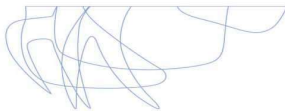


**WDSF PROFESSIONAL DIVISION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WARSAW
26th OCTOBER 2024**

E - BOOKLET





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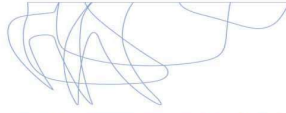
PREAMBLE (B)

Excerpt from WDSF Statutes

Article 17

Professional Division

1. The Professional Division is responsible for the internal administration of WDSF with respect to professional DanceSport competition rules and professional DanceSport competitions, including licensing professional athletes, teachers, trainers, coaches and adjudicators, establishing and administering the **WDSF Professional Division Rules**.
2. The Professional Division is authorized to govern its own administration of professional DanceSport as set out in these **Statutes**, and may establish its own Managing Body (“the WDSF PD Managing Body”), Departments and Commissions as part of that work, but it shall at all times respect WDSF’s general internal and external administrative jurisdiction, the modern democratic principles of free societies, modern sporting principles, modern management principles, all relevant laws and tribunals of competent jurisdiction, and WDSF’s universal requirements with respect to ethics, Anti-doping, and other financial, administrative and sporting policies, regulations and requirements established by WDSF or the WDSF Presidium from time to time.
3. The Professional Division General Meeting is composed of ~~the~~ two Delegates selected by each WDSF Member body registered with Professional Division from that Member body’s own professional division, department or commission, and is convened at least once a year. Each WDSF Member body registered with Professional Division must provide one of its Delegates with written power of attorney, which constitutes the authority for that Delegate to vote. Only one Delegate per Member may vote. The Professional Division Director, Managing Body and Delegates may carry on the business of the Professional Division at meetings or by mail, telephone, e-mail or fax transmission, or other form of electronic communication, according to the procedural rules which they establish themselves.
4. The Professional Division General Meeting shall elect at least every four (4) years the WDSF Professional Division Director and up to four (4) members of the WDSF PD Managing Body and may do so more frequently according to its discretion. The WDSF Professional Division Director is the Professional Division’s principal political representative, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer. The WDSF PD Managing Body assists the WDSF PD Director in managing the Professional Division according to the principles established by the Professional Division’s Administrative Rules.
5. The Professional Division is self-financing, and shall maintain a separate fund, and, if it wishes, a separate bank account or accounts, to receive and administer any funds it receives or collects, and that fund shall be administered solely by the Professional Division, subject only to WDSF’s general rules for administering and accounting for its own funds and subject to the Professional Division Director’s duty to make full disclosure of such administration and accounts to WDSF Treasurer every six (6) months.



6. The Professional Division Director must present the Professional Division's financial report to every Ordinary General Meeting and every meeting of the Presidium.
7. In view of the international composition of the Professional Division and the potential difficulties which could occur in settling disputes when disagreements arise between the Professional Division and (a) the General Meeting, (b) the Presidium (including its Commissions) or (c) an other person or body which WDSF or the Presidium decides is affiliated to WDSF, the Professional Division shall attempt to settle all such disagreements in good faith by negotiation, provided always that in the event of a disagreement which any party to it decides cannot be resolved by negotiation, such disagreements and disputes shall be subject to the binding decision of the WDSF Disciplinary Council.
8. Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary in these **Statutes**, no part of this Article 17 may be changed by the WDSF General Meeting without the consent of the majority of the Delegates to the Professional Division General Meeting, provided always that such consent may be given prior to, concurrent with or subsequent to such General Meeting.

PREAMBLE (C)

Majorities

1. Simple majority

For votes within the General Meeting, a "simple majority" of the voting Delegates is normally required. This can be seen in article 11 paragraph 4 of the WDSF statutes: "Except as otherwise provided in these Statutes, the General Meeting passes its resolutions by simple majority of votes of the voting Delegates, including proxy holders.

For the simple majority, only the yes and the no votes are counted. The simple majority is attained if the sum of the yes votes is higher than the sum of no votes. Abstentions and/or invalid votes are not counted (article 11 paragraph 4 of the WDSF statutes).

In the event of an equal number of yes votes and no votes, the President of the WDSF (or, in his absence, the Chairman of the General Meeting) may cast a deciding vote (article 11 paragraph 4 of the WDSF statutes).

2. Qualified two-thirds majority

For certain decisions, the WDSF requires a qualified majority of two-thirds. For the qualified two-thirds majority, only the yes and no votes are counted. The qualified two-third majority is attained if the sum of yes votes is twice as high as the sum of no votes. Again, abstentions and/or invalid votes are not counted (article 11 paragraph 4 of the WDSF statutes).

According to the WDSF Statutes, the following decisions require a qualified two-thirds majority:



- The **revisions of Statutes** (article 11 paragraph 4)
- The submission of **urgent motions** by the Presidium without prior notice (WDSF Statutes article 11 paragraph 8).
- **Admission of membership** if the membership application is not admitted by the Presidium (WDSF Statutes article 5 paragraph 2).
- **Expulsion of a member federation** (WDSF Statutes article 5 paragraph 8).
- **Dissolution of the WDSF** within the context of a General Meeting called specifically for the purpose of such dissolution and where two-thirds of the members are present or represented (WDSF Statutes article 22 paragraph 1).

3. Motions of order (hereafter: MOO) during the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Motions of Order (hereafter: MOOs) are motions concerning the conduct of the General Meeting. They can take place at any time during the AGM. MOOs are treated immediately. By way of example, the following motions may occur at the General Meeting:

- **MOO for modification:** Any member can ask to modify the content of a motion on the agenda. The motion for modification must be well formulated and must be in accordance with the basic scope and intention of the motion. The motion to modify the topic on the agenda is accepted with a **simple majority**.
- **MOO for a break:** The Chairperson of the AGM can decide at any time to introduce a break; the decision to take a break requires a **simple majority**.
- **MOO for a change of the order of the topics on the agenda:** A Delegate may at any time ask to change the order of the topics on the agenda which have not yet been treated. The motion to modify the order of topics on the agenda requires a **simple majority vote**.
- **MOO for secret ballot:** The motion for a confidential vote can be accepted by a **one-third vote** (WDSF Statutes article 11 paragraph 5).
- **MOO for confidential discussion concerning candidates:** If an election takes place the General Meeting may request a confidential discussion. This is a discussion about the candidates, without the presence of the candidates. For such a discussion the candidates have to leave the room (or the meeting platform in the case of online AGM). The motion can be accepted by a **simple majority**.

Verena Šulek,
WDSF PD Director



AGENDA ITEM 2

REPORT ON CONVOCAATION OF 2024 PD AGM AND SUBMISSION OF MOTIONS

1. First notice with the call to the 2024 WDSF PD AGM in Warsaw was sent to WDSF PD Member Bodies on 12th July, 2024, by email containing the following documents:

- Provisional Agenda
- Form for Nomination of delegates and Power of Attorney to 2024 PD AGM
- Form for Nomination of delegates to 2024 PD AGM (Provisional PD Members)
- Form for Nomination of Proxies to 2024 PD AGM (Full PD Members)

Deadline for amendments to the Provisional Agenda and submission of PD Members' motions (**24:00 CET on 16st August 2024**) was circulated in this email too.

2. No Motions from WDSF PD Member Bodies were received until 16th August 2024.

3. The second notice was sent to all PD Member Bodies by email on 12th September with the reminder about the deadlines for the nomination of Delegates until 26.10.2024 and for the booking of the accommodation in the Regent Warsaw Hotel until 16th September.

4. On 13th September the third email notice was sent to all PD Member Bodies with the information that **no motions were received nether from PD Member Bodies nor from PD Management Board. The final Agenda of the 2024 PD AGM was attached.** The reminder for nomination of the Delegates was repeated and the nomination Forms attached again.

5. On 8th October the fourth email notice was sent to WDSF PD Member Bodies with all at that time available documents prepared for the PD AGM as follows:

- Final Proposed Agenda of the 2024 PD AGM
- Minutes of the 2023 PD AGM in Madrid
- Report of the WDSF PD Director to the 2024 PD AGM
- Financial Report with the Income Statement and Balance Sheet for the year 2023
- Budget Report with the proposed Budget 2024 and Provisional Budget 2025
- Report of the PD Athletes' Representative
- Report on Candidacies for the Substitute PD MB Member

In this email all WDSF PD Member Bodies received also **the link to access the Box website** with all available documents prepared for the 2024 PD AGM **including the E-Booklet** containing some basic regulations relevant for conducting WDSF PD AGM and all available reports in one PDF file.

6. On 18th October the email notice was sent to all the Delegates registered to the 2024 PD AGM. The notice contained the information about the AGM with the attached documents listed above in point 5 and with this Report in Convocation added. **The link to access the Box website** where the available documents are posted was given with the information that **the E-Booklet** with all the documents in one PDF file is also available in the Box.

Verena Šulek
WDSF PD Director



AGENDA ITEM 7

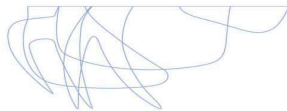
AGENDA of the 2024 AGM of WDSF PROFESSIONAL DIVISION

REGENT WARSAW HOTEL

Saturday, 26th October 2024 at 16:00 CET

1. Call to Order and Special Welcomes
2. Report on Convocation of the AGM and Submission of Motions
3. Roll Call and Ascertainment of Votes
4. Appointment of the Chairperson of the Meeting
5. Appointment of the Scrutineers
6. Appointment of the Recording Secretary of the Minutes and 2 verifiers of the Minutes
7. Approval of the Agenda
8. Allocation of time
9. Confirmation of the Minutes of the WDSF PD AGM of 10th June 2023 in Madrid
10. Report of the WDSF PD Director
11. Financial Report 2023
12. Budget 2024 and Provisional Budget 2025
13. Report of the PD Athletes representative
14. Approval of the work of the PD Management Board
15. Election of a PD Management Board Member
16. Any Other Business (Miscellaneous)
17. Adjournment.

Verena Šulek
WDSF PD Director



AGENDA ITEM 9

Minutes of 2023 WDSF PD Annual General Meeting Madrid, Saturday, June 10, 2023

1. Call to Order and Special Welcomes by WDSF PD Director

Ms. Verena Šulek, PD Director, called the meeting to order at 16:25 p.m. She shared with the delegates and guest her pleasure of being able to welcome everybody in person again after 4 years since the last General Meeting in person in Budapest. She extended her special welcome to:

- WDSF First Vice President and Vice President for Finance, Mr. Tony Tilenni,
- WDSF Vice-Presidents and WDSF Presidium Members,
- WDSF General Secretary, Mr. Sergey Nifontov,
- President of DanceSport Asia Mr. Guochen Yin,
- President of Dancesport Europe Mr. Robert Wota and
- WDSF Honorary Member Mr. Heinz Spaeker.

Ms. Šulek informed the meeting that WDSF President, Mr. Shawn Tay, excused himself due to the personal reasons and asked for the display of his video address to the delegates and guests at the meeting on the video screen. Mr. Peter Maxwell, the Honorary Life President of WDSF PD, also excused himself with a letter, which was displayed at the screen.

2. Report on Convocation of the Meeting and Submission of Motions

Ms. Šulek asked for the slide with the short excerpt of the Report on Convocation and submission of Members' motions which was distributed to all PD Members and delegates, and available to all attendees also in the E-Booklet. The displayed excerpt was as follows:

PD AGM has been convened by email to all PD Member Bodies on 23.02.2023,

Five Members' motions have been received from AUDSF PD (Ukraine) on 31.03.2023,

USA Dance motion adjourned at 2022 PD AGM was taken into the agenda of 2023 PD AGM,

PD Management Board (further referred to as PD MB) adopted its motions by email voting closed on 27.04.2023,

Final agenda and all motions have been sent by email to PD Members on 28.04.2023,

All Reports with the agenda and motions were sent to PD Member Bodies on 26.05.2023 and E-Booklet to all nominated delegates and guest on 30.05.2023 with the link to DanceSport Box where all the documents are posted:

<https://dancesport.box.com/s/1blkb8mcltefimygyjoui05q87h8wv3> .

The Report showed that the 2023 PD General Meeting has been convened in accordance with the Article 17 of WDSF Statutes and PD Administrative rules. As there were no questions Ms. Šulek continued to the next item.



3. Roll Call and Ascertainment of Votes

Ms. Šulek asked Ms. Aimie Leak to report about the attendance at the Meeting and the report was submitted as follows:

- Present voting delegates with the right to vote: 36 with 72 votes
- Number of delegates voting 1 proxy each: 3 with 6 votes
- Total number of votes present at the time of report: 78
- Two third majority: 52 votes
- Simple majority: 39 votes

According to the provisions of the Administrative Rules the PD General Meeting was duly constituted.

