richards.

There were no further questions.

The meeting unanimously accepted the Sports Director's report.

12. Report of the Membership Commission

(Chair: M. Sietas)

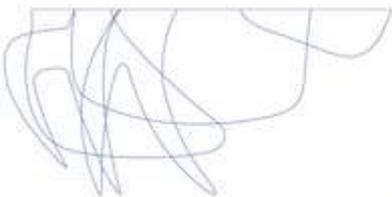
The Chair of the Commission, Mr Sietas, asked if there were any questions in relation to his detailed written report.

He confirmed that WDSF was sending many trainers to South America and spending money to support the development of DanceSport. A similar approach would be used in developing DanceSport in Africa in the next twelve months.

Mrs Tolmacheff Scardina, USA, asked about getting DanceSport into the Pan American Games.

Mr Sietas explained that he contacted Mr. Gutierrez and had commenced lobbying NOC members. He also explained that it takes time to achieve these things. It is not easy. WDSF needs to have a minimum number of South American members to qualify for entry to these Games.

The meeting unanimously accepted the Membership Commission's report.



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13. Report of the General Secretary

Mr Tay referred members to his written report.

Mr Peter Maxwell, England, stated that he was saddened, annoyed and offended to see the comments about England. It has humiliated England in as much as promoting someone other than the WDSF Member body.

Mr Riis asked what had happened to the membership of the English Amateur DanceSport Association (EADA) in WDSF.

Mr Fraser reported that EADA had resigned from WDSF, that a new English body, DanceSport England (DSE), which was formed by English people to replace EADA, had applied for Membership, and that WDSF Presidium accepted this administrative change in membership.

Mr Maxwell explained that the formation of DSE was an internal reorganization to better represent DanceSport in England. He believed that there were deep concerns about the future membership of Wales and Scotland in WDSF.

Mr Michael Webley, Wales, expressed Wales's concerns that the Presidium might be seeking to remove Wales as a member.

Mrs Dorothy Louttit, Scotland, agreed with these concerns and also reported that there would be a referendum in 2014 for the independence of Scotland and so asked that the Presidium not act in haste.

Mr Freitag replied that the Presidium did not want to expel Wales or Scotland, but did want one umbrella Federation formed to work to gain NOC recognition.

Mrs Louttit asked what would happen if Scotland gained independence. Mr Fraser stated that WDSF has a strict policy of not supporting any side in any countries' politics. WDSF confines itself to sporting matters and so, with great respect, cannot comment on the referendum.

Mrs Webley, Wales, argued that the United Kingdom consists of England, Scotland and Wales and that they have totally separate Governments.

Mr Maxwell commented that it is a goal of DSE to create one body in the United Kingdom but that England does not want to impose itself on Wales and Scotland.

The President explained that the references in the General Secretary's report were unintentional and Mr Maxwell accepted this explanation.

There were no further questions.

The meeting overwhelmingly accepted the General Secretary's report.

13. Report of the Legal Commission and Statutes Revision Commission (Chair: J. Fraser)

Mr Fraser's detailed written report is on the WDSF website. He asked if there were any questions in relation to his detailed written report. There were no questions.

The meeting unanimously accepted the Legal Commissioner's report.



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14. Report of the Anti-Doping Commission

(Chair: J. De Mooy)

On behalf of Mr De Mooy, Mr Freitag asked if there were any questions in relation to the detailed written report which highlighted the amount of time and effort necessary to have a fully compliant and operational Anti-Doping Program with some 150 tests worldwide.

During the last 12 months, WDSF as the only representative for DanceSport worldwide received a "Certificate of Compliance" to confirm that its activities were meeting WADA requirements as required by the IOC and all Governments worldwide.

Mr Fraser explained that Mr De Mooy emailed him expressing his sadness at not being at the AGM after 11 consecutive years, because he was recovering from cancer treatment.

The meeting thanked Mr. de Mooy for all his very hard work and wished him a quick recovery.

There were no questions.

The meeting unanimously accepted the Anti-Doping Commissioner's report.

15. Report of the Communication Director

(Chair: H. Götz)

Mrs Goetz detailed written report is on the WDSF website

The Communication Director asked if there were any questions in relation to her detailed written report.

Mrs Goetz referred members to the report during the Forum. Mrs Goetz thanked members for their work and support.

There were no questions.

The meeting unanimously accepted the Communication Directors report.

16. Report of the Educational Department

(Chair: N. Ambroz)

Mrs Ambroz's detailed written report is on the WDSF website

The Second Vice President and Education Director asked if there were any questions in relation to her detailed written report. There were no questions.

