

2016 DSC Conference Call Notes

Begin 2016 DSC Conference Call and Email Motions

2016-01-05 Email Motion—Wayne/2nd Ken: To approve Matt Hauer as a Championship Certified Adjudicator in the following styles: B+, C+, D+ (Smooth, Rhythm, Latin).
Motion Approved: Yes—6 Wayne, Todd, Ken, Stan, Inna, Edward, Amanda; No—0; Abstain—0

2016-01-06 Email Motion—Wayne/2nd Todd: Approve Matt Hauer as a National Certified Adjudicator, adding his A+ credential.
Motion Approved: Yes—6 Wayne, Todd, Amanda, Edward, Inna, Stan, Ken; No—0; Abstain—0

2016-01-12 Email Motion—Wayne/2nd Todd: To approve Silke Nowak as a National Certified Adjudicator with the following credentials: A+, B+, C+, D+; and an Invigilator.
Motion Approved: Yes—8 (Wayne, Todd, Amanda, Inna, Roger, Edward, Ken, Stan); No—0; Abstain—0

1. DSC Conference Call—13 January 2016 @ 20:00 Central

Present: Stan Andrews, Amanda Ashcraft, Inna Brayer, Ken Richards, Roger Greenawalt, Todd Kirrane, Wayne Crowder

Guest: Dan Calloway

Absent: Ray Kaufman, Edward Golbert

- Discussion Topics:
 - ✓ Listed or Registered competitions—rules regarding.
 - ✓ WDSF Adjudicator dress regulation rules.
 - ✓ Revised adjudicator requirements for Championship & National recognized adjudicators.
 - ✓ Proficiency committee update—Stan.
 - ✓ DSC re-organization review.
 - ✓ Syllabus Guidebook.
 - ✓ Invigilation co-chairs.
- Meeting adjourned—next DSC conference call on Tuesday, 2 February.

Ray Kaufman Resigned on

2. DSC Conference Call—16 February 2016 @ 20:00 Central

Present: Stan Andrews, Inna Brayer, Roger Greenawalt, Todd Kirrane, Wayne Crowder, Dan Calloway

Guest: Ken Richards, Peter Pover

Absent: Edward Golbert, Amanda Ashcraft

- Discussion Topics:
 - ✓ Nicole Palagashvili recommended to Peter for GC approval on 6 March.
 - ✓ Proficiency committee update—Stan.
 - ✓ DSC re-organization review.
- Meeting adjourned—next DSC conference call TBD.

3. DSC Conference Call—1 March 2016 @ 20:00 Central

Present: Stan Andrews, Inna Brayer, Roger Greenawalt, Todd Kirrane, Dan Calloway, Edward Golbert, Amanda Ashcraft

Guest: Ken Richards, Peter Pover

Absent: Nicole Palagashvili, Wayne Crowder

- Discussion Topics:
 - ✓ Allow Registered competitions to hold T;S events—Rog
 - ✓ Publish on o2cm website USA Dance adjudicators with their approval.
 - ✓ Guidelines for Registered competitions.
 - ✓ Proficiency committee update—Stan.
 - ✓ Revise 9 & 10 Dance requirements for Nationals—must qualify at an NQE in Championship in at least one of the two dance styles per event.
- Meeting adjourned—next DSC conference call TBD.

- From: **DanceSport VP USA Dance** <dancesport-vp@usadance.org>

Date: Sun, Mar 6, 2016 at 12:58 PM

Subject: New Appoints to DSC

To: Rog Greenawalt-Comp Committee Chair <Bolerogreen@juno.com>, Amanda Ashcraft <amandausadance@gmail.com>, Todd Kirrane <toddmkirrane@gmail.com>, Wayne Crowder <sirtfied@gmail.com>, Inna Brayer <innabrayer@gmail.com>, Edward Golbert <edwardgolbert@yahoo.com>, Nicole P <npalagashvili@gmail.com>, Daniel Calloway <daniel.calloway@gmail.com>

Cc: Secretary USA Dance <secretary@usadance.org>

- To DSC:
- [First Amy MacDougall has resigned as Anti-Doping Chair and for now that position will be left open. I will require a discussion with the DSC before we make a new appointment.](#)
- [In addition, Rog has accepted a new responsibility of maintaining the DanceSport Rulebook and chairing the Discipline committee. The maintenance of the Rulebook is vital and requires someone that understands the letter as well as the spirit of the rules. Rog will also continue to support the Organizers committee](#)

and help transition Ann Durocher as the newly appointed Organizers Committee Chair. Ann brings over 15 years of competition organization experience as well as being the managing director for Nationals. With the addition of Ann to the DSC and support of Rog, competition organizers will have a strong voice on the DSC.