Ms. Šulek informed that only PD AGM may exempt a PD Member from payment of the PD Membership Registration Fee. She asked for a motion of urgency from the delegates to exempt All Ukrainian DanceSport Federation from payment of Membership Registration Fee for the year 2023 and thereby enable the President of All Ukrainian DanceSport Federation to exercise the right to vote. She informed the delegates that the approval to table such a motion requires 2/3 majority, and the approval of motion itself a simple majority. She asked if there was a Delegate from the floor to put forward such a motion of urgency.

Mr. Herman Goetz, the Delegate of Austria, proposed the suggested motion of urgency.

Ms. Šulek thanked, and hearing no request for the discussion, the vote was conducted. After carrying through the voting, Ms. Šulek declared that the motion of Urgency passed unanimously and she formulated the content of the motion as follows:

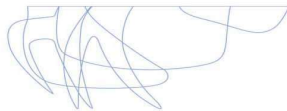
Moved that the AGM exempts All Ukrainian DanceSport Federation from payment of the Membership Registration fee to WDSF Professional Division for the year 2023.

After voting, Mrs. Šulek informed that the motion was approved unanimously and the Ukrainian Delegate Mr. Andriy Polyvka received the voting cards.

Thereby, the number of votes at the meeting increased by 2 and, as also the last accredited voting Delegate, missing at the beginning, joined the meeting with further 2 votes, the total number of votes present increased to the final number of 82. The complete list of delegates present is posted in the DanceSport Box.

Mrs. Šulek explained that All Ukrainian DanceSport Federation (further referred to as AUDSF) submitted 5 motions to the General Meeting, motion 1 having 2 points. In the Point 2 of AUDSF motion 1 there was the requests to deny the delegates of All Russian Federation of DanceSport and Acrobatic Rock and Roll, and of Belarus DanceSport Alliance the participation at the 2023 WDSF PD AGM and to put this issue as first on the 2023 PD AGM agenda.

The Roll Call and Ascertainment of Votes is the most appropriate point in the agenda for the decision about the mentioned Ukrainian motion under the condition that the delegates hear and decide first on the PD Management Board motion 1.1, which is the response to the Point 2 of the AUDSF motion 1. However, due to the fact that National Member Bodies of Russia



and Belarus didn't nominate their delegates to the 2023 PD AGM, the Point 2 of the Ukrainian motion 1 became pointless. Therefore Ms. Šulek asked the delegates of AUDSF if they were ready to withdraw the Point 2 of their motion 1, while the Point 1 of their motion will be put forward in the Item 16 of the agenda under PD Members motions.

Mr. Andry Polyvka, a delegate of AUDSF, confirmed that AUDSF is withdrawing Point 2 of their motion 1. Thereby also PD MB motion 1.1 became pointless, and was also withdrawn.

4. Appointment of the Chairperson of the Meeting

Mr. Šulek expressed her conviction that those who attended previous General Meetings of the Professional Division would remember that at this point the Chairing of this Meeting will be handed over to one of the delegates.

Ms. Šulek proposed Mr. Sean Smullen, a dedicated representative of Professional Division athletes at the WDSF Athletes' Commission. As a native English Speaker and, being this year also the Delegate of Dance Sport Ireland, Mr. Smullen is eligible to be appointed to chair the today's General Meeting.

As there was no other proposal, the proposal was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

5. Appointment of the Scrutineers

Mr. Smullen thanked for the confidence for being appointed to Chair the Meeting. He announced to proceed with appointment of the scrutineers, and proposed the delegates Ms. Aimie Leak from Ireland, Mr. Phil Lee from Canada and Mr. Pietro Braga from Italy. As he was informed that Mr. Phil Lee was not present, he reduced his proposal to Ms. Leak and Mr. Braga, and asked if there was any additional proposal.

As there was no other proposal, the proposal to appoint Ms. Aimie Leak and Mr. Pietro Braga as scrutineers was unanimously approved.

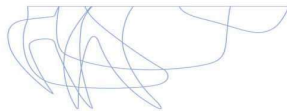
6. Appointment of the Recording Secretary and two Verifiers of the Minutes

Mr. Smullen proposed Ms. Dragana Majcen, the Delegate from Croatia, to serve as recording secretary upon her previous consent to accept the task.

As there was no other proposal, the proposal to appoint Ms. Dragana Majcen as Recording Secretary of the minutes was unanimously approved.

Mr. Smullen continued asked for a motion from the floor to appoint two verifiers of the minutes. A delegate from Poland, Mr. Marek Chojnacki, proposed the following two delegates: Mr. Aleksander Makarov from Estonia, and Ms. Lena Arvidsson from Sweden.

As there were no other proposals Mr. Smullen put the proposal to the vote and after finishing declared the proposed verifiers of the Meeting. Aleksander Makarov and Lena Arvidsson having been appointed unanimously.



7. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Smullen proceeded to the approval of the agenda of the Meeting. The Provisional agenda was circulated to all PD Member Bodies on 23rd February with the deadline for motions to amend the agenda on 31st March 2023. There were no motions for amendments, and the Final agenda was circulated on 28th April.

As there wasn't any proposal for discussion, the proposed agenda was put to the vote, and it was carried unanimously.

8. Allocation of Time

Mr. Smullen proceeded to the topic of allocation of time for the remaining agenda items of the Meeting. He reported that there should be the balance between the right to discuss things, and the necessity to finish all the business in the limited amount of time left. PD Director with the support of PD Management Board recommended that each delegate may speak for a maximum of 3 minutes on a subject. Movers of the motions would be allowed 5 minutes and at the end of the debate they may respond.

As there was no request for discussion, the proposal was put to vote, and carried unanimously.

9. Confirmation of the Minutes of the WDSF PD online AGM of 5th June 2022

The Chair informed that the minutes of the 2022 WDSF PD online AGM have been prepared in time, verified by the two appointed verifiers and circulated to all PD Member Bodies on 29th July 2022. As no questions or objections to the circulated minutes were received neither from WDSF Member Bodies nor from the delegates to the AGM, the minutes were put to vote.

After conclusion of the voting, the Chair announced that the Minutes of the 2022 AGM were unanimously confirmed.

10. Report of the WDSF PD Director

Mr. Smullen invited Ms. Šulek to present her report. Ms. Šulek presented the highlights of her report. She started with the general circumstances determining PD activities in 2022, and continued with listing the PD Title competitions held in 2022, followed with the results of best PD couples at the 2022 IWG World Games in the United States of America and with the already organised and further planned PD Title competitions in 2023. She mentioned the introduction of the new PD Ranking System, which is effective since May 2022, and seems to be very well accepted by the PD athletes. She revealed that during the past 12 months PD MB held one online and one in-person meeting, while the decisions about matters requiring immediate attention were taken by email correspondence, at least twice a month and even more frequently, when necessary.



Ms. Šulek summarised her report with the finding that the year 2022 was still under the influence of the Covid-19 pandemic and additionally affected by the sanctions against Russian and Belorussian Athletes and Officials due to the war in Ukraine. Although a significant number of new WDSF athletes joined PD recently, the consequence of the absence of Russian and Chinese competitors has been reflected in the participation at PD competitions, which has been mostly 50 – 60 % of the participation achieved in the pre-Covid period. In spite of all the problems experienced during the past three years, Ms. Šulek concluded with her belief in the positive development of WDSF PD in the rest of 2023, and in the years to come.

At the end she presented Prof. Dr Helmut Roland, a member of the WDSF communications team, who is voluntarily attending and making video records of PD World Championships. Ms. Šulek asked Prof. Dr Roland to present a short video “The Best of WDSF PD in 2022”.

After the video presentation Mr. Smullen thanked for the PD Director’s Report and asked if there were any questions or comments.

As there were none, the voting was carried, and Mr. Smullen announced its unanimous approval.

11. Financial Report 2022

Mr. Smullen invited Ms. Šulek, to present the financial report for the year 2022.

Ms. Šulek reminded that the report with the Financial Statements has been available in the E-booklet. She accompanied her presentation with 2 slides with the most important data extracted from the audited Financial Statements of Professional Division. The figures show that the 2022 financial results were much better than 2021 because in 2021 more than half of the adjudicators and athletes, who paid their fees in the Covid Pandemic year 2020, were exempted from payments and consequently the total income was very low.

WDSF PD STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES 2022 COMPARED TO BUDGET 2022 and to STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES 2021	PD Result 2021 CHF	PD Budget 2022 CHF	PD Result 2022 CHF	Differr. Resu 22/ Resul 21 CHF	Differr. Resu 22/ Budg.22 CHF
Total Operating Income	53.255	128.150	111.200	57.945	-16.950
Total Operating Expenses	70.268	126.250	97.212	26.944	-29.038
Operating Surplus / Deficit	-17.013	1.900	13.988	31.001	12.088
Non-operating Income / Expenses	428		-588	-1.016	-588
Surplus/Deficit	-17.441	1.900	13.400	30.841	11.500

Due to the surplus of income over expenses in 2022, the net assets were increased for the amount of surplus as displayed on the big screen:



ASSETS	Balance at 31/12/2021 1 CHF	Balance at 31/12/2022 2 CHF	Difference 2022-2021 CHF
Bank CHF Account 82788465-9440 C (CHF)	168.786	159.395	-9.391
Bank EUR Account 82788465-9441 L (EUR)	5.204	8.777	3.573
Cash at Hand	0	0	0
Total Cash	173.990	168.172	-5.818
Receivables (Debtors)	1.550	12.005	10.455
Liabilities (Creditors)	-12.370	-3.607	8.763
NET ASSETS	163.170	176.570	13.400

Ms. Šulek commented that it was good to see that PD is in a solid financial condition and thereby able to support PD athletes with prize money contributions and with end of the year reward to the 10 top ranked PD couples in the form of contribution to their travelling expenses.

At the end, Ms. Šulek thanked WDSF 1st Vice President for Finance, Mr. Tony Tilenni and his personal assistant Ritva Juhe, WDSF administrator Mr. John Caprez and WDSF PD member bodies, WDSF PD athletes, and dedicated organizers of WDSF PD competitions.

Seeing no further requests for discussion Mr. Smullen asked the delegates for the approval of the WDSF PD Financial Report with the 2022 Financial Statements.

The Report and Financial Statements were approved unanimously.

12. Budget 2023 and Provisional Budget 2024

Ms. Šulek asked for the slide showing the key figures of PD Budgets of 2023 and 2024 compared with the 2022 result. The income is planned stable and the expenses slightly increasing, mainly due to the increased cost of travelling and all other services as a consequence of the persistently high inflation.

WDSF PD BUDGET 2023 COMPARED TO THE INCOME STATEMENT 2022 AND PROVISIONAL BUDGET 2024	PD Result 2022 CHF	PD Budget 2023 CHF	Provis. Budget 2024 CHF
Income and Expenses			
Total Operating Income	111.220	128.600	127.500
Total Operating Expenses	97.212	131.800	135.500
Operating Surplus/Deficit	13.988	-3.200	-8.000
Surplus/Deficit	13.400	-3.200	-8.000



As there were no questions or comments from the delegates Mrs. Šulek invited Mr. Tony Tilenni in his role as WDSF Vice President for Finance for his comment.

Mr. Tilenni praised Ms. Šulek, as a fantastic PD Director and Treasurer whom he has full faith in. He informed that accounts were presented very clearly. Mr. Tilenni congratulated Mrs. Šulek on her work, as the Treasurer.

As there was no discussion for this topic, Mr. Smullen asked the delegates to vote on approval of the proposed Budgets.

The Budget 2023 and Provisional Budget 2024 were approved unanimously.

13. Report of the PD Athletes representative at the WDSF Athletes' Commission

Mr. Smullen reported on the content of PD Athletes' Representative Report circulated to delegates.

Mr. Smullen extended his gratitude to the PD competition organizers, as well to presidents of PD Member Bodies, for organizing PD events without which there would be no Professional Division.

Mr. Smullen, in the name of PD athletes, thanked the WDSF PD Management Board for the formation of new rankings which encourages athletes to stay in the Professional Division for longer than a year or two, and as well for decision to reward, at the end of the year, top 10 couples by ranking with 1000 euros towards their travelling expenses.

At the end, Mr. Smullen thanked Mr. Roland for his dedicated work in documenting PD events. As well, he appealed to the delegates to encourage their members to join the division and to activate their licenses, in order to grow the number of athletes and events, so that the division would be even stronger, and more attractive.

Mr. Oleksii Vahin, a Delegate from Ukraine, asked Mr. Smullen, as a representative of PD athletes, for the comment can the delegates hope that there want be no violations in the next election of representative of Professional Division in WDSF Athletes Commission.

Mr. Smullen declined to comment the subject.

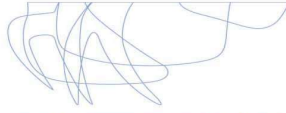
As there were no further questions, Mr. Smullen asked for the approval of the PD Athletes' Report.

The Report of PD Athletes' representative at the WDSF Athletes' Commission was approved unanimously.