The meeting unanimously accepted the Education report.

17. Report of the Athletes Commission

NO REPORT AVAILABLE.

Mr Freitag advised that no report has been received. Mr Freitag also explained that the Presidium agreed to accept the results of the election of a new Chair of the Athletes Commission from the voting at the last four World Championships in 2011. The new Chair is Mr Zoran Plohl, a former WDSF World Latin Champion and current WDSF Professional Division World Latin Champion.



Mr Plohl introduced himself to members and confirmed that his appointment would commence from July 1, 2012. As Chair of the Commission, Mr Plohl believed that he was in an excellent position to represent the views of other elected Commission members and athletes. Mr Plohl's first priority was to have the final elected structure from all Continents and WDSF Associate members. Only then could the Commission say that it represented all WDSF athletes. In his opinion, the top athletes supported the Presidium's policy in maintaining the integrity of the WDSF DanceSport system by not competing at unregistered events.

Mr Allert said that on June 8, the Presidium appointed Mr Plohl as an interim measure and asked where were elections held? In his opinion, the procedure was not in accordance with the Operating Policies of the Athletes Commission. He did not believe that there was any reason to ask the previous Chair, Mr. Timo Kulczak, to resign before this AGM. Mr Allert requested that Mr Kulczak be asked to present his report.

Mr Freitag confirmed that the four WDSF World Championships in the 2011 calendar year were used to elect the new Chair and reminded members that Mr Kulczak had been appointed by the Presidium and not elected by the Athletes. He also reminded delegates that the detailed results of the elections over the four World Championships were emailed to all delegates. The wishes of the Athletes to have Mr Plohl represent them rather than Mr Kulczak were very clear.

Mr Allert again asked to have Mr Kulczak present his report and Mr Freitag agreed.

Mr Kulczak explained that he was not asked to send a report by the General Secretary. He added that it was now difficult to stand at the AGM and speak

He said his Report would have explained what occurred in the last year. The election process would have been finalized by the end of this year and a new election would have been held in January, 2013 for a new Chair.

Mr Kulczak believed that it was the duty and obligation of the Chair to speak on behalf of the athletes. He said that Mr Freitag had requested that he please either follow the Presidium or he would be released from his duties.

Mr Freitag explained that this interpretation was not correct and that he disagreed with Mr Kulczak's explanations. He wanted for the Commission to be operational as soon as possible so that it could offer a diversity of views and opinions but he did not believe that this was happening.

Mr Kulczak reported that in the Athletes' Forum held in Moscow, elections had been conducted for regional representatives from Europe.

Mr Tay stated that he wanted to speak personally on this matter. In the past, he had accepted a big responsibility to work as Asian Affairs Director and he took his role very seriously. He asked Mr Kulczak what he had achieved in the last two years? WDSF is still waiting for elected representatives to represent the Continents of Asia, Africa, America and Australia. Over the last two years, the Athletes Commission appears to have only been representing the views of Europe and this was just not acceptable.

Mr Kulczak responded that the process was underway and would be achieved by early next year.



Mr Freitag explained that when all Presidium members were asked to vote to remove Mr Kulczak, only one member voted against. In addition, all Presidium Members voted in favour of appointing Mr Zoran Plohl as the new Chair of the Athletes Commission.

The discussion concluded.

18. WDSF Professional Division Report

(Chair: A. Melnikov)

The PD Director Mr Melnikov's detailed written report is on the WDSF website

Mr. Melnikov asked if there were any questions in relation to his detailed written report.

There were no questions.

The meeting unanimously accepted the PD Director's report.

19. WDSF Disciplinary Council Report

(Chair: E. Stäldi)

On behalf of Mr Staeldi, Mr Freitag asked if there were any questions in relation to the detailed written report. There were no questions.

The meeting unanimously accepted the DC report.

20. Election of WDSF Disciplinary Council (DC) Members Term 2012 – 2015

Mr. Freitag asked WDSF First Vice-President Mr. Lukas Hinder to conduct the elections of the WDSF Disciplinary Council Members for the 2012–2015 term.

Mr. Hinder presented a short overview of the procedure for these elections:

- 20.1 Elections of the WDSF DC Chairman
- 20.2 Elections of the WDSF DC Members
 - 20.2.1 Election of the current DC Members
 - 20.2.2 Election of a new DC Member

Voting Process: The elections of the WDSF DC Chairman and the WDSF DC Members thereafter will be conducted by a show of hands according to Art. 11(5) of the **WDSF Statutes**.