- In addition, Sterling Sightler has accepted the position of Rules and Eligibility Chair on the DSC as well as National Registrar. Sterling brings a wealth of knowledge in these areas and I have had the pleasure of working with Sterling for over 15 years.
- Ann & Sterling will require GC approval and their appointments will take effect after Nationals.
- Please join me in supporting Rog, Ann & Sterling in their new appointments.
- Thank you,
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- *Stan Andrews, Ph.D.*
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From: bolero@juno.com <bolero@juno.com>

Date: Wed, Mar 30, 2016 at 3:11 PM

Subject: Re: New NQE in Birmingham - Approved

To: dancesport-vp@usadance.org, sirtfied@gmail.com

Cc: innabray@gmail.com, todd@kirrane.com, daniel.calloway@gmail.com, edwardgolbert@yahoo.com, npalagashvili@gmail.com, AmandaUSADance@gmail.com, todd@kirrane.com

Stan:

This NQE has been approved for Feb 2017.

For your records:

Voting Yes: Stan, Dan, Todd, Inna, Rog

Voting No

Amanda

Abstaining

Wayne

Not Voting

Edward, Nicole: (Edward and Nicole, you are still at liberty to vote if you want to.)

2016-04-11 Email Motion—Todd/2nd Edward: To grant an exemption to the NEDSC for the WDSF 50% rule to allow 5 WDSF judges on their 12 judge panel.
Motion Approved: Yes—10 Edward, Todd, Dan, Ann, Sterling, Wayne, Stan, Inna, Amanda, Nicole; No—0; Abstain—0 ; Not voting - Roger

4. DSC Conference Call—19 April 2016 @ 2000 Central

Present: Stan Andrews, Amanda Ashcraft, Inna Brayer, Roger Greenawalt, Todd Kirrane, Wayne Crowder, Dan Calloway, Sterling Sightler

Guest: Ken Richards

Absent: Edward Golbert, Ann Durocher, Nicole Palagashvili

Motion—Todd/2nd Sterling: To allow French cuffs with a simple snap, button, or non-light reflective cuff links for Pre-Teen and Junior competitors.
Motion Approved: Yes—8 Stan Andrews, Amanda Ashcraft, Inna Brayer, Roger Greenawalt, Todd Kirrane, Wayne Crowder, Dan Calloway, Sterling Sightler; No—0; Abstain—0

- Discussion Topics:
 - ✓ Wrap up and report by Nationals Organizing Group are pending.
 - ✓ Conflict in rulebook over skin colored dance pants are not allowed versus skin colored dance pants are allowed if heavily stoned; decision to allow if heavily stoned (considered an edit)
 - ✓ Allowing competitors to laminate their numbers or place in plastic sleeve; Stan will contact Marco for direction/consistency with WDSF
 - ✓ Keeping judges on US WDSF list who do not judge USA Dance competitions
- Several complaints were filed with the DanceSport-VP after Nationals concerning adjudicators; these have been forwarded to the EC for disposition
- Meeting adjourned—next DSC conference call on Tuesday, 3 May

4/26/16 Email

To DSC:

I have appointed Jim Crowell, MD as the DSC Anti-Doping Director. Dr. Crowell has over 40 years as an ER doctor and has been a USA Dance competitor and supporter for the 17 years I have known Jim.

He will keep the DSC informed on all WDSF anti-doping issues and monitor the USADA information

Please direct any anti-doping issues to Jim at ds-antidoping@usadance.org, this email address is active as of today.

This is a non-voting appointment, so please do not include the above email address on voting issues.

Any questions, we can discuss during the DSC conference call next Tuesday evening at 9:00pm Eastern.

Thank you,

Stan

4/26/16 Email

Dear DSC;

FYI:

Wojciech Zopoth is a WDSF A, PD adjudicator for the Polish Federation. He is currently living in Florida. He would like to be added to the list of Foreign Adjudicators in USA/Canada.

Wojciech Zopoth

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His Resume is attached.

This does not require the vote of the DSC because he is not asking to become a USA Dance Licensed Adjudicator or WDSF judge at this time.

This is more of a courtesy from Federation to Federation.

Best Regards;

Wayne Crowder

Certification Chair, USA Dance

5. DSC Conference Call—2016-05-02 @ 2000 Central

Present: Stan Andrews, Amanda Ashcraft, Inna Brayer, Roger Greenawalt, Dan Calloway, Sterling Sightler, Ann Durocher, Nicole Palagashvili

Guest: Ken Richards

Absent: Edward Golbert, Todd Kirrane, Wayne Crowder

- Discussion Topics:

- ✓ Welcome Ann Durocher to DSC

- ✓ Johnny Tang Reinstatement Application: no objections by DSC

- ✓ 2016 Rulebook Changes:

Residency Documentation is required to represent US at world championships but not to dance at Nationals

USA Dance membership may be renewed or initiated online at a competition and proof of current membership presented at check-in

Competitor numbers cannot be altered in any way except that clear laminating or placing the number in a clear plastic sleeve is allowed

Organizers are not required to obtain the address and phone numbers of competitors

Proficiency Point sections of the Rulebook are suspended until further notice

- ✓ Update on upcoming WDSF World Championships
 - ✓ Update on USA Dance email accounts
 - ✓ GC Meeting 5/22 & 5/23: Rulebook changes will be presented
 - ✓ Sanctioning fee for an NQE organized by a nonprofit that becomes an affiliate member of USA Dance; Stan, Ann, & Sterling will discuss offline
 - ✓ Sanction request for American DanceSport Festival which is already on the WDSF calendar
 - ✓ Request from NorCal to change date to 12/3/16 and change venue to Just Dance Ballroom Studio in Oakland; Roger will initiate email discussion on this
 - ✓ Inclusion of all ladies formation team in USA Dance events
- Meeting adjourned—next DSC conference call on Tuesday, 17 May

2016-05-05 Email Motion—Stan/2nd Inna: To approve any additional \$1000 stipend for a Boston youth couple that will be attending the WDSF Standard Championship in Japan.

