



By-Laws

OF

INTERNATIONAL
DANCE ORGANIZATION

IDO[®]

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By-Laws to Statutes Article 1 (AFFILIATIONS)

ARTICLE 1 AFFILIATIONS TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

1.1 The IDO is affiliated with the World Dance Council under the terms of Affiliation, which are attached as **Annex 1**.

1.2 The IDO is affiliated with the International Dance Sport Federation under the terms of Affiliation; which are attached as **Annex 2**.

By-Laws to Statutes Article 2 (AIMS AND OBJECTIVES)

ARTICLE 2 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE IDO ARE:

2.1 To promote, encourage, publicize and facilitate the art of dancing in all its forms internationally, including leisure dancing, performing arts and dance sport, with the exception of Standard and Latin American dancing, Rock 'N' Roll, Boogie Woogie and Lindy Hop. This shall be done by every practicable means and in particular by making widely known the physical, cultural and educational benefits to be delivered from the same in all its forms and by giving demonstrations, holding competitions and exhibitions, by organizing or sponsoring lectures, lessons and examinations, awarding certificates, prizes and scholarships and doing all such matters and things as will raise or improve the standard of dancing in all its forms internationally, including leisure dancing, performing arts and dance sport, with the exception of Standard and Latin American dancing, Rock 'N' Roll, Boogie Woogie and Lindy Hop;

2.2 To encourage, foster and increase public interest in the art of dancing, performing arts, leisure dancing and dance sport with the exception of the dances described under 1.1, by promoting uniformity of instruction in the basic steps of dances that come under the control of the IDO by advising on the suitability of new dances and innovations in existing dances;

2.3 To encourage the promotion and proper conduct of competition dances and the recognition of established championships as well as of possible championships in new dance disciplines and to secure the observance of regulations designed to avoid the duplication of dancing competitions;

2.4 To grant permission for approved National IDO MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS to organize world, continental and area/regional continental championships in dance disciplines that are controlled by the IDO, and such other titles as may from time to time be determined by the IDO;

2.5 To formulate rules to govern such championships and other titles in accordance with the rules of the IDO and/or other rules recognized by the IDO, which are not incompatible with these objects and which shall include the governance of the conduct of MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS and persons or bodies recognized by and/or registered with the IDO;

2.6 To formulate, promulgate and oversee a uniform method of judging and marking in all dance sport competitions and championships in disciplines governed by the IDO throughout the world;

2.7 To secure the recognition of competitions and other events that are recognized by the IDO, using as a symbol at such competitions or events, a flag with the official IDO logo imprinted on it. This logo can be found at the IDO web site and is the same logo imprinted on the cover of this document and the upper right hand corner of this page.

By-Laws to Statutes Article 3 (Membership)

Article 3. Classes of Ordinary Membership

There are three dance departments in the IDO, consisting of the Performing Arts, Street and Pop dance and the Special Couple Dance departments. Membership can be obtained in all three departments (full member) or one or two departments (primary member) or with limited rights in one or two departments (secondary member).

3.1 Full Member

A full member administrates all three IDO dance departments in a country:

- Performing Arts disciplines,
- Street and Pop dance disciplines and
- Special Couple Dance disciplines.

A full member has full voting powers at IDO General Meetings.

No primary or secondary member will be admitted from a country in which a full member already exists.

3.2 Primary Member

A primary member administrates one or two, of the three IDO dance departments in a country:

- Performing Arts disciplines,
- Street and Pop dance disciplines and/or
- Special Couple Dance disciplines.

A primary member has full voting powers at IDO General Meetings.

A primary member cannot exist in a country in which a full member already exists.

3.3 Secondary Member

A secondary membership can be admitted from a country in which no full member already exists and a primary member occupies only one or two, of the three IDO dance departments.

A secondary member administrates one or two, of the three IDO dance departments in a country:

- Performing Arts disciplines,
- Street and Pop dance disciplines and/or
- Special Couple Dance disciplines.