14. Approval of the PD Management Board's Work

After the approval of the PD Athletes' Representative Report, Mr. Smullen asked for the motion from the floor to approve the work of PD Management Board.

Ms. Anna de Grande, a Delegate from England, praised the accomplishments of the PD Board and PD Director Ms. Šulek in the very demanding circumstances, and she proposed the



delegates to approve the work of the PD Management Board during the past 12 months since the last PD Meeting.

After voting, Mr. Smullen informed that the PD Management Board's work during the past 12 months has been approved unanimously.

15. PD Management Board's motions

As PD Management Board's motion 1.1 was withdrawn under the agenda item 3, as a consequence of the withdrawal of AUDSF motion 1.2, Mr. Smullen announced that the Meeting will continue with the PD Management Board's motion 1.2.

- PD MB's motion 1.2 to recognise AUDSF motion 1.1 Out of Order and remove it from the agenda

MOVED, by the WDSF PD Management Board, that the Point 1 in motion 1 of the AUDSF PD *proposing a separate resolution to condemn military aggression against Ukraine and show solidarity with Ukrainian dance community*, submitted to the 2023 WDSF PD Annual General Meeting, is "Out of Order", and accordingly it is hereby fully and finally removed from the agenda of General Meeting and shall not be heard.

The full text of the motion with the reasons for removal was displayed at the screen.

Mr. Smullen, before proceeding, as delegate representing Ireland, moved a motion to the PD General Meeting to allow Mr. James Fraser, WDSF Vice President for Legal Affairs to speak.

The PD General Meeting unanimously approved Mr. Fraser to speak.

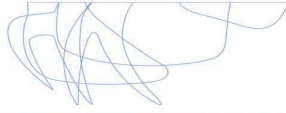
Mr. Smullen asked Mr. Fraser for his assistance in this topic, and asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Polyvka, a delegate from Ukraine, questioned the appropriateness of the use of Robert's Rules to remove AUDSF motions from the agenda in the current circumstances of the aggression against his country. He stated that just few delegates are familiar with the Robert's Rules, and as well with their application in the operating policies of the WDSF.

Mr. Fraser informed the meeting that the Robert's Rules are used in WDSF since 1999 as procedural rules of order. Related to this topic, Mr. Fraser stated that all procedural rules say the same, namely that this motion is out of order.

Mr. Fraser explained the meaning of the Robert's Rules of Order, and its use in regulation of democratic procedures of WDSF's meetings since many years. He illustrated his arguments with examples from other fields where it is not acceptable and therefore not allowed to put certain important decisions to vote.

Mr. Polyvka stated that he is not a lawyer, but from his point of view WDSF PD Meeting doesn't have to apply the stated rules in discussion for this topic. He stated he sees no reason why this topic could not be discussed within the framework of the meeting, since it is not only about political views but about sports topics such as the transfer of athletes. He urged the delegates not to support the PD Management Board's motion to recognise the AUDSF motion 1.1 Out of Order and thereby remove it from the agenda.



Mr. Smullen asked delegates to remove AUDSF motions 1, 2, 3 and 4 from agenda.

Mr. Sergey Belyaev, a Delegate representing Finland, asked for clarification on what the PD meeting is voting on and about the required majority.

Mr. Fraser stated that, under the WDSF PD administrative rules PD Board, or member of PD Board can move a motion, but to remove any uncertainty, he proposed motion from the floor.

Mr. Albert Hakobyan, a Delegate representing Armenia, has moved a motion to reject AUDSF motion from the agenda as motion which was Out of order.

As there was no further discussion, Mr. Smullen put the motion to vote. Hearing the report of the scrutineers that there were only 2 votes against and 8 abstentions, he announced that the PD MB motion to find AUDSF motion 1.1 Out of Order, and thereby removed from the agenda of the Meeting has been carried with the overwhelming majority of 72 votes.

- PD MB's motion 2 to recognise AUDSF motion 2 Out of Order and remove it from the agenda

Mr. Smullen continued to the PD Management Board's motion 2 that the motion 2 of the AUDSF PD, *requesting a declaration binding for Russian citizens holding any position in WDSF PD to condemn the Russian aggression against Ukraine*, submitted to the 2023 WDSF PD Annual General Meeting is "Out of Order", and accordingly it is hereby fully and finally removed from the agenda of this General Meeting and shall not be heard.

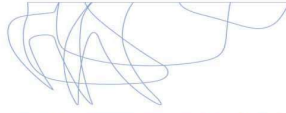
This motion with the reasons for removal was also displayed at the screen.

Mr. Polyvka asked for the word, and appealed the delegates again not to remove AUDSF motions from the agenda with such doubtful formality as Robert's Rules because with the explanations to their motions AUDSF wanted to use the opportunity to explain what is going on, not only generally in the Ukraine, but also in the DanceSport societies of the aggressor countries. He mentioned Russian athletes and officials changing the residence to represent other countries while they are still publicly showing the support to Putin's regime through their statements in social media by the use of Russian national symbols. He also said that there are proofs that the officials representing All Russian Federation of DanceSport and Rock'n'Roll were publicly expressing their support to Putin's Regime. Mr. Polyvka said that he could consider the withdrawal of AUDSF motions in exchange for the right to explain and specify in more detail the situation with numerous examples how the declared neutrality of many Russian athletes and officials is being broken. He appealed again not to support the presented motion.

Mr. Fraser was asked to speak again, and he pointed out that the motion the delegates should vote about was clearly presented on the screen, and if it was not clear what to do any Delegate could step forward with the proposal to vote about what was written on the screen.

Mr. Tim Rausche, a delegate representing Germany, asked to speak and expressed his opinion that it was clear that AUDSF, its officials and athletes are having full support and it would be the best to withdraw or adjourn all the motions.

Mr. Drago Šulek, a Delegate representing Slovenia, asked to speak. He pointed out that after the withdrawal of the AUDSF motion 1.2, and consequent withdrawal of the PD MB motion 1.1 already at the beginning of the AGM, there were PD MB motions 1.2, 2, 3 and 4 left to remove 4 AUDSF motions 1.1, 2, 3 and 4 as they are Out of Order according to the Robert's



Rules of Order. He informed that PD MB motion 1.2 was approved, and the meeting should move to PD MB motion 2.

Mr. Chojnacki added from the auditorium that the PD MB motion 2 to vote for was clearly displayed on the screen.

As it seemed that the delegates were still not sure what they would be voting for, Mr. Smullen ordered a short technical break during which Mr. Smullen, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Polyvka and a few other delegates exchanged their points of view on the situation.

After the break Mr. Polyvka announced that AUDSF is withdrawing all its motions. Consequently, this made PD MB motions pointless, and therefore also withdrawn.

○ PD Management Board's motion 6 to amend Rule PD-B.7 of PD Supplementary CR

Mr. Smullen thanked Mr. Polyvka and continued to the PD MB motion 6 to change the Rule PD-B.7 of the PD Supplementary Competition Rules. He explained that WDSF Presidium has prepared the motion as a response to the WDSF Presidium's motion under the agenda Item 36.1 of WDSF AGM to insert into the Chapter B of the WDSF Competition Rules the new Rule "B.3.5 Dancefloor requirements for WDSF Competitions". The PD motion to rewrite the Rule PD-B.7 is an adequate solution in PD Supplementary Competition Rules, which seems suitable to PD competitions. He asked for the display of the PD Management Board's motion to remove the existing text in the Rule PD-B7 in the PD Supplementary Competition Rules and replace it with the new proposed text.

PD Management Board further moved that subject to the approval of the motion to amend the Rule PD-B.7, the approved amendments shall enter into force on July 1st, 2023.

As there was no discussion, the motions were put on vote, and carried unanimously.

16. PD Members' motions

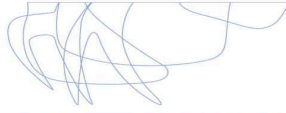
Mr. Smullen informed that, after the withdrawal of all AUDSF motions, only one motion was left, the USA Dance motion.

Mr. Smullen explained that USA Dance submitted to 2022 AGM the motion to amend the Rule of country representation at Professional Division Championships as set in the Rule PD-D.2.2.1 of the WDSF PD Supplementary Competition Rules, which is identical to the Rule D.2.2.1 of the WDSF Competitions Rule. The submitted motion was adjourned and therefore it was the duty of PD Management Board to present it again this year together and accompanied it with the negative opinion of PD Management Board.

Before proceeding Mr. Smullen asked the delegates of USA Dance if, due to the changed circumstances and some changes in the WDSF Competition Rules relevant to USA Dance motion, they would consider the withdrawal of the motion or should it be presented to the delegates of this year's AGM in the original version.

Mr. Vladimir Karpov, the Delegate of USA Dance, replied that USA Dance would like to proceed, so the motion was displayed and Mr. Karpov was invited to present it.

Mr. Karpov informed that for the last 8 years he has been a part of the USA DanceSport community, and for last two years he is Vice-president of the USA professionals. They have



noticed that numbers of active professionals, through years, in WDSF PD is dropping down a lot. Consequently, it will be difficult to attract amateur athletes to compete in PD in the next year or two. In addition to the mentioned problem, he emphasized that the WDSF PD stands face to face with the WDC organization, which has 200 competitions during the year, so it is difficult to fight with a system that offers athletes a competition every weekend. In order to be able to develop WDSF PD in the USA, they have to bring professionals to the country, which they have been doing successfully for the past 3 years.

One of the ways they can attract athletes is to offer them the opportunity to dance at world championships representing USA. All athletes who come to the USA to work must pass the 5-year deadline to apply for a green card, and then another 5 years to get a passport. In the USA there are many athletes from around the world who have permanent residence and work visa and are ready to dance WDSF PD events but, unfortunately, they cannot. Therefore, USA Dance suggest that athletes should be given the chance to compete in the WDSF PD world championships if both members of the couple have legally resided in the country they will represent, as this will contribute to the growth of the division, and will be a huge step for professionals to join the WDSF.

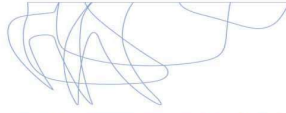
Mr. Ken Richards stated that this problem does not only affect the USA, but to all athletes which often change their country of residence due to their careers, change of partner, and if they do not have a mixed nationality in couple, they cannot compete at the WDSF championships. He believes that the time has come to reject the rule of mixed nationality due to fact that this rule is just a half of requirements of IOC rule, because to be able to participate in IOC events, IOC rule is that all team members must have the citizenship of the country they represent. So, he sees no reason why a rule, that partially meets the requirements of the IOC, should be forced within WDSF system.

Mr. Richards noted that every professional who comes to work in a new country brings with him amateur couples who will surely contribute to the development of the amateur division in the country where they will live, work and pay taxes, but they will not be able to represent the country in which they live within the WDSF championships, which consequently draws couples away in dance organizations that do not apply the mix nationality rule.

Mr. Lior Belenky, a Delegate representing Israel, regarding the proposed motion stated that he doesn't understand the comparison between athletes and adjudicators in regards to the representation. The country that an adjudicator represent is truly an official question to keep competition more ethical. As an adjudicator a judge doesn't represent a country, he represents the WDSF, himself and the situation isn't the same for the athletes.

He stated that couples with current residence, which is different from their nationally, can still represent their country because they hold a valid passport, and they have possibility to compete in PD events, therefore he doesn't think that proposed change in rules is necessary in order to allow couples to compete in PD events, and it doesn't help athletes in WDSF open championships.

Mr. Valeri Ivanov, a Delegate representing Spain, asked for legal advice is it possible to adopt this motion if the motion doesn't comply with the general rules of the WDSF. He stated that PD General Meeting must follow WDSF rules and policy, as the PD is the part of WDSF which



states that one partner in a couple must have the nationality of the country that the couple wants to represent at the championships.

Mr. Richards informed that the PD rules state that the PD independently creates its own rules.

Mr. Smullen asked Mr. Fraser would he like to give a legal opinion to the Meeting.

Mr. Fraser stated that this are very difficult questions as they affect a lot of people, and that why they require studying documents, and as he wasn't asked about this question before he doesn't want to give a legal opinion at this moment. He respectfully declined to answer without studying the documents.

Mr. Timo Kulczak stated that the PD board had a discussion at the meeting, and the conclusion of WDSF PD Management Board is that they are not in favour with this motion.

Asked from the floor, Mr. Smullen informed that he discussed with athletes about the proposed motion, and he informed that only one couple was against the motion. The athletes also stated that in the case of judges, it is enough to have a permanent residence in order to represent the country, while this is not the case for athletes. The athletes expressed concern over the possibility that the aforementioned change could benefit Russian athletes who were banned from participating in sports competitions due to the war.

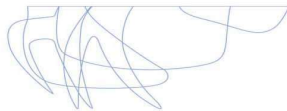
As there were no more requests for discussion Mr. Smullen put USA Dance motion to the vote. With 2 votes in favour, 6 votes abstained and 72 votes against, the motion has not been carried.