The WDSF Presidium suggested to the Annual General Meeting the election as the new WDSF DC Chairman:

Mr. Daniel STEHLIN, Switzerland, Master's Degree in Law, Public Prosecutor.

Date of Birth: July 10, 1971

**Employment: Department of Public Prosecution,
Special Office for Prosecuting Organized Crime,
Basel, Switzerland
Public Prosecutor**

Mr Stehlin introduced himself to the Delegates. He said that his personal goal is to answer quickly and within reasonable time any matters referred to the DC. He also believes that transparency is essential whilst maintaining confidentiality and impartiality is assured. Mr Stehlin will also provide reasons why DC decisions are taken. He believes that his role must be based on comprehensive legal rules and judicial independence.



Mr Stehlin predicted that this role will not be easy.

In accepting nomination for this Chairmanship, he does have the experience from his work and advice provided to the Swiss Federation.

The DC Chair is responsible to all members as he is elected by the AGM and therefore only accountable to AGM.

Mr Stehlin offered his services, his responsibility and commitment and confirmed that he would work hard for DanceSport.

The meeting unanimously elected Mr Daniel Stehlin as Chairman of the WDSF Disciplinary Council (DC).

Mr Stehlin thanked Delegates and said that he accepted his election. Mr. Hinder noted that there were no objections.

The WDSF Presidium and the new elected Chairman of the WDSF DC suggested to the General Meeting the re-election of the current WDSF DC Members:

Dr. Marcos de Robles / Spain (as a DC Vice-President)
Mr. Christoph Rubien / Germany (as a DC Vice-President)
Ms. Karina Geerts / Belgium
Mr. Hermann Götz / Austria
Mr. Noel Laman / The Philippines
Dr. Antun Marki / Croatia
Mr. Lars Wallin / Sweden
Mr. Peter Loja / Slovakia

Mr. Hinder confirmed that all these candidates had agreed that to accept election.

On behalf of the Presidium Mr. Hinder proposed to motion to conduct the re-election of these candidates *in corpore*, by one combined vote.

First the meeting unanimously agreed to election *in corpore* and then it unanimously elected all of these candidates as Members of the WDSF Disciplinary Council.

The WDSF Presidium and the Chairman of the WDSF DC suggested to the Annual General Meeting the election of Erich STÄLDI/ Switzerland, Attorney-at-law, now the former WDSF DC Chairman, as a DC Commission Vice-President for a one year term (until 2013 WDSF AGM).

Mr. Hinder confirmed that Mr. Stäldi agreed to accept election as a Vice-President for a one-year term to assist with the transition to the new Chair.

The Meeting unanimously elected Mr. Erich Stäldi as (third) Vice-President for one year term (until the 2013 WDSF AGM).

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

Mr Wolfgang Eliasch, from Austria moved the motion to approve of the Presidium's work in the last twelve months. The following is a brief overview of Mr Eliasch's speech to the motion:

- Mr Eliasch asked delegates to support the work of the Presidium to develop the WDSF.
- There is no doubt that this continues to be very difficult work.



- In fulfilling the work it is impossible to satisfy all stakeholders.
- There was no doubt that the Presidium deserved thanks for fulfilling these responsibilities for this last year and he wished delegates the very best for running the rest of the AGM.

The motion was overwhelmingly approved.

22. Remaining Presidium's Motions:

22.1. Motion 1: to Modify the Statutes, the Athletes' / Adjudicators' Code of Conduct and Standards of Ethics and the Code of the WDSF Disciplinary Council (see AGM Booklet pages 140 – 214)

The President asked the First Vice-President to conduct this part of the meeting.

Mr. Hinder referred to his extended presentation at the Forum on the previous day, Saturday, June 16, 2012 and, in particular, to the proposed voting procedure.

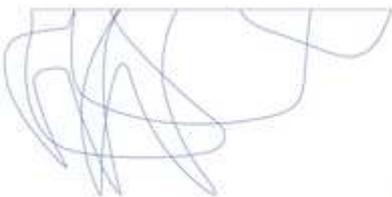
Mr Hinder made the following preliminary remarks:

- Two alternative proposals exist for modifying the **Athletes' Code**, i.e. the Presidium Athletes' Code Motion and alternatively the Members' Motions nos. 9 and 10, see items 23.9 and 23.10 of the Agenda (for Motion #9, see AGM Booklet pages 305 – 311; and for Motion #10, see AGM Booklet pages 313 – 319).
- The AGM can either approve one of the motions (but not both) or reject both motions, in which case the **Athletes' Code** would remain in its current form.