Motion Approved: Yes—9 Wayne, Todd, Stan, Inna, Edward, Amanda, Ann, Sterling, Dan; Not voting – Nicole, Roger

2016-05-10 Email Motion—Wayne/2nd Todd: To accept Ross Pearce as a National Certified Adjudicator with A+, B+, C+, D+ credentials.

Motion Approved: Yes—10 Wayne, Todd, Stan, Inna, Nicole, Roger, Amanda, Ann, Sterling, Dan; Not voting – Edward

2016-05-12 Email Motion—Wayne/2nd Amanda: To accept Lev Vesnovsky's credentials upgrade to C-Smooth

Motion Approved: Yes—9 Wayne, Amanda, Todd, Edward, Inna, Ann, Nicole, Ann, Sterling, Stan; Not voting – Roger, Dan

2016-05-16 Email Motion—Wayne/2nd Ann: To accept Yelena Vesnovsky's credentials upgrade to C-Smooth

Motion Approved: Yes—11 Unanimous

6. DSC Conference Call—2016-05-17 @ 2000 Central

Present: Stan Andrews, Amanda Ashcraft, Inna Brayer, Dan Calloway, Wayne Crowder, Ann Durocher, Edward Golbert, Roger Greenawalt, Todd Kirrane, Nicole Palagashvili, Sterling Sightler

Motion—Ann/2nd Stan: To approve the request to add North American Collegiate Open Championships in Standard, Latin, Smooth, & Rhythm to the American DanceSport Festival to be held in October of 2017

Motion Approved: Yes—Unanimous

- Discussion Topics:
 - ✓ Suggestions for helping competitions held in the West to be more successful including providing the funds allocated for Showdance Scholarships at Nationals to these competitions; waiving the sanctioning fees; waiving the 65% placement rule and allowing any couple that participates in an NQE in the West to qualify for Nationals; Wayne, Todd, and Ann will develop a proposal for providing assistance to West Coast competitions
 - ✓ Update on invitations to competitors to represent the US at upcoming world events
 - ✓ Providing additional stipends for Junior II couples representing the US at world events on a cost basis per couple
 - ✓ 2016 Rulebook revisions and Syllabus Guidebook revisions have been completed and circulated
 - ✓ Request by Wayne Crowder to offer Solo Proficiency Events as National Championships at the Carolina Fall Classic for the next 3 years; Wayne will prepare a proposal and submit it to Ann
- Meeting adjourned—next DSC conference call on Tuesday, 31 May

7. DSC Conference Call 2016-05-31 @ 2000 Central

Present: Stan Andrews, Amanda Ashcraft, Inna Brayer, Dan Calloway, Ann Durocher, Edward Golbert, Roger Greenawalt, Nicole Palagashvili, Sterling Sightler

Guest: Ken Richards

Absent: Wayne Crowder, Todd Kirrane

Motion—Todd/2nd Dan : Moved that the DanceSport Council take the following actions to help support the athletes and organizers on the west coast:

- 1) Reduce the WDSF panel requirement from 50% to 30% for any NQE taking place west of the Rocky Mountains for the remainder of 2016 and 2017
- 2) Waive the 65% requirement and allow any athlete couple to be considered qualified if they attend and compete in any NQE taking place west of the Rocky Mountains for the remainder of 2016 and 2017
- 3) Waive the sanctioning fee for any NQE taking place west of the Rocky Mountains for the remainder of 2016 and 2017 which shall be applied to meeting the panel requirements for USA Dance NQEs
- 4) Provide \$1000 (reallocated from the Showdance scholarship) to be applied toward travel expenses for National Certified Adjudicators flown in from east of the Rocky Mountains for any NQE taking place west of the Rocky Mountains between now and the 2017 National Championships. This \$1000 shall be a reimbursable expense following submission of paid travel vouchers to the USA Dance Treasurer by the competition organizers.

Provided that they agree to the following terms:

- 1) They agree to meet all remaining requirements of the adjudicator panel per the USA Dance Rulebook
- 2) They issue hiding invitations well in advance of the competition to ensure adequate notice for local professionals including the three WDSF Adjudicators on the west coast.