A secondary member, for a specific dance department, administrates all matters pertaining to that dance department, including all dances of that department in its country.

A secondary member for a specific dance department can attend IDO General Meetings but cannot speak or vote on general matters at such meetings. A secondary member can however speak and vote on proposals or motions which are discussed by the Committee governing the specific department.

A secondary member cannot be admitted from a country where a full member already exists. A secondary member can be admitted from a country where a primary member already exists. In a country where a primary member administrates one specific department only, a secondary member can be admitted to administrate the other two departments not occupied by the current primary member. The secondary member will pay an additional 50 % of the membership fee for the second department.

3.4 IDO Contact Person Representing a Country

- The IDO Presidium may from time to time appoint a contact person to represent a country where the IDO is not yet represented by a full member body.
- A contact person will act as a liaison officer between the IDO and any national group, association, dance school, dance club, or any person that is interested in taking part in activities of the IDO.
- A contact person must ensure that the best-qualified dancers, within his or her country, can participate at IDO Competitions and Championships.
- In situations where more dancers wish to compete than are allowed under IDO Rules, the best available dancers must be enrolled first. If there is doubt, as to who is the best-qualified dancer, a qualifying event must be held. If this is not possible, the problem must be solved by a lottery amongst the dancers involved.
- The contact person will receive all information, including invitations to all IDO Dance Events, along with invitations to IDO Seminars and Meetings, directly from IDO and make them available to all interested parties.
- The contact person has the right to attend all IDO meetings that are open to members, as a representative from his or her country and has the right to speak but not a vote.
- Appointment of a contact person is a temporary solution intended to allow dancers from countries with no National Federation or IDO Member Body to participate in IDO competitions and championships.
- A contact person must pay a membership fee as specified in Art. 3.5.
- When a dance organization fulfills the IDO criteria for full membership, primary membership, or secondary membership, for a department, has applied for, and been accepted into IDO membership, the newly accepted organization will assume the duties of the contact person.
- If possible, the newly elected IDO MEMBER ORGANIZATION should utilize the services of the former IDO contact person and include them in any agreement made between the new national IDO member body and the IDO.

3.5 Membership Fees – Effective January 1, 2009

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| • Full Members administrating all three departments | 1,000 Euro |
| • Primary Members administrating one department only | 500 Euro |
| • Primary Members administrating two departments only | 750 Euro |
| • Secondary Members administrating one department only | 250 Euro |
| • Secondary Members administrating two departments only | 500 Euro |
| • Contact Person for a country | 125 Euro |

ARTICLE 4 MAINTENANCE OF MEMBERSHIP

4.1 All IDO members – whether full, primary or secondary members – shall only maintain membership in those IDO Dance department(s) in a country, for which they have been registered, if they send dancers to IDO World and/or Continental Championships in dance disciplines of the departments they are responsible for.

4.2 Over a two year period every IDO member must send dancers to participate in IDO Championships of the departments for which they are responsible. A minimum of 10 enrolments, through the DIES system, in the dance department disciplines which they administrate.

An enrolment, as per the DIES system, is called a “dancer’s group”. It could be a solo, a duo, a couple, a trio, a small group, a formation, or a production.

4.3 Any member not fulfilling the requirements of 4.2 may lose its membership, of the IDO, for the respective department in its country by a resolution carried at an Annual or Special General Meeting of the IDO. The IDO shall have absolute discretion as to whether or not to take such a decision.

ARTICLE 5 HONORARY IDO MEMBERSHIP:

5.1 HONORARY IDO MEMBERSHIP INTERNATIONAL

Are awarded to those individuals or organizations who have made outstanding contributions to the IDO and to the growth of the IDO disciplines throughout the entire world.