Description of Voting Procedure and Outcome:

- The AGM will first vote on the Presidium's **Athletes' Code** Motion.
- If the Presidium's **Athletes' Code** Motion obtains a simple majority, it is approved and the Members' **Athletes' Code** Motion is deemed withdrawn.
- If the Presidium's **Athletes' Code** Motion does not obtain a simple majority, it has failed and the AGM will then vote on the Members' **Athletes' Code** Motion.
- If the Members' **Athletes' Code** Motion obtains a simple majority, it is approved.
- If the Members' **Athletes' Code** Motion also fails to obtain a simple majority, the **Athletes' Code** remains unchanged.

As a preliminary matter, Mr. Hinder introduced a proposed amendment to the Presidium's **Athletes' Code** Motion as a result of various Delegates' suggestions at the WDSF Forum yesterday. The amendment was an additional paragraph in the proposed **Athletes' Code** and **Adjudicators' Code** which would require WDSF Members to seek a general consent on behalf of their athletes re: events which were registered by a WDSF Member but which included athletes affiliated to other WDSF Members under "participation agreements" between such Members; these events would technically constitute non-registered international events under the former text of the proposed **Athletes' Code**.



The proposed amendment, which was presented to the meeting on a screen and read aloud by Mr. Wenzel, was as follows:

Athletes Code: 3.2.7:

"With respect to an International Event organised or sanctioned by a WDSF Member in which all participating athletes are affiliated to either (i) the organising/sanctioning WDSF Member or (ii) WDSF Members in other countries with whom the organising/sanctioning WDSF Member has concluded a specific agreement providing for such participation, the organising/sanctioning WDSF Member shall be entitled to request from the WDSF a general consent. If granted, the general consent would cover all the athletes mentioned at (i) and (ii) above and render unnecessary individual requests by such athletes with respect to the International Event in question. A request for a general consent should be sent by the relevant WDSF Member to the Sports Director in the manner indicated above no later than three months prior to the commencement of such event."

After the introduction of the proposed amendment, there was a robust and lively debate of the Presidium's Motions and Members' Motions. The following is a brief summary of discussions:

Various Delegates stated that they did not agree with the imposition of suspensions on athletes who participated in non-registered events and expressed the view that the participation by athletes in non-registered events caused no harm to athletes or the WDSF.

Several Delegates also expressed concern that suspensions might contravene laws in their countries and not be enforceable, particularly re: suspensions from national events. Other Delegates questioned who would pay the costs of any legal cases resulting from suspensions imposed by WDSF Member bodies.

The Presidium (assisted when necessary by Mr. Wenzel) explained that the proposed codes (the "Ethical Codes") did not amount to a complete ban on athletes participating in non-registered events. Athletes would be able to seek consent for participation from either their Member federations or the WDSF depending on whether the relevant event was categorised as domestic or international.

The Presidium emphasized its clear view that any restriction on participation in non-registered events should be based on sporting principles. However, the Presidium believed that some level of regulation of participation in non-registered events was necessary in order to promote and protect the WDSF sporting system, its values and quality standards.

Mr. Wenzel explained that many other federations, including Olympic federations, exercised some form of control over the participation of their athletes in non-registered events, whether through a complete ban, a veto system or through eligibility criteria.

Mr. Sietas stated that the vast majority of athletes with whom he had spoken over the past twelve months supported the idea that participation in non-registered events should be regulated and, where necessary, suspensions imposed. Some Delegates disagreed and argued that athletes did not support the Presidium's motions.

Some Delegates expressed the view that the consent system would be a heavy administrative burden. Others made the point that it might be difficult to know in advance if a competition was international or purely domestic and therefore whether the WDSF or relevant WDSF Member body was responsible for granting consent. One Delegate did not agree that WDSF should be allowed to refuse consent without giving reasons.



Delegates from the Members which submitted the Members' alternative Motions explained that their Motion was intended as a compromise. Mr. Wenzel expressed concerns that the Members' alternative Motions did not appear to be based on objective sporting criteria and, in particular, that this could possibly lead to issues about enforceability of the relevant rules.

At this point in the debate, Mr Freitag requested a 15 minute break in the AGM to allow the Presidium to consider its Motions and to consult with the movers of the Members' alternative Motions in order to find a common position.