Motion Approved: Yes—8 Stan, Amanda, Dan, Ann, Edward, Roger, Nicole, Sterling; Not voting – 3 Inna, Wayne, Todd

- Discussion Topics:

- ✓ GC 's approval of a one year trial to accord USA Dance membership through the end of 2017 for anyone joining on or after 11/1/2016
- ✓ Financial situation of Mark Tabor and O2CM; a committee consisting of Amanda, Ann, Stan, Roger, & Wayne will set up a conference call with Mark to discuss what assistance he may need
- ✓ Compilation of Rulebook changes for next year; any suggested changes should be sent to Roger
- ✓ Development of a code of ballroom conduct for coaches, parents, and spectators attending USA Dance competitions and development of guidelines for floor monitors; Dan, Inna, Ken, Ann, & Sterling will develop guidelines to present to DSC
- ✓ Request by Renata Shvarts to add all levels of events for the North American Collegiate Competition at the American DanceSport Festival in October 2017 after DSC approved only the Open Championships

Motion—Ann/2nd Roger To offer Solo Proficiency Events for Youth and younger dancers at syllabus levels in all 4 dance styles as National Championships at the Carolina Fall Classic for the next 4 years, to waive the sanctioning fee for the first year, and to apply the sanctioning fee of \$500 for each of the next 3 years

Motion Approved: Yes—9 Stan, Amanda, Inna, Dan, Ann, Edward, Roger, Nicole, Sterling; Not voting – Wayne, Todd

- Meeting adjourned—next DSC conference call on Tuesday, 28 June 2016

8. DSC Conference Call 2016-06-28 @ 2000 Central

Present: Stan Andrews, Amanda Ashcraft, Inna Brayer, Dan Calloway, Wayne Crowder, Ann Durocher, Roger Greenawalt, Sterling Sightler

Guest: Ken Richards

Absent: Edward Golbert, Todd Kirrane, Nicole Palagashvili

- Discussion Topics:
 - ✓ Request by Renata Shvarts to add all levels of events for the North American Collegiate Competition at the American DanceSport Festival in October 2016 after DSC approved only the Open Championships but no paperwork has been received by DSC; Ann will contact Ronen and Renata to confirm what they want and will email the DSC
 - ✓ Proposed Rulebook change: Have the revised Proficiency Points system reviewed and approved by DSC; Sterling will send the report of the Proficiency Points Committee to DSC members, Ken, & Peter
 - ✓ Proposed Rulebook change: that the travel stipends for couples representing the US at world events be adjustable by creating a total budget amount for stipends but allowing allocation of amounts for each couple by the DSC
 - ✓ Review of the highlights of the WDSF AGM meeting in Rome June 11 & 12, 2016, by Stan Andrews
- Meeting adjourned—next DSC conference call on Tuesday, 12 July 2016

9. DSC Conference Call 2016-07-12 @ 2000 Central

Present: Stan Andrews, Dan Calloway, Wayne Crowder, Ann Durocher, Edward Golbert , Roger Greenawalt, Todd Kirrane, Sterling Sightler

Guest: Ken Richards

Absent: Amanda Ashcraft, Inna Brayer, Nicole Palagashvili

- Discussion Topics:
 - ✓ Proposed Rulebook change: that the travel stipends for couples representing the US at world events be adjustable by creating a total budget amount for stipends but allowing allocation of amounts for each couple by the DSC; revised wording for 7.4.4.5/Table 27 was presented by Roger and is attached to these minutes; decision is that Roger and Todd will develop a formula that includes different stipend amounts for world events in North America versus Europe versus Asia and that includes provisions for larger stipends for younger competitors who need chaperones
 - ✓ Request from Ronen to hold a WDSF Congress on the 2.1 judging system at his American DanceSport Festival in October 2016; DSC has no objection and Stan will request WDSF approval; notification will be sent to all USA Dance professional members immediately after approval
 - ✓ Ken is assembling a North American Junior II Team (1 Canadian couple, 2 US East Coast couples, and 1 US West Coast couple) to participate in the German Open; NorCal has agreed to sponsor the West Coast couple but funds are needed to sponsor a parent for this couple; DSC approved \$500 for this purpose
 - ✓ Stan has contacted Mark Tabor about letting DSC know what assistance he needs to keep O2CM in operation and will follow up with him
 - ✓ The Nationals Organizing Committee needs to hold a wrap-up meeting and begin plans for next year including selection of judges, final profit and loss report, and consideration of medical emergency plans; a meeting will be scheduled in early August
 - ✓ Proposed Rulebook change: Have the revised Proficiency Points system reviewed and approved by DSC; Sterling will resend the report of the Proficiency Points Committee to DSC members and Ken and Stan will place on the agenda for the next meeting

- Meeting adjourned—next DSC conference call on Tuesday, 2 August 2016

7.4.4.4

Athlete invitations and nomination letters will outline the specific travel stipend dollar amount granted for a given event. The World Championships and Open World Championships, ~~at the publication date of this rulebook,~~ are eligible for travel stipend support ~~are as follows:~~ . The level of support will be based on the event and the location and will be determined annually by the DanceSport Council.