5.2. HONORARY IDO MEMBERSHIP: NATIONAL

To be awarded to those individuals or organizations who have made outstanding contributions towards the growth of the IDO disciplines within their own Nation

5.3 The Honorary Membership Awards in 5.1 and 5.2 may be bestowed by a majority vote of the Presidium.

ARTICLE 6 ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

6.1 Any Organization seeking IDO membership must apply in writing for either full membership (Article 3.1), primary or secondary membership for specific dance departments (Article 3.2/Article 3.3). Such applications shall be considered at the first Annual General Meeting, of the IDO, following receipt of the application. If, by ordinary resolution, the members of the IDO approve the election of the applicant, the applicant will be duly elected as a full, primary or secondary member for a department (as the case may be). The IDO shall have absolute discretion as to whether or not the applicant is entitled to be admitted as a member of the IDO.

6.2 The IDO may, at its discretion, request any organization making application for membership (regardless whether application is made for full membership, primary membership or secondary membership) to send a maximum of two (2) delegates to IDO meetings before considering an application to the IDO for election or otherwise. Such delegates may only speak at the IDO meetings they attend, by invitation of the chairman. They may not take part in any debate.

6.3 Should the IDO receive an application for membership from an applicant in a country in which a full member already exists, or if the application is made for a dance department for which a primary or secondary member already exists in that particular country, the IDO Presidium shall inform the respective existing full, primary or secondary members. It is then up to the existing full primary or secondary members to decide whether the existing member is willing to form a "National Council" together with the new applicant to accommodate the respective dance department(s).

If such a "National Council" is formed, the new applicant shall not gain any rights to vote or speak at General Meetings of the IDO. The existing IDO member shall exercise their rights on behalf of the "National Council". The existing IDO member shall continue to be responsible for payment of membership fees and may ask the new applicant for partial reimbursement. In order to maintain the membership in a particular dance department in accordance with Article 4.2 (minimum 10 enrolments), the participation of the complete "National Council" shall be considered.

ARTICLE 7 EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

7.1 A member may be expelled by resolution carried at an Annual or Special General Meeting of the IDO. The IDO is required to give explanations for such expulsion and shall have absolute discretion as to whether or not to expel any member.

7.2 The membership of the body concerned shall cease at the end of the meeting at which the resolution to expel that member is carried.

7.3 The only method of gaining readmission to membership, of the IDO, after being expelled is through a resolution carried at an Annual or Special General Meeting of the IDO.

By-Laws to Statutes Article 7 (General Meetings)

ARTICLE 8 PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

8.1 The quorum required for the transaction of business at an Annual General Meeting of the IDO shall be 25% of the members entitled to vote. If a quorum is not in attendance the members present shall only have the power to vote and decide all aspects of IDO business in the general meeting. The elections of the Presidium and new members, the expulsion of members, changes or amendments to the IDO Statutes, By-laws or Constitution may not be dealt with without a quorum present.

8.2 The quorum at any other general meeting, of the IDO shall be a minimum of five members entitled to vote and present thereat. If a quorum is not present the Chairman of the meeting shall specify,

8.2.1 If a Special General Meeting requested by the members shall be dissolved.

8.2.2 If a Special General Meeting called by the Presidium shall stand adjourned until the next day and shall then reconvene at a time decided by the Chairman of the meeting. If a quorum is still not present when the meeting reconvenes, the members entitled to vote and present thereat shall be considered to constitute a quorum.

8.3 With the consent of a simple majority of the members present and entitled to vote, the Chairman may adjourn any meeting, but no business shall be conducted at any adjourned meeting other than the business not reached or left unfinished at the meeting at which the adjournment took place.

ARTICLE 9 VOTES OF MEMBERS

9.1 A vote will be taken on every resolution placed before the IDO in General Meeting. The result of the vote shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the vote was taken.

9.2 Resolutions concerning amendments to the IDO Statutes require a two-thirds (2/3) majority of members present and entitled to vote. All other resolutions at IDO General Meetings shall be passed by a simple majority of the members present and entitled to vote.