17. Any Other Business (Miscellaneous)

Mr. Smullen asked if there was any other business.

Mr. Polyivka stated that the Ukrainian Federation wants to know what individuals involved in DanceSport think about the current war. He reminded that there are sanctions imposed on aggressors in war and it is important to know whether the community will allow them to work in the Federation and whether these persons continue to work in accordance with the Olympic movement and the idea of Olympism, as well, whether these persons support the war meaning that they are outside the Olympic movement. The second thing he wanted to discuss and know the opinion of those present delegates, is about fake transfers, because DanceSport community face a situation where athletes who are banned from participating in competitions are looking for a way out and options to compete as representatives of other countries.

Ms. Anna de Grande, a Delegate representing England, stated that she had no intention of speaking on this topic, but was prompted by the discussion to express her opinion. She believes that at this moment it should be discussed how to unite people through sports. No one is obliged to present their political views publicly today, and she considers that it is not appropriate and not right. If someone notices that some of our athletes make or publish violent posts, we can address it, and we should discuss it, but demanding that each individual confess about their political views is absolutely inappropriate.



Ms. de Grande stated that she is not happy with the current situation for both sides, Russian and Ukrainian athletes, and that she has students and friends in both countries and that what is happening is a human tragedy. Therefore, she believes that it is necessary to find ways to help these athletes and their families, and she believes that many Russians are doing it. She shared her opinion that it is wrong to condemn an individual because of the political system in their country, and that the WDSF cannot instruct its members how to approach this problem. She believes that WDSF should be guided by the examples of other international federations that enable the participation of all athletes, providing an example of unity through sport, and not condemn person, if an individual does nothing wrong.

Mr. Hakobyan, asked the Ukrainian delegates to clarify the timing of the fake transfers.

Mr. Oleksii Vahin explained that it is about sports tourism when an athlete does not have the right to represent a particular country. We have many policies in WDSF, for example, to be a delegate in the Assembly, you must have strict connections with the country you represent. Ukraine delegate believes that the same provision must apply to athletes. This means that if an athlete wants to represent a country, he must have legal connections with that country. If an athlete does not have citizenship, or legal permission to represent a country, or more precisely, does not have a legal link with that country, the WDSF should not allow such an athlete to represent the country. He reminds that according to IOC rules, an athlete must have a passport of the country he represents, as well as in the case of teams where every athlete must have a passport. On the WDSF website it is stated that the DanceSport is a team sport, so if we want to be a sport included in the Olympic program, he believes that we should adhere to the IOC rules or adhere to the rule that the athlete has at least legal connections with the country he represents.

As there wasn't any other discussion, the Chair of the Meeting moved to next item.

18. Adjournment

Mr. Smullen thanked all the delegates and declared 2023 AGM of WDSF Professional Division adjourned at 18:40 CET.

Verena Šulek
WDSF PD Director

The minutes were prepared according to the Article 3, Rule 12 of the PD Administrative Rules by Ms. Dragana Majcen and verified by the appointed verifiers, Mr. Aleksandr Makarov and Ms. Lena Arvidsson.



AGENDA ITEM 10

Report

of the

WDSF Professional Division Director

to the

2024 WDSF PD AGM on October 26 in Warsaw

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General about PD

WDSF Professional Division was established in 2007 as International Professional DanceSport Council (IDSF), an independent organisation of DanceSport professionals, loyal to WDSF. After 3 years of operation IPDSC has been dissolved and merged into WDSF as WDSF Professional Division (PD), retaining a high level of autonomy, including its own AGM and Management elected by this own AGM. Before the existence of IPDSC and PD many top couples, after finishing their competition career in WDSF, decided to continue as professional competitors in the World Dance Council (WDC). The main objective of WDSF when establishing its own Professional Division was to give its top athletes the possibility to continue their competition career within WDSF.

At the beginning the main objective of WDSF seemed to be fulfilled: the number of active couples in PD was growing to reach the number of over 250 in its best years. All Standard and Latin World Champions of WDSF General Division continued their careers in PD to collect one or two more title(s) of World Champions before retiring as competitors. On the other side, one of the main expectations of top PD athletes has not been fulfilled, namely the "fast track" to become WDSF adjudicators, eligible to judge competitions in General Division at least up to the certain level.

The outburst covid-19 pandemic in 2020 cut down the number of PD athletes dramatically. The expectations about the gradual recovery after the fade out of the pandemic were hindered by the increasingly unfriendly global environment. The current circumstances in the World and in the Global DanceSport community have negative impact on WDSF and thereby also on the PD. In 2023 the third competing organisation (Heritage) in Standard and Latin disciplines has been established in Italy in addition to the previously existing two such global organisations (WDC and WDO). The new organisation took quite a lot of active Standard and Latin couples from WDSF and its Professional Division. While the Covid-19 has become a manageable disease it is still not clear when the war in Ukraine and its consequences will end. Additionally, the new threat is emerging in the Middle East. Fortunately, the loss of the professional couples in Europe has been partly compensated by the increasing numbers of PD couples in Asia, mostly in the People's Republic of China, Japan and South Korea.

PD competitions in the period May 2023 to September 2024

In spite of the circumstances described above I am satisfied that PD can still find organisers who are ready and capable to run PD World Championships and Cups, PD European Championships and PD Super Grand Prix Competitions. Although the number of PD couples in Asian countries is growing compared to Europe, we cannot find the organisers of PD Asian Championships.

The following PD Title competitions and PD Open Competitions were held since May 2023:

**May 2023**

PD World Championship Standard
 PD Open Standard & Latin
 PD World Championship Ten Dance

Kaunas / Lithuania
 Osaka / Japan
 Zagreb / Croatia

August 2023

Super Grand Prix Standard & Latin
 PD Master Class I and II Standard

GOC in Stuttgart / Germany
 GOC in Stuttgart / Germany

September 2023

PD World Cup Ten Dance

Varna / Bulgaria

October 2023

PD European Championship Standard
 PD World Championship Show Dance Standard
 PD European Championship Latin

Brno / Czech Republic
 Leipzig / Germany
 Leipzig / Germany

December 2023

PD World Cup Standard

Riga / Latvia

January 2024

PD Open Standard & Latin

Madrid / Spain

February 2024

PD Open Latin

Lyon / France

March 2024

PD World Championship Latin

Budapest / Hungary

May 2024

PD Open Standard & Latin
 PD Super Grand Prix Standard

Calvia / Spain
 Tokyo / Japan

June 2024

PD World Championship Ten Dance
 PD Open Standard & Latin

Kosice / Slovakia
 Warsaw / Poland

July 2024

PD World Cup Latin
 PD World Cup Standard

Wuxi / Peoples Rep. of China
 Wuxi / Peoples Rep. of China

August 2024

Super Grand Prix Standard & Latin
 PD Master Class I and II Standard

GOC in Stuttgart / Germany
 GOC in Stuttgart / Germany

September 2024

PD Open Standard

Brno / Czech Republic

The above overview shows that PD Title Competitions are geographically quite well distributed while the number of PD Open competitions is still very low. As a matter of fact this is quite understandable because professional couples have not enough time for too frequent preparation and participation at PD competitions.



PD Ranking System

PD introduced **new PD Ranking Regulations** with new PD ranking lists in 2022. At the end of the years 2022 and 2023 PD ranking lists in Standard and Latin were used as a basis for the year-end awards to top ranked PD couples in the form of the contributions to their travelling expenses in the flat-rate amount of EUR 1.000 per couple.

After two-year experience it became clear that the new Ranking Regulations need some adjustments of the ranking points due to the following reasons:

- 1) It turned out that the number of ranking points achieved at PD Championships (2.300 points to the winner of PD World Championship Standard) and especially at SGPs (almost 3.890 points for the winner of SGP Standard at GOC) were obviously too high.
- 2) On the other hand, number of PD ranking points received by the winners at PD Open competitions with typically only a final or final and semi-final rounds used to be less than 200. Therefore, PD couples had really no interest to participate at PD Open competitions. With the aim to increase participation at PD Open competitions especially by top couples, PD Management Board decided to significantly increase the number of points at PD Open competitions and decrease them at PD Title Competitions.

Therefore, starting with January 2024 the Multiplication Coefficient has been decreased for PD World Championships and Super Grand Prix competitions and increased for PD World Cups and PD Open competitions. The modification should attract more couples to PD World Cup and PD Open competitions. Additional motivation for entering PD Open competitions and PD World Cups should be the request for participation at least 4 different PD ranking competitions to be eligible for the year-end awards. For clarity, PD World Championships and PD World Cups count as ranking competitions because there are no restrictions how many couples per country are allowed to participate at PD Championships and Cups

The complete document "Regulations of WDSF PD World Ranking Competitions and PD WRL" is available at the WDSF website with the use of the following link: <https://old.worlddancesport.org/Division/Professional/Rules-and-Regulations>

PD Management Board

The most frequent current matters dealt with by PD Management Board are approvals of PD Title Competitions and applications for PD adjudicators' licenses. The decisions covering such matters are most efficiently taken by the email correspondence once or twice a month and, if necessary, also more frequently.

Since the fade out of the Covid pandemic PD Management Board had its first in-person meeting during the AGM in Madrid in June 2023. At this occasion PD Management Board member Davide Cacciari resigned from his positions in WDSF PD as well as in DanceSport Europe and left WDSF.



According to the Article 4, Point 3 of the PD Administrative Rules it is the PD Management Board's discretion whether it will propose to the next PD General Meeting to elect the substitute member for the balance of the four-year term or will continue to work with the decreased number of members until the next regular elections of the complete Board. The Board decided for the election of the substitute member for the rest of the term, which finishes with the elections of the new Board at the PD AGM in 2025. Therefore, the election of the substitute Board member is in the Agenda of the PD AGM to be held on 26th October 2024.

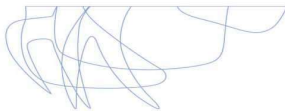
Conclusion

My voluntary status in performing the duty of the PD Director gives me the opportunity to be independent, honest and respectful to all competitors, officials and organisers.

Considering the emerging new DanceSport disciplines in WDSF and its status in the Olympic Family it seems to be time to reconsider the form and the role of the Professional Division within WDSF.

Dear Delegates, I wish you a constructive and successful work at the 2024 PD AGM for the benefit of all our athletes and other professionals in danceSport.

Verena Sulek
WDSF PD Director



AGENDA ITEM 11

2023 FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE WDSF PROFESSIONAL DIVISION (Financial Statements 2023 compared to 2022 results and 2023 Budget)

The WDSF PD Statement of Income & Expenses is prepared in Swiss Francs (CHF). WDSF and PD fees are invoiced and collected in CHF, while for the majority of the expenses PD receives invoices in EUR and pay them from PD EUR Bank Account. Therefore, if CHF/EUR exchange fluctuations during the year are significant, such fluctuations may impact PD yearly financial results. As pointed out at the beginning of the explanation to the PD Statement of Income and Expenses, CHF/EUR exchange fluctuations did not have a significant net impact on PD financial result in 2023.

In 2023 Covid restrictions were gradually over also outside Europe but the number of PD athletes and PD competitions did not recover to the pre-Covid levels, mainly due to the loss of all Russian and a significant number of the Italian PD couples, all resulting in less income.

The income was further decreased for CHF 12'000 due to the decision of WDSF to cease sponsoring Prize Money contribution to PD Super Grand Prix Competitions and such contributions had to be covered directly from the WDSF PD funds.

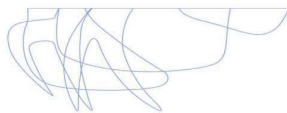
The total operating income of CHF 96'725 was CHF 31'875 less than budgeted. The detailed reasons for the loss of revenues in 2023 can be found under point 8 of the detailed explanations to the Statement of Income and Expenses.

The total operating expenses of CHF 104'502 were CHF 27'298 less than foreseen by the Budget. The detailed explanation about the management of expenses in 2023 can be found under the points 9 to 23 of the explanations to the Statement of Income and Expenses below.

Due to the fact that the loss of revenues has been higher than savings of Expenses, the total Operating Deficit of CHF 7'777 was for the amount of CHF 4'577 higher than anticipated by 2023 Budget (CHF 3'200). If we add the currency conversion losses of CHF 49, we get the **2023 Total Deficit of CHF 7'826**.

This Report is based on WDSF PD Statement of Income & Expenses and the Balance Sheet at 31st December 2023.