After the break, Mr Freitag explained that the Presidium had reached a common position with the movers of the alternative Motions. As a result, the Presidium and the movers of the alternative Motions all agreed to withdraw all of the motions regarding the Ethical Codes.

Mr Freitag then confirmed to the AGM that work would commence on new combined Presidium and Members' motions and updated Codes to be presented to the 2013 AGM for the Members' consideration.

The President clarified that, as the relevant Motions had been withdrawn, the existing Ethical Codes of Conduct would remain unchanged, but the President also made the following announcements:

- The Presidium gave its commitment that from now on sanctions would not be imposed for participation in non-WDSF events until this subject is reconsidered by the 2013 AGM in Shanghai.
- The Presidium also agreed that Athletes and Adjudicators who had been suspended for participation in non-registered competitions may apply to be reinstated, preferably through the Presidents of WDSF Member bodies.
- As part of maintaining the high standards of the WDSF sporting system, including compliance with the Ethical Codes, the President urged Member bodies to encourage all athletes and officials not to attend non-registered events.

The Delegates supported these proposals.

22.2. Motion 2: to amend the WDSF Financial Regulations

MOVED, that the current version of the *IDSF Financial Regulations* be amended as shown below which are **underlined** for changes to the Regulations, or for renumbering or clarification of existing competition fees:

Refer to attached revised Financial Regulations.

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22.3. Motion 3: to amend WDSF Statutes Article 17: Professional Division

The President informed the Delegates that the Presidium was withdrawing this Motion. However, due notice is given that motion will be considered at the 2013 AGM.

22.4. Motion 4: to repeal the WDSF Competition Rules and adopt the new WDSF Competition Rulebook.



Refer to attached document.

Mr Sietas spoke about the new Rules which were presented to the Forum. He confirmed that some items still needed to be changed such as "Showdance" as the new name for Freestyle.

Mr Sietas asked for questions.

Mr. Thomas Redmond, Ireland, asked about the new Rulebook. It seems that some rules have changed, see page 259, Rule X.2 re Adjudicators' Licences. MS agreed to an amendment substituting the old rule that Adjudicators must reside in a WDSF Member body's country for 6 months before being able to obtain a Licence from that body. He also confirmed that Rule X.2 provides that applicants must be members of a WDSF National Member body.

Mrs. Sandy Brittain, Canada, referred to page 238 under the Age Restrictions, which does not say that Juniors must dance in the Youth Category.

Mr Sietas explained that the practice is that the two categories are combined. However, although members **may** combine them they do not have to.

Mr Riis referred to page 239 and explained that Danish judges were not members of the Danish WDSF Member body but were licensed by it.

Mr. Lars Wallin, Sweden. asked if Adjudicators can actually choose which country they represent? Mr. Sietas agreed to relook at this and prepare a procedure to prevent such a practice.

Mr. Wallin referred to page 238, E1.1. He believes that the text needs to be changed and proposed an amendment that there can be three athletes for Rock 'n Roll competitions. Mr. Sietas accepted the proposed amendment to the text of this rule.

The Motion with amendments to the text of the Rule Book as accepted by Mr Sietas, was approved

23. Members' Motions

23.1. Motion 1: Motion from WDSF Member Federation in Russia to amend WDSF Statutes Article 5 ; Association of members

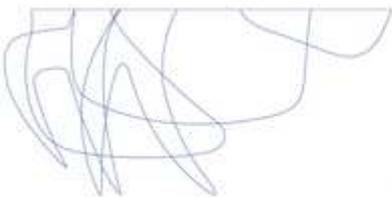
23.2. Motion 2: Motion from WDSF Member Federation in Croatia to amend WDSF Statutes Article 5 ; Association of members

23.3. Motion 3: Motion from WDSF Member Federation in Slovenia to amend WDSF Statutes Article 5 ; Association of members

23.4. Motion 4: Motion from WDSF Member Federation in Sweden to amend WDSF Statutes Article 5 ; Association of members

23.5. Motion 5: Motion from WDSF Member Federation in Germany to amend WDSF Statutes Article 5 ; Association of members

23.6. Motion 6: Motion from WDSF Member Federation in Denmark to amend WDSF Statutes Article 5; Association of members



The President Moved that the above Member Motions 23.1 to 23.5 be considered together.

Unanimously Approved

MOVED, that the WDSF Statutes be amended with the new Article 5 as can be seen on the WDSF website

Mr Allert spoke in favour of the motion. In the 2011 WDSF AGM it was not possible to support this motion. It provides the possibility to create these federations, and could possibly assist the Asian DanceSport Federation by providing a clear basis in the **WDSF Statutes**.