In any vote, abstentions and invalid votes are disregarded. In the case of equality of votes, the IDO President or in his/her absence the Senior Vice-President may in his/her discretion cast a deciding vote. Otherwise the motion fails in case of equality of votes.

9.3 Notwithstanding that it may have more than one nominee at the meeting, and subject to any restrictions placed on the rights of secondary members, contact persons and honorary members and to any special rights set out in any terms of affiliation, each member shall be entitled to have one vote at meetings of the IDO.

9.4 Voting shall be carried out as set forth below;

9.4.1 If, by raising hands, all votes are cast for the proposal, it shall be deemed to have been carried unanimously.

9.4.2 If, by raising hands, someone votes against or abstains from voting, the voting procedure set forth under 9.5 shall take place

9.5 The secretary of the meeting shall record the votes resulting from any poll taken at an IDO meeting in accordance with these Statutes. Such votes shall be entered on a form prescribed under article 9.6 of the Statutes.

9.6 The form used by the secretary of the meeting for recording official votes shall consist of an alphabetical list of all MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS' areas (countries) down the left-hand side of the form. This first column shall be titled MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS. Columns 2, 3, 4 and 5 shall be titled FOR, AGAINST, ABSTAIN and ABSENT respectively. Once the Chair has read a motion and any accompanying amendments to the meeting, the secretary shall call the vote. As the secretary calls the name of each MEMBER ORGANIZATION listed in Column 1, the official nominees designated to do so, if present, shall cast the MEMBER ORGANIZATION'S vote on the issue before them. Each voting nominee may only call out FOR, AGAINST or ABSTAIN as he or she deems appropriate to the issue in question. The secretary shall mark the appropriate row and column with a tick, to indicate how the MEMBER ORGANIZATION'S nominee has voted. If the voting nominees of a MEMBER ORGANIZATION are not present, this shall be noted under on the official form in the column titled ABSENT. When all votes have been officially called, the secretary shall declare whether the motion has been carried or lost.

9.7 The voting arrangements that shall apply to the election of Officers of the IDO are as follows. The form used for recording official votes shall consist of an alphabetical list of all MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS' areas (countries) down the left-hand side of the form, and this column will be titled MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS. The Chairman shall call for candidates to be nominated and seconded for each post. As each candidate is seconded, the secretary of the meeting shall enter the name of each candidate as a heading for Columns 2 onwards.

The secretary shall then read the name of each MEMBER ORGANIZATION listed in Column 1. As each MEMBER ORGANIZATION is called, the voting nominee of that MEMBER ORGANIZATION, if present, shall call the name of the candidate for whom it wishes to cast its vote. The secretary shall mark the appropriate row and column with a tick, to indicate how the MEMBER ORGANIZATION has voted. When the votes for all MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS have been called and recorded, the secretary shall declare the total number of votes cast for each candidate. The candidate receiving not less than 50% of the votes cast by of the MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS present shall be deemed to be elected to the position in question. In the event of no one candidate receiving not less than 50% of the votes cast by the MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS present and voting and there are more than two candidates for the position in question, the candidate with the least number of votes cast in his favor shall withdraw his candidacy for the post.

The remaining candidates shall stand in the next round of voting. This process shall be repeated until the number of candidates is reduced to two. In this final round, the candidate with the highest number of votes cast in his favor will be elected to the position. In the event of a tie, where the two candidates in the final round share an equal number of votes, the poll will be declared void and a second election will start from the beginning. Any candidate who receives 51% or more of the official votes cast in any round of voting will be elected to the post.

9.8 Voting by proxy is permitted in accordance with the following provisions:

9.8.1 A closed proxy signed by the member unable to attend the meeting, given to the Chairman before the meeting begins.

9.8.2 Open proxies are also accepted.

9.8.3 A member can hold up to a maximum of two proxy votes. They may be closed or open.

9.8.4 A closed proxy is defined as the vote of an absent member instructing the member voting by the proxy how to vote on a specific motion, either “Yes” or “No”, included any amendment accepted on the meeting.