7.4.4.5 (Event / Number of Couples per Event / Travel Stipend per Couple):

Junior-2 World Standard	2 Couples	TBD
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Junior-2 World Latin	2 Couples	TBD
Junior-2 World 10-Dance	1 Couple	TBD
Youth World Standard	2 Couples	TBD
Youth World Latin	2 Couples	TBD
Youth World 10-Dance	1 Couple	TBD
Adult World Standard	2 Couples	TBD
Adult World Latin	2 Couples	TBD
Adult World 10-Dance	1 Couple	TBD
Under 21 Open World Standard	2 Couples	TBD
Under 21 Open World Latin	2 Couples	TBD
Under 21 Open World 10-Dance	1 Couple	TBD
World Standard Formation Team	(seeking sponsor)	\$0
World Latin Formation Team	(seeking sponsor)	\$0
Senior 1 World Standard	2 Couples	TBD
Senior 1 World Latin	2 Couples	TBD
Senior 1 Open World 10-Dance	1 Couple	TBD
Senior 2-4 Open World Standard	2 Couples	TBD
Senior 2-4 Open World Latin	2 Couples	TBD
Showdance Standard	2 Couples	\$0-TBD
Showdance Latin	2 Couples	\$0-TBD
World Cup Latin	1 Couple	TBD
World Cup Standard	1 Couple	TBD
World Cup 10-Dance	1 Couple	TBD
World Games Latin	every 4 th year	TBD

World Games Standard	every 4 th year	TBD
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Table 27 Event / Number of Couples per Event / Travel Stipend per Couple

2016-07-20 Email Motion—Stan/2nd Roger: To approve the name change from “DanceSport Games” to “Southeastern DanceSport Championships” for NQE to be held in Birmingham next February. Motion Approved: Yes—7 Stan, Roger, Ann, Todd, Inna, Dan, Nicole; No – 1 Sterling; Abstain – 1 Wayne; Not voting – 1 Amanda

10. DSC Conference Call 2016-08-02 @ 2000 Central

Present: Stan Andrews, Ann Durocher, Edward Golbert , Roger Greenawalt, Todd Kirrane, Sterling Sightler

Absent: Amanda Ashcraft, Inna Brayer, Dan Calloway, Wayne Crowder, Nicole Palagashvili

- Discussion Topics:
 - ✓ Update on 2017 Nationals: Contracts have been signed by core team members Ann Durocher & Sterling Sightler; contract is pending with Mark Tabor; bids have been requested from equipment vendors; we will begin meetings of the organizing committee next month when final P&L from 2016 Nationals is available
 - ✓ The proposed new Proficiency Points System has been sent to the DSC; Stan, Ann, Roger, Todd, & Sterling voiced approval of the proposed system; Todd suggested that notification to members after approval include the information that athletes developed the system; we will postpone a vote until we have more members of DSC for discussion and vote
 - ✓ Proposed Rulebook change: that the travel stipends for couples representing the US at world events be adjustable by creating a total budget amount for stipends but allowing allocation of amounts for each couple by the DSC; new revised wording for 7.4.4.5/Table 27 was presented by Roger and multiple discussion points were raised by Todd via email; Stan will find out the total amount budgeted for stipends; Roger will rework the wording for this table

- Meeting adjourned—next DSC conference call on Tuesday, 2016-08-16

11. DSC Conference Call 2016-08-16 @ 2000 Central

Present: Stan Andrews, Inna Brayer, Dan Calloway, Wayne Crowder, Roger Greenawalt, Sterling Sightler

Absent: Amanda Ashcraft, Ann Durocher, Edward Golbert , Todd Kirrane, Nicole Palagashvili

- Discussion Topics:
 - ✓ The proposed new Proficiency Points System was discussed; it was suggested that the proposed system be sent to the Athlete members of USA Dance with a survey to assess the Athletes’ response; Stan, Sterling, and Ben Moseley will develop a survey tool for this purpose
 - ✓ A decision not to send Senior II Standard athletes to the world competition in Turkey in October, 2016, was announced by Stan; these couples will be offered

participation in the Senior II Standard competition in Antwerp in February, 2017, instead

- ✓ Proposed Rulebook change: that the travel stipends for couples representing the US at world events be adjustable by creating a total budget amount for stipends but allowing allocation of amounts for each couple by the DSC; the total budget amount for stipends has been determined to be \$90,000; Stan & Roger will continue to develop a table of minimum stipend amounts for Closed and Open World Championships for North America, South America, Europe, & Asia.
 - ✓ Ken is working on revision of the Bylaws and circulated to DSC members a copy of Article XVI with suggested revisions by Ken and Sterling; DSC members were asked to review and be prepared with comments for the next DSC meeting
 - ✓ Sam Sodano will no longer be hosting the National Collegiate Championships at the Ohio Star Ball due to pressure from the NDCA; DSC members have discussed this extensively in an email thread; Inna has offered to take on the job of developing a West Coast Collegiate Championship with San Francisco as the probable location; Stan, Ann, Inna, and Todd will work on a plan for developing East Coast and West Coast Collegiate Championship events
- Meeting adjourned—next DSC conference call on Tuesday, 2016-08-30

2016-08-25 Email Motion—Wayne/2nd Stan: To accept Oleg Kulyba as a USA Dance Adjudicator with the following credentials: A+, B+
Motion Approved: Yes—8 (Wayne, Stan, Todd, Dan, Sterling, Nicole, Edward, Roger); Not voting – 2 (Amanda, Inna)