Verena Sulek
WDSF PD Director



WDSF PD Audited Statement of Income & Expenses 2023

PD STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES 2023 COMPARED TO BUDGET 2023 AND TO INCOME & EXPENSES 2022	Explanations	WDSF PD Result 2022 CHF	WDSF PD Budget 2023 CHF	WDSF PD Result 2023 CHF	Ratio Resul 23 / Resul 22 (%)	Ratio Resul 23 / Budg 23 (%)
Income and Expenses						
Operating income						
Academy Workshop Fees	1	0	-	0	-	-
PD Adjudicator's License Fees	2	36.025	34.650	34.100	95%	98%
PD Athlete's License Fees	3	9.225	8.250	8.625	93%	105%
WDSF PD Competition Fees	4	23.450	31.700	22.000	94%	69%
PD Membership Registration Fees	5	30.100	30.000	32.000	106%	107%
WDSF Prize Money Contribution	6	12.000	24.000	-	-	-
Other Income	7	400	-	-	-	-
Total Operating Income	8	111.200	128.600	96.725	87%	75%
Operating Expenses						
Academy Workshops	9	-	-	-	-	-
Administration & Account-keeping Assist.	10	20.545	25.000	29.465	143%	118%
Advertising and Promotion	11	96	500	629	656%	126%
Bad Debt	12	1.100	1.300	700	64%	54%
Bank + Online Received Payments Charges	13	2.285	2.500	2.388	104%	96%
Communications	14	6.381	7.000	3.665	57%	52%
Doping Controls	15	893	5.000	1.863	209%	37%
PD General Meetings	16	1.082	12.000	9.127	844%	76%
PD Management Board Meetings	17	0	0	750	-	-
Participation at WDSF Presidium Meetings	18	0	0	0	-	-
Prize Money at SGP, Champ & Cups	19	38.848	51.000	34.859	90%	68%
Strategic Development	20	-	-	-	-	-
Travelling other		6.065	7.500	5.527	91%	74%
PD Travel Contribution Top Ranked Couples	21	19.916	20.000	15.529	78%	78%
Total Operating Expenses	22	97.212	131.800	104.502	108%	79%
Operating Surplus/Deficit	23	13.988	-3.200	-7.777	-	243%
Non-operating Income & Expenses						
Interest Income	24	0		0	-	-
Non-Operating Income	25	0		0	-	-
Non-Operating Expenses	25	588		49	8%	-
Surplus/Deficit	26	13.400	-3.200	-7.826	-	245%



EXPLANATIONS to the WDSF PD STATEMENT of INCOME & EXPENSES 2023

The WDSF PD Statement of Income & Expenses is prepared in Swiss Francs (CHF). In fact, all WDSF and PD fees are invoiced and most of them also collected in CHF, while the majority of PD expenses are invoiced in EUR and paid from PD EUR Bank Account. WDSF is using for its book-keeping the monthly exchange rates CHF/EUR as published by Swiss Tax Authorities. According to these exchange rates CHF fell from 0.99 to just over 1.00 CHF to EUR in the first half and began growing against EUR only in the second half of the year 2023 to finish just over 0.97 CHF to EUR. As EUR expenses were quite evenly distributed during the year, the CHF/EUR exchange rate variation during the year didn't have a significant impact on PD financial result in 2023.

Although the restrictions due to Covid-19 pandemic have been lifted until the end of 2023 everywhere in the world, the 30-50% decrease of the number of active PD couples due to the Covid restrictions will not recover soon. Since March 2022 WDSF and PD also lost all Russian and Belorussian athletes due to the war in Ukraine. There has been further loss of athletes quitting WDSF and joining a newly established international association "Dancesport Heritage" in Italy. These new losses didn't show significant short-term impact on PD financial results as they were neutralized by the positive impact of the gradual recovery after the pandemic.

Detailed explanations under the numbers, indicated in the above Statement, are given below:

1. **Academy workshops:** PD is organising workshops very rarely and in 2023 there were none.
2. **PD Adjudicator's License Fees:** PD adjudicators are paying PD Adjudicators' License Fees annually for the period from February 1 of the current year to the January 31 of the next year in the amount of CHF 110. The fee in 2023 was paid by 310 adjudicators giving the total of CHF 34'100, only 2% less to the amount in the budget.
3. **PD Athlete's Fees:** The yearly fee per athlete is CHF 25 and is collected by online payments directly from the athletes without the involvement of WDSF PD Member Bodies. In 2023 this fee was paid by 345 athletes giving the income of CHF 8'625, which is 5% more than anticipated by the budget.
4. **PD Competition Fees:** Granting fees for the organisation of all kinds of PD competitions the total amount of CHF 22'000 was collected. This is 6% less than the previous year and 31% less than foreseen by the 2023 budget because out of 4 planned Super Grand Prix competitions only 2 were held, one of two World Championships in Show Dance was not held and there were less PD Open competitions.
5. **PD Membership Registration Fees:** In 2023 PD Membership Registration Fees were paid by 41 Full PD Member Bodies (CHF 700 each) and 11 Provisional Membership Registration Fees (CHF 300 each). The total paid amount was CHF 32'000.
6. **WDSF Prize Money Contribution:** After a two-year break due to Covid WDSF resumed in 2022 the contribution to the Prize Money for PD Super Grand Prix competitions in the annual amount of CHF 6'000 per discipline up to 4 PD SGP competitions, 2 SGP competitions in Standard and 2 in Latin. As we planned to organize 4 SGP's the amount of CHF 24'000 was in the budget for 2023. During 2023 WDSF Managing Committee decided to cease sponsoring Prize Money for PD competitions. The shortage of CHF 24'000 is therefore visible in the Income Statement compared to the Budget. However, the actual shortage has been only CHF 12'000 as only 2 SGP competitions were actually held in 2023.



7. **Other income:** There was no Other Income in 2023.
8. **Total Operating Income** of CHF 96'725 has been CHF 31'875 less than budgeted.
The budget was prepared on the suppositions that:
- 1) 4 Super Grand Prix competitions will be held in 2023,
 - 2) WDSF will sponsor the Prize Money for the Super Grand Prix competitions in the amount of CHF 6'000 per competition, in total CHF 24'000.
 - 3) all available PD World Championships and World Cups will be held.
- What actually happened in 2023 was:
- 1) only 2 instead of 4 Super Grand Prix competitions were held cutting the income for CHF 4'000 and planned WDSF prize money contribution for CHF 12'000,
 - 2) During 2023 WDSF Managing Committee decided to cease sponsoring prize money for Super Grand Prix competitions with consequently further CHF 12'000 less revenues,
 - 3) PD World Championship Show Dance Latin and PD World Cup Latin were not held, causing the loss of revenue in the amount of CHF 3'700.
- All three reasons mentioned above caused the loss of Operating Income in the amount of CHF 31'700.
9. **Academy workshops:** PD is organising workshops very rarely and in 2023 there were none.
10. **Administration & Account-keeping Assistance:** The administration assistance for the operation of PD office and for the assistance in preparation of financial documentation for book-keeping, collecting data for reporting and preparing the budgets has been outsourced since 2014. The outsourcing showed its positive effect during the Covid pandemic. As this outsourcing has been built on a long-term relationship, PD managed to agree for the symbolic price during the Covid pandemic and thereby survived 2 Covid years without a serious impact on its financial results. But it was agreed at that time that in the post-Covid period the price of the outsourcing will return to pre-Covid levels. We managed to hold back the important increase of these expenses until the end of 2022. But, due to the huge inflation since middle of 2022 in the Euro Zone we finally had to accept a significant price increase of the administration expenses. All these have been reflected in the budget and in the actual PD administration expenses in 2023. However, it was also agreed that regardless of any circumstances there will be no further increase of service prices for at least next 2 years.
11. **Advertising and Promotion:** Two PD flags used during opening ceremonies at PD Title competitions were purchased, business cards of PD Director were printed and the farewell gift was prepared and handed to the PD World Champions in Standard Lacitis-Golodneva at the GOC in Stuttgart where they officially and publicly announced the end of their competition career.
12. **Bad Debt:** Due to the ongoing war in Ukraine, there is no chance to receive the payment for PD Membership Registration Fee invoice issued to Belarus DanceSport Alliance in 2022. At the end of 2022 it was booked under Provisions for Non-Recovery and at the end of 2023 as bad debt.
13. **Bank charges and charges for online received payments:** These expenses include the charges of the UBS bank for PD Bank Account keeping, for PD outgoing payments and charges not paid by the debtors when paying their debts to PD with SEPA payment method. Also included into this category are the charges by the financial institution World Line for processing each incoming online payment. World Line charges are typically slightly over 2% of each incoming online payment used for collecting Adjudicators and Athletes License Fees and in some cases also other fees. The number of bank transactions and online payments has been stabilised in 2023 and these expenses are only slightly higher than in the previous year.



14. **Communications:** The expenses for PD communications represent the traveling and accommodation expenses of the WDSF Communication Team members, mainly to attend PD Championships, Cups and Super Grand Prix (SGP) competitions to take photos, videos and provide online internet transmissions when possible. In 2023 the number of PD title competitions attended by the WDSF Communications representative was lower than in a year before. Consequently, Communication expenses were also significantly lower.
15. **Doping Controls:** Since 2023 the anti-doping testing is performed by the Anti-Doping Agencies of the organisers' countries and should be the obligation of the organisers. Antidoping testing is most likely at the PD World Championships. PD 2023 World Championships were granted already in 2022 and granting conditions at that time didn't preview such obligations of the organisers. Therefore, antidoping testing expenses were included in the 2023 PD budget. Fortunately, the testing was performed only at the PD World Championship Standard in Kaunas and the organiser successfully negotiated with the Lithuanian Anti-Doping Agency to test only 4 athletes. Therefore, Doping Controls expenses are significantly lower than anticipated by the PD 2023 budget.
16. **General Meeting:** The Covid pandemic restrictions worldwide have only just been lifted in the second half of 2022. Therefore, the 2023 PD AGM was the first in-person AGM since 2019. As usually it was held parallel to WDSF AGM and the total expenses of CHF 9'127 have been 24% less than anticipated by the budget and more than 8 times higher compared to the expenses of the online AGM in the previous year.
17. **PD Management Board Meetings:** Day to day decisions requiring PD MB approval were taken by email voting procedures throughout 2023. One in-person PD Management Board meeting was held in Madrid where all Board members were present to attend the PD AGM. Travel and accommodation expenses for this meeting were included into the PD AGM expenses and only the hospitality showed as PD Management Board Meetings expenses.
18. **Participation at the WDSF Presidium Meetings:** The only in-person WDSF Presidium meetings were held in Madrid prior and after the WDSF AGM and there were no extra expenses caused by PD Director to attend these WDSF Presidium meetings.
19. **Prize Money at PD Championships, Cups and SGP competitions:** In 2023 PD sponsored 50% of the Prize Money at PD World Championships Latin in Chisinau, Standard in Kaunas, Ten Dance in Zagreb, Show Dance Latin in Leipzig and PD Super Grand Prix Standard & Latin at GOC Stuttgart. The spent amount of CHF 34'859 represented only 68% of the planned amount of CHF 51'000 due to the following reasons:
 - PD World Championship Show Dance Latin was not held
 - Two planned Super Grand Prix competitions were not held
20. **Strategic Development:** PD had no expenditure for Strategic Development in 2023.
21. **Travelling Other:** Traveling other covers travelling expenses of PD Director and sometimes also other PD Management Board members. The planned amount in 2023 was CHF 7'500 and actually spent CHF 5'527.
22. **PD Travel Contribution to Top Ranked Couples:** To promote participation at PD competitions the incentive of EUR 1'000 per couple at the end of the year has been introduced in 2022 for distribution to maximum 10 top ranked PD Standard and 10 top ranked PD Latin couples in the form of a lumpsum participation to their travelling expenses because in most cases such expenses are not covered to PD couples by their National Member Bodies. In 2023 it became clear that PD World Ranking System brings too many points for PD World Championship and PD Super Grand Prix results and the couples may have finished among top 10 by dancing only 2 competitions in the whole year. Therefore, 22% less incentives than planned were actually paid out in 2023. For the



year 2024 the corrections were made in the PD Ranking System to give more value to PD Open competitions and the additional criteria for the incentives in 2024 have been introduced including the minimum number and the types of PD ranking competitions danced by the top ranked PD couples.

23. **Total Operating Expenses of CHF 104'502** were CHF 27'298 less than foreseen by the Budget.

In spite of the inflation, which in the EUR zone reached almost 10% in 2023, PD kept almost all the expenses under the budgeted amounts with the exception of the expenses for the Administration and Account-keeping Assistance as explained in detail in these explanations under point 10 above.

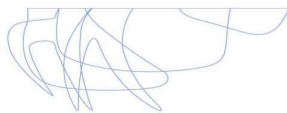
The major savings were in Prize Money (CHF 16'141), PD Travel Contributions to Top Ranked Couples (CHF 4'470), Communications (CHF 3'315) and Doping Controls (CHF 3'137) all due to the cancellation of several planned competitions as already mentioned above in point 8 of these explanations.

24. **Operating Surplus / Deficit:** Operating Income was 25% less and Operating Expenses only 21% less than planned in the 2023 Budget resulting in the Operating Deficit of CHF 7'777 exceeding for CHF 4'577 the planned Deficit of CHF 3'200.