9.8.5 All proxies must be in writing, either by using the proxy vote forms that can be found in the IDO web site or being written in a similar manner.

ARTICLE 10 STANDING ORDERS OF THE IDO

10.1 The Regulations governing the conduct of IDO meetings contained within these Statutes, which shall be known as the STANDING ORDERS, shall be followed at all General Meetings of the IDO.

10.1.1 In the event of doubt, ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER shall be the guide for rules, order, procedures, and debate.

10.2 The Chairman of the meeting, at his absolute discretion, shall be enabled by this article to lift the standing orders in order to conduct the meeting in such other manner as he deems fit.

10.3 Recognition of Speakers at IDO Meetings

Each person desiring to speak must signal this intent by raising a hand, and must stand while speaking. The Chairman of the meeting shall decide the order of precedence.

10.4 CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING'S RULING AT IDO MEETINGS

If the Chairman of the meeting rises to call a nominee to order, or for any other purpose connected with the meeting, the nominee currently speaking shall be seated and no other nominee shall rise until the chairman has indicated otherwise. The ruling of the Chairman of the meeting on any question of standing orders, points of order, or explanation shall be final. Any delegate may appeal against the decision of the Chairman of the meeting, but this requires a seconder and a majority vote.

10.5 SPEECHES AT IDO MEETINGS

No nominee shall be permitted to speak more than once on any subject before the meeting or on the same point of order, except the mover of the original motion. On an amendment being moved, any nominee, even though he has spoken on the original motion, may speak again on the amendment. No delegate shall speak for more than five minutes at one time unless the Chairman of the meeting so permits. Nominees wishing to raise a point of order or explanation must rise immediately and obtain permission from Chairman of the meeting to speak. Any MEMBER ORGANIZATION may formally second any motion or amendment. The nominee representing a MEMBER ORGANIZATION that is seconding a motion or an amendment may reserve his speech until a later period in the debate.

10.6 MOTIONS AND AMENDMENTS AT IDO MEETINGS

The first proposal on any particular subject shall be known as the original motion. All succeeding proposals on that subject shall be called amendments. Every motion or amendment must be moved and seconded by a MEMBER ORGANIZATION present at the meeting before they may be discussed. When an amendment is moved to an original motion, no further amendment shall be discussed until the first amendment has been dealt with. Notice of any further amendments must be given to, and read out by the Chairman before the first amendment is put to the vote and this procedure must be repeated with all succeeding amendments.

10.7 SUBSTANTIVE MOTIONS AT IDO MEETINGS

If an amendment is carried it replaces the original motion and then becomes the substantive motion and may be further amended, provided it is consistent with the business at hand and has not been covered by an amendment or motion that has been previously rejected. The substantive motion will then be put to the vote.

10.8 RIGHT TO REPLY AT IDO MEETINGS

Provided that no amendment is moved, the mover of the original motion shall have the RIGHT OF REPLY at the close of the debate on such a motion but shall not introduce any new matters. The motion shall then be immediately put to the vote. Under no circumstances shall any further discussion be allowed once the motion has been called by the Chairman. When an amendment is moved, the mover of the original motion shall be entitled to speak upon the amendment. The mover of the amendment shall not be entitled to reply.

10.9 ALTERATIONS TO OR WITHDRAWAL OF MOTIONS OR AMENDMENTS

Once accepted by the Chairman, no motion or amendment shall be withdrawn without the consent of both the mover and the person who seconds the motion.

10.10 CLOSURE OF DEBATE AT IDO MEETINGS

Motions for next business, the closure of debate on a motion, or an amendment, may be moved and seconded only by delegates who have not previously spoken at any time during the debate, either on the original motion or on any subsequent amendments. In the event of the closure of debate being voted upon and carried, the mover of the original motion shall have the right to reply, before the motion or the amendment is put to the vote.