12. DSC Conference Call 2016-08-30 @ 2000 Central

Present: Stan Andrews, Inna Brayer, Dan Calloway, Wayne Crowder, Edward Golbert, Roger Greenawalt, Todd Kirrane, Nicole Palagashvili, Sterling Sightler
Guest: Ken Richards
Absent: Amanda Ashcraft

Motion—Dan/2nd Stan: To approve Sami and Karita Yli-Piipari as USA Dance Invigilators for International Standard and Latin Syllabus events
Motion Approved: Yes—Unanimous

- Discussion Topics:
 - ✓ The survey of Athlete members of USA Dance regarding the proposed Proficiency Points system has not yet been developed; Stan, Sterling, and Ben will work on this
 - ✓ Ken is working on revision of the Bylaws and circulated to DSC members a copy of Article XVI with suggested revisions by Ken and Sterling; DSC members were asked to submit any proposed revisions to Sterling by Friday, September 2nd

- ✓ Proposed Rulebook change: that the travel stipends for couples representing the US at world events be adjustable by creating a total budget amount for stipends but allowing allocation of amounts for each couple by the DSC; Roger has reworded Rulebook 7.4.4.4 to reflect that the total budget amount has not changed and to adjust the minimum stipends for Closed and Open World Championships as follows: North America - \$1000 Closed, \$500 Open; South America & Europe - \$1500 Closed, \$750 Open; Asia \$2000 Closed, \$1000 Open; A decision was made to move Under 21 events from the Open to the Closed category; Roger will make this change and distribute to DSC
 - ✓ Proposed Rulebook change: that 8.3.7 be added after 8.3.6 (appended to these minutes). A decision was made to combine these into one rule and to change the concept to not allowing an adjudicator or Chairman of Judges to coach, teach, or give any advice to any Athlete other than his/her current existing students for the two week period prior to any competition at which that adjudicator or Chairman of Judges has accepted an invitation to serve.
- Meeting adjourned—next DSC conference call on Tuesday, 2016-09-13

Addendum:

8.3.6 An adjudicator shall not coach, teach, or give any advice to any participating couple during a competition at which s/he is adjudicating. Adjudicators shall not coach, teach or give any advice at any lesson, camp, workshop or other training function which is affiliated in any way with a USA Dance sanctioned competition, at any time during the two-week period prior to the start of that competition, if s/he has accepted an invitation to adjudicate at that competition. (NOTE: Adjudicators may give workshops during the course of a competition which are organized by the competition organizer.)

8.3.7 The Chairman of Judges shall not shall not coach, teach or give any advice at any camp, workshop or other training function, regardless of organizer, at any time during the two-week period prior to the start of a competition, if s/he has accepted an invitation to adjudicate at that competition.

13. DSC Conference Call 2016-09-15 @ 2015 Central

Present: Stan Andrews, Dan Calloway, Edward Golbert, Roger Greenawalt, Todd Kirrane, Sterling Sightler

Guest: Ken Richards

Absent: Amanda Ashcraft, Inna Brayer, Wayne Crowder, Nicole Palagashvili,

Motion—Stan/Sterling 2nd: To approve the Bylaws revision of Article XVI as proposed by Ken Richards
 Motion Approved: Yes—Unanimous (5 voting)

Motion—Sterling/Stan 2nd: To approve the new Proficiency Points System as recommended by the Proficiency Points Committee

Motion Approved: Yes—Unanimous (6 voting)

- Discussion Topics:
 - ✓ Stan asked that Dan, Wayne, & Inna recommend the number and qualifications of the judges needed for 2017 Nationals
 - ✓ Stan withdrew his request to revise Rulebook 7.4.4.4 & 7.4.4.5 regarding travel stipends for Athletes representing the US at world events; the rule will remain as is
 - ✓ A decision was made not to survey the Athlete members of USA Dance regarding the proposed Proficiency Points system and a vote was taken to approve the new system
 - ✓ Proposed Rulebook change to 8.3.6: A modified version of 8.3.6 including the chairman of judges with the adjudicators was presented by Roger (appended to these minutes). It was decided to modify the definition of a regular student to “a student taught on a regularly occurring schedule of private lessons (coaching) at least monthly for no less than 3 months”. Roger will reword 8.3.6 and distribute it by email and an email vote will be requested when the wording is satisfactory. It was also recommended that this provision be included in the judges’ contracts for 2017 Nationals.
 - ✓ Sanction fees for the American DanceSport Festival were discussed and a decision was made to charge the organizer \$1000 of which \$600 will be waived in view of the organizer’s expenses incurred in hosting the WDSF Congress.
 - ✓ A policy of determining the sanction fee when a competition is sanctioned and invoicing the organizer at that time was discussed and approved.
 - ✓ Dan reported to the DSC that the Teacher/Student events at the Kansas City Classic last week were very successful. He also reported that the system used for assigning points to uncontested heats did not work and should not be used again.
- Meeting adjourned—next DSC conference call on Tuesday, 2016-10-18

Addendum:

Proposed Modification

8.3.6 An adjudicator or chairman of judges shall not coach, teach, or give any advice to any participating couple during a competition at which s/he is adjudicating. Adjudicators shall not coach, teach or give any advice to anyone that is not their regular student at any time during the two-week period prior to the start of a National Qualifying Event or National Championship, if s/he has accepted an invitation to adjudicate at that competition. (NOTE: Adjudicators may give workshops during the course of a competition which are organized by the competition organizer.)