25. **Interest Income and Expenses:** The bank is not paying any interest for the PD money at the bank accounts and PD is having no loans or overdue debts. Therefore, the interest income and expenses are zero.

26. **Non-Operating Income and Expenses:** Other Non-operating Income and/or Expenses are the result of the difference between the currency conversion gains and currency conversion losses caused by using both CHF and EUR as actual transaction currencies but having to present the Statement of Income and Expenses only in the CHF currency. Since 2019 also the net Swiss VAT payments or returns are included into the non-operating Income and/or Expenses. In 2023 PD Non-Operating income was zero and Non-Operating Expenses of CHF 49 were much less than in the previous year.

27. **Surplus / Deficit:** The Total Deficit of CHF 7'826 exceeds the Operating Deficit only for the above amount of the Non-Operating Expenses.



WDSF PD BALANCE SHEET AT DECEMBER 31, 2023 & 2022, WITH EXPLANATIONS

WDSF PD Balance Sheet at December 31, 2023 versus December 31, 2022		Balance in CHF 31/12/2022	Balance in CHF 31/12/2023	Difference 2023 - 2022 CHF
CURRENT ASSETS	Explan.			
Bank CHF Account 82788465-9440 C (CHF)	1	159.395	166.834	7.439
Bank EUR Account 82788465-9441 L (EUR)	2	8.777	2.545	-6.232
Cash at Hand	3	0	-	-
Receivables Debtors	4	13.300	900	- 12.400
Less Provisions for Non-Recovery	5	1.300	-	- 1.300
Receivables Other	6	5	-	-5
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	7	180.177	170.279	- 9.898
NON-CURRENT ASSETS				
Other Assets	8	-	-	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS		180.177	170.279	- 9.898
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Liabilities Creditors	9	54	888	834
Other Liabilities	10	3.553	648	- 2.905
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		3.607	1.536	- 2.071
TOTAL LIABILITIES		3.607	1.536	- 2.071
NET ASSETS	11	176.570	168.744	- 7.826
CAPITAL				
Professional Division Capital as per January 1 st	12	163.170	176.570	- 17.441
Surplus / Deficit	13	13.400	-7.826	- 21.226
TOTAL CAPITAL at December 31st	14	176.570	168.744	- 7.826

EXPLANATIONS to the WDSF PD BALANCE SHEET as at 31.12.2023

The below explanations to the Balance Sheet refer to the items as numbered in the column "Explanations" in the Balance Sheet.

1. **Bank – Account 8278865-9440C (CHF)**

In spite of Operational Deficit in 2023 there was more money at PD CHF Account at the UBS Bank in Switzerland at 31.12.2023 as at the end of 2022 due to less money at EUR Bank account and less Receivables than Liabilities.



2. **Bank – Account 8278865-9941L (EUR)**

The amount CHF 2'545 in the Balance Sheet at the end of 2023 is the converted value of EUR 2'738 at the PD EUR Bank account, using the official exchange rate CHF/EUR=0.9297.

3. **Cash at Hand**

Throughout 2023 there were no cash transactions and Cash at Hand remained zero as it was at the end several previous years.

4. **Receivables - Debtors**

There were 2 receivables at 31.12.2023 as shown in the table below. Although PD Open competitions in Madrid were held in 2024, the invoice for competition granting fees has been due already in 2023, 30 days prior the event and settled in 2024.

#	Clients Title or Name	Subject	Amount in CHF	Settled in 2024
1	Cyprus Federation of Social & Sport Dance	PD Membership Reg. Fee 2023 (provisional)	300,00	22.01.24
2	Dance Sport French Open for FEBD Spain	WGP-1609 CF PD Open competitions Madrid 06.01.2024	600,00	12.01.24
		Total in CHF	900,00	

5. **Provisions for Non-Recovery:**

There were no Provisions for Non-Recovery at 31.12.2023

6. **Other receivables:**

There were no other receivables at 31.12.2023

7. **TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS**

Total Current Assets were decreased in 2023 compared to 2022 due to the operating deficit in 2023.

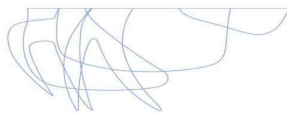
8. **Other Assets**

There were no other assets neither in 2023 nor in 2022.

9. **Liabilities - Creditors**

There were three PD obligations originating in 2023 and settled in 2024 as shown in the table below. The 4th obligation originates from 2021 and amounted to CHF 438,18 at the beginning of 2023. In 2023 the amount of CHF 300.00 has been compensated with the invoice WGP-1549 to Russian DanceSport Federation "Professional" for PD Membership Fee while the amount of CHF 138.18 remained open as PD liability.

#	Clients Title or Name	Subject	Amount in CHF	Settled in 2024
1	PD Director Verena Šulek	Telecom Expense Dec 2023 refund	45,72	11.01.24
2	World DanceSport Federation WDSF	PD share of Worldline inv 53342543	18,13	11.01.24



3	Lietuvos Antidopingo Agentura	Laboratory doping test invoice	685,58	17.01.24
4	PD MB member A.Melnikov	Un-settled part of travel expenses for attendance at PD MB meeting in 2021	138,18	-
		Total in CHF	887,61	

10. Other Liabilities

The invoice for PD Open Madrid competitions held on 6th January 2024 was issued in 2023 and was due on 6th December 2023. Therefore, it has been registered as PD revenue in 2023. However, as PD Open competitions in Madrid were held in 2024, the received payment of such an invoice is considered as an advance payment and therefore registered as Other Liability in the Balance Sheet. The Liability under # 2 originates from overpaid competition fee at the beginning of 2021 and was intended to be compensated earlier but there had been no opportunity for compensation until 31.12.2023.

#	Clients Title or Name	Subject	Amount in CHF	Settled in 2024
1	Dance Sport French Open for FEBD Spain	WGP-1609 CF PD Open Madrid 06.01.2024	600,00	12.01.24
2	Club de Interdance for FEBD Spain	Credit Invoice WGP-1430 (overpaid WGP-1295)	48,00	12.01.24
		Total in CHF	648,00	

11. NET ASSETS

Net Assets decreased in 2023 compared to 2022 for the amount of the deficit in 2023.

12. PD Capital as per January 1, 2022 and 2023 respectively

PD capital increased between the beginnings of 2022 and 2023 for the amount of surplus in the year 2022.

13. Surplus / Deficit in 2022 and 2023 respectively:

Opposite to the surplus of CHF 13'400 in 2022 PD finished the year 2023 with the deficit of CHF 7'826. The main reasons for the deficit are presented in the explanations to the Statement of Income and Expenses for 2023.

14. TOTAL CAPITAL

Due to the surplus of CHF 13'400 the Capital increased in 2022 while in 2023, due to the deficit, the PD Capital decreased for CHF 7'826 to the amount of CHF 168'744.



AGENDA ITEM 12

WDSF PD 2024 and 2025 BUDGETS REPORT

To the WDSF PD Member Bodies and the Delegates to the 2024 PD AGM

Ladies and Gentlemen, dear DanceSport Colleagues,

The global environment is getting increasingly unfriendly. The current circumstances in the World and in the Global DanceSport community have negative impact on WDSF and thereby also on its Professional Division. In Standard and Latin disciplines in addition to the previously existing two competing organisations (WDC and WDO) the third one (Heritage) has been established in Italy and took quite a lot of active Standard and Latin couples from WDSF and its Professional Division.

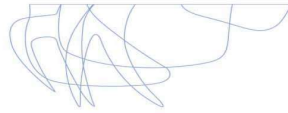
The Covid-19 has become a manageable disease but it is still not clear when the war in Ukraine and its consequences will end. Additionally, the new threat is emerging in the Middle East. In PD the circumstances mentioned above brought the number of active couples in Europe down by at least 40% compared to the pre-pandemic year 2019. Fortunately, such a decrease has been partly compensated by the increasing number of PD couples in Asia, mostly in People's Republic of China, Japan and South Korea.

In spite of such negative circumstances all major PD Title events for 2024 have been granted. Each of PD Super Grand Prix (SGP) Standard and PD Super Grand Prix Latin has been granted even twice for the first time after Covid-19 pandemic.

The planned **PD Operating Income** of **CHF 96'500** in the 2024 Budget is almost equal to the 2023 result while in the 2025 Budget the 4% decrease is foreseen. The decreased Income in 2025 is foreseen because only 2 PD SGP competitions are planned and the numbers of active PD adjudicators and WDSF Member Bodies registered with PD are expected to go down.

The budgeted **Total Operating Expenses** in the amount of **CHF 95'100** mean the 9% decrease in 2024 compared to 2023 with further decrease in 2025.

The reason for such a decrease of expenses is in waiving the flat-rate annual travel allowance to the top ranked PD couples. PD paid these allowances at the end of the past 2 years as a reward to top ranked PD couples for their engaged participation at PD Title Events as well as at lower-level PD ranking competitions. With EUR 1'000 per couple these allowances were rather symbolic but as a gesture highly appreciated by the PD athletes. In 2023 WDSF ceased sponsoring prize money for PD SGP competitions and since then PD has to sponsor prize money to the organisers of PD SGP competitions from its own funds. This caused the operating deficit of CHF 7'777 in 2023. As it is not possible to continue operating with the deficit the only feasible solution for the time being is to cease paying the mentioned annual allowances. Therefore, these expenses are not included into the 2024 and 2025 budgets.



The budgeted Total Operating Result in 2024 shows the Operating Surplus of CHF 1'400, which is not much but it is CHF 9'177 better than the Operating Deficit of CHF 7'777 in the 2023 result. A small surplus is foreseen also in the 2025 Provisional Budget.

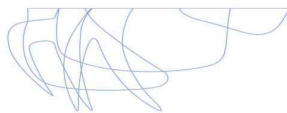
WDSF PD Budget 2024 compared to the income Statement 2023, including also 2025 Provisional Budget, as well as the detailed Explanations to the budgets can be found below.

Verena Sulek
WDSF PD Director

WDSF PD BUDGET 2024 COMPARED TO THE INCOME STATEMENT 2023 AND PROVISIONAL BUDGET 2025	See Explanation	PD Result 2023 CHF	PD Budget 2024 CHF	Budg 24 / Result 23 (%)	Provis. Budget 2025 CHF
Income and Expenses					
Operating income					
Adjudicator's License Fees	1	34.100	30.250	89%	29.150
Athlete's Fees	2	8.625	8.250	96%	8.250
PD Competition Granting Fees	3	22.000	27.700	126%	25.200
PD Membership Registration Fees	4	32.000	30.300	95%	30.000
Other Income	5	-	-	-	-
Total Operating Income	6	96.725	96.500	100%	92.600
Operating Expenses					
Account-keeping support and General Administration	7	29.465	28.600	97%	28.600
Advertising and Promotion	8	629	500	79%	500
Bad Debt	9	700	0	0%	0
Bank + Online Payments Charges	10	2.388	2.500	105%	2.500
Communications	11	3.665	6.500	177%	7.000
Doping Controls	12	1.863	0	0%	0
PD General Meeting	13	9.127	8.500	93%	10.000
PD Management Board Meetings	14	750	500	67%	2.500
Prize Money at PD SGP and World Championships	15	34.859	39.000	112%	31.000
Travelling Other - representation at PD Title Events	16	5.527	9.000	163%	10.000
Travelling Other - travel contributions to top PD couples	17	15.529	0	0%	0
Total Operating Expenses	18	104.502	95.100	91%	92.100
Operating Surplus/Deficit	19	-7.777	1.400		500
Non-operating Income & Expenses					
Non-operating income	20	0			
Non-operating expenses	21	49			
Surplus/Deficit	22	-7.826	1.400		500