ARTICLE 11 OBSERVERS AT IDO MEETINGS

11.1 At the discretion of the IDO, visitors shall be allowed to attend IDO meetings or parts thereof, but shall not be allowed to take part in the debate or vote. Visitors shall be listed in the minutes of the meeting.

11.2 Delegates of organizations that have applied for membership of the IDO and have been invited to a meeting, shall not be deemed to be observers or visitors, but shall be admitted to all or parts of the meeting as determined by the Chairman.

ARTICLE 12 MINUTES OF IDO

12.1 Minutes of every IDO, Committee and Presidium meeting shall be kept under the responsibility of the Executive secretary.

ARTICLE 13 COMMITTEES

13.1 The IDO may create Committees and delegate any of its powers to any such Committee and/or authorize the Committee to perform any functions that the IDO deems necessary. The powers, conduct of proceedings, and/or functions of such Committees, and all other terms upon which any such Committee is appointed shall be recorded in writing as soon as is practicable after the meeting of the IDO at which such appointment is made. This procedure shall be referred to in these articles as the TERMS OF REFERENCE of that Committee.

13.2 Any Committee (or sub-Committee of such a Committee) constituted pursuant to this article shall have only those powers and functions contained in the terms of reference for that Committee and its conduct and proceedings shall be governed in all respects by such terms of reference.

13.3 The Presidium may delegate any of its powers to any committee. Any such delegation may be made subject to any conditions the Presidium may impose. Subject to any such conditions, the articles regulating the proceedings of the Presidium so far as they are capable of applying shall govern the proceedings of such a committee.

By-Laws to Statutes Article 8 (PRESIDIUM, MANAGEMENT)

ARTICLE 14 POWERS OF THE PRESIDIUM

14.1 The Presidium shall manage the business of the IDO at all times between General meetings and may exercise all the powers of the IDO. The powers given by this regulation shall not be limited by any special power given to the Presidium by the articles, a meeting of the Presidium at which a quorum is present may exercise all powers exercisable by the Presidium.

14.2 The Presidium may appoint any person to be the agent of the IDO for such purposes and on such conditions as they determine, including authority for the agent to delegate all or any of his powers.

14.3 The President, Vice Presidents and the Executive Secretary/Treasurer shall hold office for three (3) years and shall retire and offer themselves for re-election at the Annual Meeting of the IDO held every third year. If not re-elected, such officers shall be deemed to retire at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting of the IDO at which such elections are held.

14.4 Should a vacancy occur in the office of any Presidium position before the expiration of the three-year term of office, another person may be appointed to that position at the absolute discretion of the Presidium. Any person appointed to fill a vacancy for any position of the Presidium shall hold such office until the next Annual Meeting of the IDO, where the election of a new Presidium member may be legitimately placed as an item on the agenda in accordance with these articles.

ARTICLE 15 DISQUALIFICATION AND REMOVAL OF PRESIDIUM MEMBERS

15.1 The office of a Presidium member shall be vacated automatically if;

15.1.1 The officer is hospitalized, suffering from a mental disorder;

15.1.2 The officer resigns from office by notice to the IDO

ARTICLE 16 EXPENSES

16.1 Subject to the economic situation the Presidium may from time to time decide, at its sole discretion, if all travelling, hotel and other expenses properly incurred by them in connection with their attendance at Presidium, Special, General or Committee meetings, or any other official meetings, may be paid or not.

ARTICLE 17 DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT

17.1 The President shall preside as Chairman at all IDO meetings and shall be an ex-officio member of all Committees and sub-Committees. The President will preside as Chairman at Committee meetings unless there is a statement to the contrary included by the IDO within the terms of reference of any Committee. At all IDO and Committee meetings the President shall have the right to vote and in the event of an equality of votes shall have a second or casting vote.

17.2 The President shall preside as Chairman at meetings of the Presidium and in the event of an equality of votes, shall have a second or casting vote. Other officers of the Presidium shall each have one vote.