2016-09-18 Email

sjafodpro@aol.com

12:07 PM (19 hours ago)

to stan.andrews, president, me, fliprann

Ken,

We have discussed [the judge selection process for Nationals], I wanted recommendations on total number of judges and break down of how many A & B certified, B & C certified and WDSF certified. Dan said to use the total number of adjudicators and break down of certifications that were used in 2016. They have reported and their portion of this process completed.

Sterling, please add to the minutes that the adjudicator selection committee, (Stan, Ann, Sterling & Ken) will now use this information (from Dan, Wayne & Inna) to select the adjudicators and chair for 2017 Nationals.

Ann is currently putting together a list of adjudicators and Chairs used at Nationals for the past two years. When she has this completed and a list of our current USA Dance adjudicators, I will call a meeting of this committee.

I am leaving for Mexico tomorrow and will return late on Friday, however I can be reached by phone, [217.358.2811](tel:217.358.2811).

Thank you,

Stan

2016-09-29 Email Motion—Todd/2nd Ken: To send an email blast to all USA Dance Athletes to promote the American Dance Festival in Boston the weekend of October 8-9, 2016
Motion Approved: Yes—8 (Todd, Ken, Stan, Dan, Inna, Edward, Sterling, Roger); Not voting – 2 (Amanda, Wayne)

14. DSC Conference Call 2016-10-18 @ 2000 Central

Present: Stan Andrews, Dan Calloway, Wayne Crowder, Edward Golbert, Roger Greenawalt, Sterling Sightler

Guest: Ken Richards, Ann Durocher

Absent: Amanda Ashcraft, Inna Brayer, Todd Kirrane, Nicole Palagashvili,

- Discussion Topics:
 - ✓ Several competitors have asked about adding a Senior V category to events offered at USA Dance competitions; decision is to leave this issue to be discussed by the new DSC next year
 - ✓ Review of the American DanceSport Festival Competition in Boston last weekend; VP for DanceSport reported that many WDSF rules were broken and the competition was less than a success
 - ✓ Review of the Adjudicator Congress held at the American DanceSport Festival; Dan Calloway reported that the Congress was a huge success and the opportunity to practice judging by the 2.1 system was extremely valuable
 - ✓ The addition of Senior IV National Championships to the National Championships in Baltimore was discussed; we have a contract with Bethesda for them to host the Senior IV National Championships through 2018 but we will

move toward adding Senior IV National Championships back to Baltimore in 2019. As long as Senior IV National Championships are held at an NQE the Rulebook requirements for qualification do not apply and anyone can enter.

- ✓ At the present time we have no requirement that USA Dance couples must have danced at an NQE or Nationals prior to entering a WDSF event. Roger will work on the wording for a Rulebook change to require that a USA Dance couple must have danced at an NQE or Nationals within the current competition year prior to entering a WDSF event; the NQE may be concurrent with the WDSF event.
 - ✓ Sterling requested approval of a minor wording change to the Proficiency Points Rules approved at the last meeting and this was granted.
 - ✓ Sterling requested approval of the Guidebook for the Proficiency Points System submitted to the DSC. The decision was to discuss this at the next DSC meeting.
 - ✓ Ann reported on progress on 2017 National Championships: contracts have been signed with our riser vendor and with our flooring & lighting vendor; the WDSF Congress will not be held at Nationals but another training session for judges will be substituted; a budget is being developed; selection of judges will commence after the nature of the training session is determined
- Meeting adjourned—next DSC conference call on Tuesday, 2016-11-08

2016-10-18 Email Motion—Wayne/2nd Dan: To approve D- certification for Lev Vesnovsky & Yelena Vesnovsky

Motion Approved: Yes—9 (Wayne, Dan, Todd, Stan, Amanda, Sterling, Edward, Roger, Nicole); Not voting: 1 (Inna)

2016-10-22 Email Motion—Wayne/2nd Roger: To approve Yuehwern Yih and Daniel Dilley as USA Dance Chairs of Judges.