	EXPLANATIONS TO PD BUDGET 2024 & PROVISIONAL BUDGET 2025 (using exchange rate 1 EUR = 0,9592 CHF)	PD Budget 2024 CHF	PD Provis Budget 2025 CHF
1	PD Adjudicators' Licence Fees 2024: (270x110+10x55) CHF; 2025: (260x110 + 10*55) CHF Total PD Adjudicators' Licence Fees	30.250 30.250	29.150 29.150
2	PD Athletes' Licence Fees 2024: new + renewed 330 x 25CHF ; 2025: new + renewed 330 x 25 CHF Total PD Athletes' Licence Fees	8.250 8.250	8.250 8.250
3	WDSF PD Competition Granting Fees PD World Champ (2024: Std, Lat, SDStd, SDLat, TD; 2025: Std, Lat, SDStd, TD) PD Continental Championships (2024: Eur St + Eur La; 2025: Eur St + Eur La + As La) PD World Cups Adult (2024: Std, Lat; 2025: Std, Lat) PD World Cups MC (2024: 1x St MCI+MCII; 2025: 1x St MCI+MCII) PD World Open Competitions (2024: 0 ; 2025: 0) PD Open Comp. (2024: 3xStd + 3xLat with 25% disc; 2025: 3xSd + 3xLat with 25% disc) PD Open Master Class (2024: 1x Std +1xLat MCI+MCII ; 2025: 1x Std +1xLat MCI+MCII) PD Super Grand Prix (2024: 2xStd+2xLat ; 2025: 1xStd + 1xLat) Total WDSF PD Granted Competition Fees	10.000 3.000 3.500 1.000 0 1.800 400 8.000 27.700	10.000 4.500 3.500 1.000 0 1.800 400 4.000 25.200
4	Membership Registration Fees by WDSF Members registered with PD 2024: 39 Full x 700CHF +10 Prov x 300CHF; 2025: 39 Full x700CHF + 9 Prov x 300CHF Total Registration Fees by WDSF Members registered with PD	30.300 30.300	30.000 30.000
7	Administration Outsourced Support to General, Sport and Accounts Administration, Analysis & Reporting Expenses for telecommunications Total Administration	27.600 1.000 28.600	27.600 1.000 28.600
8	Advertisement and Promotion Expenses for promotional materials and/or services Total Advertisement and promotion	500 500	500 500
9	Bad Debt Bad debt due to write-offs Total Bad Debt	0 0	0 0
10	Bank and Online payments service charges Bank Service Charges Six Payment (online payments) service charges and commissions Total Bank and Online Payments Service Charges	500 2.000 2.500	500 2.000 2.500
11	Communications Communications support (traveling, video & photo with editing, internet uploading) Total Communications	6.500 6.500	7.000 7.000



12	Doping Controls Doping Controls at PD competitions + out of competition testing Total Doping Controls	 0	 0
13	PD General Meeting PD share for hospitality to the delegates to the PD AGM (lunch and gala dinner) Accommodation and hospitality for PD Management Board Members Travel to AGM by PD Management Board Members Technical facilities and support Total PD General Meeting	 2.500 1.500 1.500 3.000 8.500	 3.000 2.000 2.000 3.000 10.000
14	PD Management Board Meetings PD MB Meetings travel expenses (in 2025 planned one in-person meeting outside the AGM term) PD Management Board Meetings accommodation and hospitality (2025: comment as above) Total PD Management Board Meetings	 0 500 500	 1.300 1.200 2.500
15	Prize Money (PD World Championships and PD Super Grand Prix) PD World Champ. (2024: Std, Lat, SDStd, TD); 2025: Std+Lat, SDStd, TD) PD Super Grand Prix (2024: 2xStd + 2xLat, 2024: 2025: 1xStd + 1xLat) Prize Money (PD World Championships, PD Super Grand Prix)	 23.000 16.000 39.000	 23.000 8.000 31.000
16	Travelling Other (mainly representation at PD Title Events) Expenses for representation at PD Title Events & possible other travels Total Travelling Other (mainly representation PD Title events)	 9.000 9.000	 10.000 10.000
17	Travelling Other (annual travel contributions to Top Rankd Couples) PD End-of-the-year lumpsum contributionsto up to 6 Top Ranked PD couples +n Std an Lat Travelling Other (annual travel contributions to Top Rankd Couples)	 0 0	 0 0
20	Non-operating income Currency conversion profits & VAT interest fees: not possible to plan Total Non-operating income	 0	 0
21	Non-operating expenses Currency conversion losses & VAT interest fees: not possible to plan Total Non-operating expenses	 0	 0



AGENDA ITEM 13



Professional Division Athletes Representative Report 2023/24

By Sean Smullen
16.09.2024

INTRODUCTION

Firstly, I would like to thank the PD Management board, for their continued cooperation and dedication to the improvement of the PD, always keeping the best interest of the athletes at the forefront of all topics. With particular thanks to the PD Director Mrs. Verena Sulek and her husband, Drago who have been the vital organ and driving force of the PD for as long as I can remember.

The main role of the PD athlete representative is to bridge the gap, providing communication between the athletes and the board. I will explain in more detail later, however, in the end of 2023 and for the beginning of 2024 there was no PD representative, which broke the link.

I would like to thank the PD board as I'm aware that some Athletes' had day to day personal concerns and questions that were addressed and solved directly by the board with the best interest of the athletes in mind. I would like to thank the PD MB for their voluntary time.



This year we have an election for a new PD MB member. I hope we will have an active member join the board with fresh enthusiastic ideas as we have many areas of improvement needed.

REPORT CONTENT

- 1) PD Athletes Representative and Future Election.
- 2) PD Overview.
- 3) 2023 and 2024 Competitions.
- 4) Fusion of High Level Events.
- 5) Communications.
- 6) Financial Support Appreciation.
- 7) Work in the Commission.
- 8) Support needed from the Athletes.
- 9) PD Licence Alternative Suggestion.
- 10) Conclusion.

PD Athletes Representative and Future Election

My original 4 year term as athletes representative finished in July 2023. There were no elections held by the outgoing WDSF AC to fill the role of PD athletes' representative, leaving a period of several months with no PD athletes representative.

A member of the WDSF Presidium contacted me in April 2024 explaining the good work they had done on the new AC operating policy and their intentions to appoint members to the AC, for a maximum period of 1 year. This would allow the AC sufficient time to organise elections under the new AC operating policy.

As I had previous experience in WDSF AC as the PD representative, I was happy to volunteer to be appointed.

In May 2024, I received and signed the terms of engagement to accept the appointment to the WDSF AC from May 12th to the next election scheduled for the commission.

At the time of writing this report the next election for WDSF Professional Division Representative has not been published. The AC is planning a timeline for the PD election to be held before the end of 2024 or early 2025.

As PD is becoming an exciting space with new athletes joining every year. I ask you to please speak with all the professional athletes within your country, and if they have a passion to improve PD, please encourage them to put their nomination forward for the PD election when it is convened.



The Athletes Commission is a vital organ in WDSF, which empowers athletes involvement in the decision making process, and the AC holds a valuable direct link to the WDSF Presidium on athletes related topics.

This gives the opportunity for input into how new policies affect the athletes giving an avenue to bring athletes ideas for the development of PD directly to the WDSF presidium and WDSF sports commission.

Please encourage your enthusiastic athletes to put their name forward as a candidate, a competitive election will be good for PD.

PD Overview

PD Standard is currently a very exciting place for the athletes at this moment. Each event has different couples taking part, there is a flow of Adult athletes making the transition to the next stage of their career, and joining PD both in Standard and Latin, but particularly in Standard.

The culture of adult couples joining PD and only taking part in one or two title events, to receive the accolade of a Professional Title is starting to diminish, and the division is starting to see athletes competing for more than one or two events, before retiring. It is nice to see the athletes giving respect to PD and competing regularly in PD events. There are also no “set” positions and each event is interesting for the athletes and the WDSF community to see who will make the semi final or final, and who will win.

In PD Latin we need to make some improvements to attract more couples to attend the events and increase the level of the couples competing.

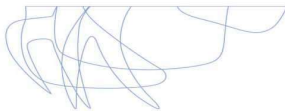
We can see a much more positive situation for Asia, with higher participation from Asian couples in European events in comparison to the previous ‘Covid’ years, and with high level events in Asia such as SGP and World Cup. We can almost say it is a return to normal, unfortunately we cannot say the same for Ukraine and Russia given the ongoing conflict. Both Ukraine and Russia have been important member bodies for PD in recent years.

As we can see across DanceSport the ban of Russian athletes has had a huge impact on competition entry numbers and level. This can also be felt in PD with a number of couples at the prime of their PD careers missing due to the ban. We had for the first time in Wuxi, one couple competing under the ‘AIN’ possibility and we congratulate them for their courage and decision to join WDSF PD under AIN.

Due to the uncertainty of the war it is extremely difficult for Ukrainian athletes to focus on their dancing career and join PD competitions. We are thankful to those Ukrainian athletes who have joined PD competitions in 2023 and 2024 despite the situation.

Events 2023 and 2024

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the organisers and Federations who organised PD events in 2023 and 2024. A total of 25 PD competitions have been held



since my last report. These events are not always financially profitable for the organisers and the athletes would like to say a big Thank You to the organisers for supporting the athletes.

Listed below are the 25 events since my last report to the PD AGA 2023:

- 1) **2023 GOC** - Thank you to DTV, and the organiser Harry Kroner and the team of volunteers at GOC who organised between the 8th - 12th August 2023 SGP Standard and Latin as well as Master Class 1 and 2 events. There was also the GOC PD rising star standard and latin. GOC is one of the highlight events in the PD calendar.

Congratulations to the Winners of the WDSF SGP Standard Edgars Linis and Eliza Line from Latvia.

Congratulations to the winners of the WDSF SGP Latin Andrea Silvestri and Varadi Martina from Hungary.

Congratulations to the winners of the WDSF PD Open MasterClass 1 Michel Carlini - Elisa Morganti from Albania.

Congratulations to the winners of the WDSF PD Open MasterClass 2 Damir Abdoulganeev and Monique Broekmeulen from the Netherlands.

Congratulations to the winners of the GOC PD Rising Star Standard from Slovakia Matej Stec & Elena. Popova and to the winners of GOC PD rising Star Latin from China Junan Chen and Liuqing Yang.

- 2) **2023 the WDSF PD 10 Dance World Cup** - Thank you to the organiser Yavor Valchev and the Bulgarian DanceSport Federation who organised on the 23rd September 2023 the WDSF PD 10 Dance World Cup.
Congratulations to the winners Michele Albigese - Isaincu Anelise Christiana from Romania.

- 3) Thank you to the organiser Martin Odstrcil and the Czech DanceSport Federation for organising on the 7th October 2023 the WDSF PD European Championship Standard in Brno.

Congratulations to the Winners Edgars Linis and Eliza Line from Latvia.

- 4) Thank you to DTV and the organisers Tanzschule Oliver Thalheim & Tina Spiessbach for organising WDSF PD World Championship Show Dance Standard taking place in Leipzig - Germany on 14th October 2023

Congratulations to the winners from Slovakia Matej Stec & Elena Popova.

- 5) Thank you to the organiser Aigars Svards and the Latvian DanceSport Federation for organising the WDSF PD World Cup Standard 2023, which took centre stage at the 41 Baltic Grand Prix in Riga, Latvia, on Saturday 16th December. With the accompaniment of an excellent orchestra. A special event with an enthusiastic audience.

Congratulations to the winners Edgars Linis and Eliza Line from Latvia.

- 6) 2024 PD calendar started early in Madrid with the WDSF PD Open Standard and WDSF PD Open Latin. Thank you to the Spanish DanceSport Federation and to organisers



DanceSport Team and Interdance for kicking off the competition calendar for the PD athletes in 2024.

Congratulations to the winners of the PD Open Standard Edgaras Baltaragis - Indre Baltarage from Lithuania.

Congratulations to the winners of the PD Open Latin Andrea Silvestri and Varadi Martina - Hungary.

- 7) Thank you to the French Dance Sport Federation and the organisers LDR DanceSport Concept who on the 18th February organised a PD Open Latin in Lyon France.
Congratulations to the winners of the PD Open Latin Andrea Silvestri and Varadi Martina - Hungary.
- 8) Thank you to the Hungarian DanceSport Association who organised the WDSF PD World Championship Latin which took place in Budapest on the 23rd of March 2024.
Congratulations to the winners Andrea Silvestri and Varadi Martina - Hungary.
A special note to wish Andrea and Varadi the very best of luck and success in the next chapter of their career as they retired with the highlight of winning the Professional World Championship after a successful competitive career together.
- 9) Thank you to the Mallorca Dance Festival and the Spanish DanceSport Federation for organising the WDSF PD Open Standard and Latin on the 4th and 5th of May 2024.

Congratulations to the winners of the PD Open Standard Sean Smullen & Aimie Leak - England.

Congratulations to the winners of the PD Open Latin Chen Junan and Lan Mei - China.

- 10) On the 18th May 2024 we saw the return of the WDSF Super Grand Prix in Tokyo.
We thank the Japanese DanceSport Federation and the organising team of the Tokyo Open for all the extra accommodation and local transport conditions offered to the couples.
This was the first SGP back in Japan since the pandemic and we are glad to see its return to the competitive calendar.
Congratulations to the winners Edgars Linis and Eliza Line from Latvia.
- 11) Thank you to the Slovak DanceSport Federation who hosted the WDSF PD World Championship 10 Dance on the 8th June 2024.
Congratulations to the winners of this title Matej Stec & Elena Popova from Slovakia.
- 12) Thank you to the Polish DanceSport Federation and to the organisers of the Mazovia Cup who organised a WDSF PD Open Standard and Latin on the 16th June 2024.
Congratulations to the winners of the PD Open Standard Sean Smullen and Aimie Leak from England.
Congratulations to the winners of the PD Open Latin Wang Zenghui and Zong Ying from China.