Mr Freitag said that the Presidium created a Presidium's "European Commission" some years ago but that it has produced nothing. He asked why a European federation is required. He advised the meeting that the Presidium agrees with the concept but opposes the implementation of the concept at this time.

Mr Fraser commented that the Motion proposes continental or regional associations for Asia, the Americas, and Oceania but said he believed that no Members in those regions had been consulted, and he argued that this is not the way to propose a motion. If we are to consider such a motion the movers need to consult and obtain real support from more than just Europe.

Mr Riis asked when is the right time to create this structure?

Mr Freitag believed that the right time is when we are totally integrated with our other disciplines per Vision 2012.

A 2/3 majority is required.

In favour 51

Against 62

Abstentions 15

The motion failed.

23.7. Motion 7: Motion from WDSF Member Federation in Estonia to amend WDSF Statutes Article 16; Management and Representation

The mover withdrew this motion for resubmission in 2013.

23.8. Motion 8: Motion from WDSF Member Federation in USA to revise the WDSF Competition Rules

The mover withdrew this motion but would like to make sure that in future any text changes be highlighted. Mr Sietas agreed to this request.

The following two motions were already debated under Item 22.1.

23.9. Motion 9: Motion from WDSF Member Federation in USA to modify WDSF Athlete's Codes of Conduct and Standards of Ethics.



WITHDRAWN

23.10. Motion 10: Motion from WDSF Member Federation in Germany to modify WDSF Athlete’s Codes of Conduct and Standards of Ethics

WITHDRAWN

23.11 Motion 11: Motion from WDSF Member federation in France to amend Article 13 of the WDSF Statutes to provide for a 4-Year term for WDSF Presidium.

Ms. Nouné Marty, France, for the mover, argued that we should align the Presidium’s terms with most Olympic Federations to be 4 years.

In favour	85
Against	36
Abstentions	8

The motion was approved

24. Election of one WDSF Presidium Member to serve the remainder of Mr. Ferruccio Galvagno’s term of office until 2013

Mr. Galvagno had resigned. Mr Hinder explained that each candidate is permitted to speak for 2 minutes. The winner would be the candidate who obtains highest number of votes.

Mr Hinder confirmed that the Presidium recommended the election of Ms. Nouné Marty to fill the position until the 2012 WDSF AGM.

Mr Hinder asked if there were any other candidates. Mr Allert nominated Mr Ken Richards, USA, who accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations and so the list of candidates was closed.

Mr Hinder asked if Mrs Marty would accept if elected. She confirmed she would.

Mr Hinder asked if Mr Richards would accept if elected. He confirmed he would.

Ms Marty spoke to delegates and explained that she was a Tap Dancer and other kinds of dance. She teaches Jazz and tap dance. She said that the Presidium asked her to be a candidate and she considered it very seriously because it is a great responsibility. She wants to work for the future. We need to fight for the future. Even if not elected she will still work hard with the Presidium.

Ken Richards said he was delighted to have been asked to be a candidate. Having worked together he admired much of the work that the Presidium has performed. He confirmed that if elected he would work for all members.

Mr Hinder confirmed that voting card #1 would be used for a secret ballot. The members voted as follows:

Nouné Marty	53	votes
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Ken Richards 78 votes

Mr Ken Richards was declared elected until next AGM in 2013.

25. New Business (miscellaneous)

2013 AGM in Shanghai on June 16th, 2013.

Mr Tay explained that 6 very good applications were received for the next AGM but the best application was from Shanghai.

The Chinese member was then permitted to show the video of the Shanghai bid and then presented for the meeting.

The representative of China, Mr. Jimmy Su Jie spoke to the members and thanked the Presidium for awarding the 2013 AGM to Shanghai. He confirmed that the Chinese Government is totally committed to making sure that the 2013 AGM will be a huge success.

THANKS

Mr. Freitag believed that all Delegates were delighted with the wonderful organisation, hospitality and work of our German Member body on the occasion of DTV's 100th Anniversary. He especially thanked Mr. Franz Allert, Mr. Peter Joachim and their hard working Committee and DTV for all their efforts. He also thanked them for the planned boat trip and dinner tonight.

26. Adjournment

Carlos Freitag
WDSF PRESIDENT

Shawn Tay
WDSF General Secretary

Minutes prepared by Tony Tilenni, WDSF Treasurer

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