Motion Approved: Yes—8 (Wayne, Roger, Todd, Ken, Sterling, Stan, Inna, Edward); Not voting – 3 (Amanda, Nicole, Dan)

2016-10-27 Email Motion—Stan/2nd Todd: To award an additional travel stipend of \$1000 per couple (total \$3500 per couple) to the two Junior II Latin couples who competed in Moldova 10/15/16

Motion Approved: Yes—8 (Stan, Wayne, Amanda, Dan, Roger, Edward, Inna, Nicole)

Voting Yes to additional stipend for Anthony Tedesco & Katya Ivahno-Kalinuka from California and No to additional stipend for Kevin Filipczak & Danielle Malpa from New York – 2 (Todd, Sterling)

15. DSC Conference Call 2016-11-08 @ 2000 Central

Present: Stan Andrews, Dan Calloway, Edward Golbert, , Sterling Sightler

Guest: Scott Coates

Absent: Amanda Ashcraft, Inna Brayer, Wayne Crowder, Roger Greenawalt, Todd Kirrane, Nicole Palagashvili

- Discussion Topics:
 - ✓ Need to get the Sanctions form finalized as one has already been requested for 2017 by Matt Pansing
 - ✓ No objections were raised to the proposed Guidebook for the Proficiency Points System although Stan has some suggested edits; the proposed Proficiency Points System with the Guidebook will be sent to GC for consideration at the December meeting
 - ✓ The WDSF B license adjudicators requirements were discussed but a vote will be postponed until Ken & Renata can participate in the discussion
 - ✓ Scott discussed the scholarship situation which has occurred with Matt Pansing. Donors send him checks made out to USA Dance; Matt sends the checks to Scott for deposit and Scott sends an equal amount back to Matt (so that Matt can use USA Dance's 501(c)3 status). This is money laundering unless USA Dance keeps a percentage of the checks and the situation is not acceptable to the auditors. Dan noted that NDCA has used Heritage Foundation to handle a similar situation and suggested this as a possible solution.
 - ✓ Scott also noted that chapters want to use USA Dance logos for different events and approval is needed for such use from USA Dance. It was noted that GC & the Director of Administrative Support are the appropriate entities to handle this issue.

- Meeting adjourned—next DSC conference call not scheduled

2016-11-10 Email Motion—Wayne/2nd Dan: To approve Brian Wells as an A+B+C+D+ adjudicator.
Motion Approved: Yes—8 (Wayne, Dan, Roger, Todd, Sterling, Stan, Inna, Edward); Not voting – 2 (Amanda, Nicole)

2016-11-29 Email Motion—Wayne/2nd Todd: To approve Sergey Kim and Ilya Barmotin as USA Dance adjudicators.
Motion Approved: Yes—8 (Wayne, Dan, Roger, Todd, Sterling, Stan, Inna, Edward, Amanda, Ken); Not voting – 2 (Nicole)

16. DSC Conference Call 2016-12-06 @ 2000 Central

Present: Stan Andrews, Inna Brayer, Dan Calloway, Wayne Crowder, Roger Greenawalt, Todd Kirrane, Sterling Sightler

Guests: Bill Davies, Ann Durocher, Ken Richards

Absent: Amanda Ashcraft, Edward Golbert, Nicole Palagashvili

- Discussion Topics:
 - ✓ Stan welcomed Bill Davies, the new VP for DanceSport, to the DSC.

- ✓ An email motion was made several weeks ago by Todd to eliminate the 65% rule to qualify for 2017 Nationals and allow any athlete couple that attended an NQE to qualify. After discussion, Todd withdrew the motion.
 - ✓ Stan reported on two problems which occurred at NorCal: One judge did not show up and it was learned that the organizer has never had contracts with judges for this event; the scrutineer Chris Elwood did a fine job but was not a member of USA Dance at the time and does not have a scrutineering license. It was noted that the Rulebook requires that each sanctioned competition must have the following officials with the specific credentials listed and names forwarded to the DanceSport Council at least sixty (60) days prior to the competition: Chair of Adjudicators, Scrutineer, Invigilator(s), Music Director, and Emcee (5.6.7 & 5.6.8).
 - ✓ The Chicago NQE has requested sanctioning for the next 3 years as they are required to sign a 3 year contract with the hotel. Daphna reported no major issues in 2014 and Stan reported no major issues in 2015. If Daphna's report for 2016 shows no major issues, a 3 year sanction will be granted.
 - ✓ Bill Davies addressed the DSC and shared his vision for USA Dance. He would like for the present Chairpersons on DSC to serve until 1/31/17 to allow more time for the transition. Ken will check the bylaws to see whether this is acceptable.
 - ✓ Ann gave an update on 2017 Nationals:
 - Invitations to judges have been issued; all local judges except one have accepted and 11 contracts have been submitted.
 - We will hold a WDSF Syllabus workshop Thursday and Friday with exams given by 3 WDSF examiners on Saturday and Sunday.
 - The schedule is finalized and will be posted on the website soon.
 - Website should be completely updated by 12/31/16.
 - Stan is making the new banner.
 - The size of the practice floor will be increased to fill nearly all of the practice room.
 - The fundraising package is being updated.
 - The Anti-Doping contract has been requested from AADA.
 - We are adding discounted passes for coaches.
 - Volunteers are needed so send Sterling contact info for any possible volunteers. NMSU is not coming and we are losing the 80+ hours they contributed in the past.
 - We will have 4 WDSF events: Senior I and II Standard and Senior I and II Latin.
 - We will consider bringing Senior IV National Championships back to Baltimore in 2018.
- Meeting adjourned—next DSC conference call 12/20/16 if there is a need.