- 13) PD Athletes were happy to see the inclusion of PD in Wuxi which is a new and important festival in the WDSF Calendar.
Already we can see a high number of entries for PD and hope for it to be included in next year's Asian DanceSport Festival in Wuxi.
Thank you to the Chinese DanceSport Federation and the organisers for hosting the WDSF PD World Cup Standard and the WDSF PD World Cup Latin on the 21st and 22nd July 2024.
Congratulations to the winners of the WDSF PD World Cup Standard Edgars Linis and Eliza Line from Latvia.
Congratulations to the winners of the WDSF PD World Cup Latin Maruster Sergiu and Anastasia Stand from Moldova.
- 14) 2024 GOC - Thank you to DTV, and the organiser Harry Kroner and the team of volunteers at GOC who organised between the 13th - 18th August 2024, SGP Standard and Latin as well as Master Class 1 and 2 events. There was also the GOC PD rising star Standard and Latin. GOC is one of the highlight events in the PD calendar.
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Congratulations to the winners of the WDSF PD Open MasterClass 1 Rabih Mourad and Severine Asnar from France.
Congratulations to the winners of the WDSF PD Open MasterClass 2 Stefano Bernardini and Stefania Martellini from Italy.
Congratulations to the winners of the GOC PD Rising Star Standard from China Tao Zhu and Hanyu Sha.
Congratulations to the winners of the GOC PD rising Star Latin also from China Yi Diao and Jingjing Gao.

New World Ranking Working

For anyone who has read my 2023 PD representative report for the Madrid AGM, you may remember that I gave a full explanation of how the PD ranking points are calculated.

With the main focus of the new system awarding ranking points calculated by who you beat, in contrast to the older system, where the name of the competition determined the result structure.

To incentivise the attendance at PD events the PD MB awarded in 2023 a 1000 euro travel reimbursement to the top 10 couples in the WRL.

The ranking is an exciting space the couples look to and is changing after each event as the results change.



One use of the WRL is to calculate the star couples. This can be rather positive for the finalist couples when there are many rounds. In one SGP the top 6 couples had a star, so they did not have to dance the first round. There was a mixture of feelings from the athletes about this, it was nice to have a star however, in Youth, Adult and in Senior the couples are delighted to have the star as there are sometimes more than 5 rounds to the competition. In PD there are usually never more than 4 rounds, so having a star is not necessary unless there are more couples to warrant extra rounds.

Mixing of High Level Events

When PD events are held at the same events as a Grand Slam or Adult World Championship, there are a range of benefits for the PD couples including but not limited to:

- There are several hairstyle and make-up services on site.
- There are several professional photographers and videographers on site. This is helpful for PD also, as when the couples post high level photos and videos it improves the visibility and quality of PD.
- When the WDSF communication team is present, the PD couples are then visible in shorts videos on instagram, youtube and facebook. This improves the image and raises the profile of PD and the interest from adult competitors to join PD.
- Lighting/floor quality and audience. As the WDSF Grand Slam/WC are the highlight events in WDSF there is always the highest quality lighting, a DJ present, a wonderful floor size and an enthusiastic audience present to watch the event. Placing a PD SGP and WO at the same time allows the PD couples to gain the benefits of these events. Usually organisers have large costs involved in organising a GS and need a large budget for this, organisers with large budgets should hopefully be able to afford the PD fees.
- One of the main reasons for adult couples not wishing to dance in PD is because they never see PD events. If there was a PD title event at every Adult GS or WC this would greatly increase the visibility and interest of PD events.
- Naturally PD couples train many couples that compete in Junior, Youth, Adult and Senior. This allows the couples to combine their working trip with their own competition. Often PD couples cannot attend a PD event as they need to be at another event with their couple. Potentially this means the couples can come and compete and bring their couples to the GS and other events growing the event for the organiser and offsetting their costs.
- PD couples when they leave adult, leave the 'buzz' of the large events, holding the SGP and WO at the same time keeps the PD and General Division much more connected to each other and not drifting apart.



Communications

I would like to extend a special thank you to Prof. Helmut Roland who has travelled to many PD title events around the world in Standard, Latin and 10 Dance taking high quality photographs and videos of all the couples. These videos and photos are almost immediately available on the WDSF site and photos are so kindly shared with the couples to use.

Prof. Roland also conducts interviews with the winners and some finalists. The great work Prof. Roland does in communication builds the profile of PD showing it to all who could not be there on the night.

The PD athletes are excited to see that PD couples are starting to be visible in instagram reels, youtube shorts, and across other social media platforms.

The visibility of PD couples on the WDSF social media platform is a very positive step forward for the visibility and promotion of PD.

We would like to see more reels and youtube videos for PD couples on the WDSF social media platform.

Financial Support Appreciation

On behalf of the athletes I would like to thank you all for the continued financial investment. PD invests almost 60% of its revenue into the prize money for the athletes.

A special thank you to the PD board who recognised that the majority of PD couples are funding their own travel expenses. Realising there was some money that could be allocated, the PD board took the initiative to reimburse the top 10 couples in the PD World Ranking List, reimbursing €1000 per couple in travel expenses, with the aim of encouraging them to continue their competitive career and travel to future PD events.

Since my last report we had two PD Open events cancelled due to only one couple entering.

Other organisers decided to pay the fees anyway to hold the PD event in the hope to have more couples the following year, even though they only had one or two couples entered.

In contrast we had another organiser who had a PD Open in the calendar for a long time published online, with just two couples entered.

The organiser then 1 month before the event offered airport transfers, 2 nights accommodation and over 3000 euro prize money for a PD Open Standard and the number of entries rose to 7 couples relatively quickly.



For non-title events if we wish to have more entries, we need some monetary incentives for the couples to attend and the competitions must be in the calendar earlier. In order to have a higher participation rate at title and open events, I would recommend where possible, to have the event in the calendar 6 months before the event.

Work in the Athletes Commission

As I mentioned earlier, the AC is in a transition phase having all commissioners appointed. In the time it takes to hold its election the WDSF AC is fully functioning, reporting on athletes issues to the WDSF presidium, having meetings and producing quarterly and year end reports.

At the time of writing this report the AC had one online meeting and one in person meeting and have already started to function in the role of advising the WDSF presidium on athletes needs, and have already suggested some improvements both for PD and the General Division.

Support from the Athletes

Although there has been an improvement, I must repeat this year that the PD couples need to support events much more, as PD events are expensive to organise, with all the criteria the couples have requested over the last number of years. For example: more prize money, evening/gala events, audience etc. If the couples do not support in numbers at these events in the future, these high standard events will drop, and eventually there will be less and less organisers willing to organise these PD events.

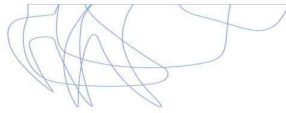
Please, if you can, make every conscious effort to encourage your PD athletes to compete in all PD events.

The lack of competitions and competitors attending in PD is a demotivating factor for Adults to promote themselves to PD as they are accustomed to a full competition calendar with several events to choose from each weekend.

In my opinion, if these numbers build, more couples will be attracted to dancing in events with greater participants. The organisers and the PD board are supporting couples the best they can, with 60% of the PD budget going towards prize money. Please encourage your active athletes to attend these events.

PD Adjudicator Licence

There has been a lot of discussion in the past few years about the need for some form of a Professional Adjudicator Licence while remaining as an active competitor.



One idea we have discussed in the AC may be to try to reduce the time it takes from retirement to adjudicating. As many of you are already adjudicators, you know there is a process which can take up to two years from your last competition as a competitor, to being eligible for your first competition as an adjudicator.

As it seems, to the best of my knowledge, it is possible for active athletes to take the WDSF technical examination while still an active competitor. Another possible option would be to allow the athletes to attend the congresses and take their GKT (General Knowledge Test), fill out their questionnaire and if all passed, they could then have them as dormant achievements, meaning when they do decide to retire they already have an active WDSF C/B licence almost immediately.

CONCLUSION

The PD standard is growing rather well, and we need to continue that great work. However we need to bring our attention more to the PD Latin to create an incentive to bring in more couples to events or over from the General Division.

We have really seen the end to the effects of Covid, as we can see from the previous years just after the Covid period there were fewer competitors at competitions. Now looking at the last few months the competitors' participation is looking a lot healthier in the General Division.

Another point; Let's work together to find solutions to make the Professional Division the highlight of every athlete's career. Whatever the incentive we need we should make this our priority.

Many improvements have been made over the past decade and although everything is not perfect. We are definitely heading in the right direction.

Please feel free to contact me after the meeting today, if you have suggestions for the improvement of PD and we can discuss this in further detail.



AGENDA ITEM 15

REPORT ON THE CANDIDACIES FOR THE ELECTION OF THE SUBSTITUTE PD MB MEMBER

During the 2023 PD AGM in Madrid. Mr. Davide Cacciari resigned as a PD Management Board member. According to PD Administrative Rules, Article 4, Point 3, it is up to the PD Management Board to continue with the reduced number of its members or call at this year PD AGM for election for a substitute member whose term will end at the 2025 PD AGM. PD Management Board decided for the substitution and the election is foreseen in the Point 15 of the 2024 PD AGM Agenda.

PD received the nomination of only one candidate. The email with the proposal of Mr. Martino Zanibellato from Denmark was submitted on 26th September 2024 by the President of Dans Danmark, Mr. Jan Kirk Todsén. On 16th October Mr. Zanibellato submitted by email his CV and Reason for his candidacy. The Candidacy with CV and Reason is enclosed to this report below. In the PD Administrative Rules there is no regulation about the submission of the candidates for elections. Careful examination showed that for the matters not covered by the PD Administrative Rules the Article 8 of these Rules stipulates that the relevant provisions of the WDSF Statutes shall be applied as can be seen in the following excerpt from the PD Administrative Rules:

"Matters not covered by these Rules

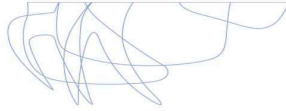
*Regarding any other matter not covered by these **Administrative Rules** the appropriate regulations of the **WDSF Statutes** and other WDSF Rules and regulations shall be used."*

In the WDSF Statutes, Article 10 (Convocation of the General Meeting), Point 4, the eligibility of the candidacies is described as follows:

To be eligible candidacies for elections held at the General Meeting must be submitted to the General Secretary or a Presidium Member authorized by the Presidium or the Presidium in writing by mail, or e-mail not later than six weeks before the General Meeting. The candidacies shall be accompanied by a brief curriculum vitae, a brief motivation of the candidacy and a proof of the qualification of the candidate according to art. 13(bis) of the Statutes, if necessary. The candidacies will be published no later than four weeks before the General Meeting on the internet web site where the agenda and the motions have been posted.

The candidacy of Mr. Martino Zanibellato was not received and published in accordance with the above regulations of the WDSF Statutes. Therefore, before starting the election PD AGM will have to decide about the eligibility of the candidacy of Mr. Zanibellato for the position of the PD Management Board Member.

Verena Šulek
WDSF PD Director

**CANDIDACY OF MARTINO ZANIBELLATO FOR PD MANAGEMENT BOARD MEMBER**

From: Jan Kirk Todsén, Dans Danmark <jakt@dans-danmark.dk>
Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2024 9:50 PM
To: verena.sulek@siol.net; Verena Sulek <verena.sulek@wdsf.org>
Subject: Nomination of PD Management Board Member

Dear Verena

On behalf of Dancesport Denmark I hereby nominate Martino Zanibellato as PD Management Board Member.

Venlig hilsen / Kind regards

Jan Kirk Todsén
Formand / President



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From: Martino and Michelle Zanibellato <MartinoMichelle@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 6:54 PM
To: Verena Sulek <verena.sulek@wdsf.org>
Subject: Re: Candidacy for the PD Management Board Member

Dear Verena after our conversation in Leipzig I have prepared my CV and a letter with the motivations behind my candidacy. Best regards. Martino

Martino ZANIBELLATO C.V.

Born in Italy ,I started to dance at the age of 10 .

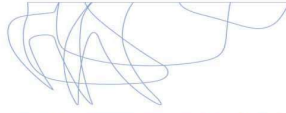
At the age of 17 I made my first world championship final representing Italy in the youth category in Latin.

In 2001 I moved to Denmark ,and after a successful 10 dance career, I specialized in Latin achieving 10 times danish champion title , and medalist in all major competitions . As professional from 2013 & 2014 I became European and 2 times world champion with my wife Michelle Abildtrup.

Since 2015 I'm a WDSF adjudicator.

In the recent years I was president for 2 terms of the Professional Division in Denmark and member of the board.

Currently I'm part of the WDSF SPORT TECHNICAL SYSTEM COMMITTEE .



Reason for candidacy of PD management board .

Dear presidium members and PD member bodies, I hope you will accept my candidacy for the PD management board. The reason for my candidacy is simple, I want to give my contribution as ex champion and athlete of Professional division, to develop and restructure this very important part of our organization. I'm ready to assist and contribute with my ideas and work.

I think the Professional Division needs help to develop in the right direction, and I want to give my contribution if you will accept my candidacy.

Best regards.

Martino

Sent from my iPhone