17.3 If the President is not present at any meeting of the IDO or is unwilling to act as Chairman, the Senior Vice President shall preside as Chairman. If the Senior Vice President is not present or is unwilling to act as Chairman, the members present and entitled to vote shall elect a Vice President to be the Chairman of the meeting. If no Vice President is present or if he is unwilling to act as Chairman, the members present and entitled to vote shall elect a person who shall be a nominee of a MEMBER ORGANIZATION and is willing to act as the Chairman of the meeting.

ARTICLE 18 THE DUTIES OF THE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

18.1 The Senior Vice President shall assume all the President's duties in the event of the President being absent at any IDO or Committee meeting.

ARTICLE 19 THE DUTIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENTS

19.1 The Vice Presidents shall be responsible for various departments as directed by the President such as; Judges, Technical Directors, Rules and Regulations, Publicity and Newsletters, Sponsoring, Competitions.

ARTICLE 20 THE DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

20.1 The Executive Secretary shall officially call, and attend all meetings of the IDO and any Committee and keep the minutes referred to in article 12. In the event that the Executive Secretary is excused from attending any IDO or Committee meeting, another person

shall be appointed to take the minutes thereat. Minutes of all IDO or Committee meetings, which are not taken by the Executive Secretary, shall be sent to him/her at the office no later than fourteen days after the meeting.

20.2 Unless the IDO otherwise directs, keep all books of account and receive all contributions and other payments due to the IDO from the members and other persons and pay over the amount so received as the IDO directs.

20.3 Give up all book documents and property of the IDO in his possession whenever required to do so by a decision of the Presidium.

ARTICLE 21 MANAGEMENT AND REPRESENTATION

21.1 The President, the Senior Vice President, and the Executive Secretary/Treasurer, appointed by decision of the Presidium, shall constitute the Managing Committee. The Managing Committee is empowered to act and take any decisions that should otherwise be taken by the Presidium, when the Presidium is not in session.

21.2 The President is the official representative of the IDO. When the President cannot be present at a meeting or other occasion, the Senior Vice President shall assume this responsibility. When the Senior Vice President cannot be present at a meeting or other occasion, one of the Vice Presidents shall assume this responsibility.

21.3 The Executive Secretary is in charge of the IDO office and acts according to the President's instructions

21.4 The Presidium has the right to appoint persons for special functions, subject to their confirmation by the next Annual IDO meeting.

ARTICLE 22 DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE PRESIDIUM

22.1 In order to be valid, decisions of the Presidium shall require a simple majority. The minutes of the Presidium meetings should be circulated to all Presidium members not later than three weeks after the conclusion of each meeting held.

ARTICLE 23 DUTIES OF THE PRESIDIUM

23.1 If subscriptions or membership fees are not paid inspite of two reminders, the Presidium may exclude with immediate effect the member failing to make such payments from all IDO events and competitions. Furthermore, the Presidium may in its discretion propose to the next annual General Meeting that such member shall be excluded.

23.2 The Presidium may take disciplinary action against a MEMBER ORGANIZATION, its officials or against competitors who cause harm to the IDO or violate the Statutes or Regulations of the IDO. Such disciplinary action may be any of the following:

23.2.1 A reprimand;

23.2.2 An appropriate fine payable to the IDO within three (3) weeks from the date upon which the party or parties being disciplined are duly notified that the fine has been assessed.

23.2.3A limited time period during which the party or parties being disciplined will be prohibited from taking part in any capacity in international competitions or other events organized or sanctioned by the IDO.

23.2.4A recommendation given at the next IDO General meeting that the party or parties being disciplined be expelled from IDO membership, or that their class of membership be reduced to the probationary level.

ARTICLE 24 FINANCES

24.1 IDO finances will be simultaneously overseen by two (2) internal financial controllers that will hold overlapping two-year terms of service. A nominee of a MEMBER ORGANIZATION shall be appointed to a two-year term as an IDO internal financial controller at each Annual General Meeting. At the first meeting where this plan was implemented, two (2) appointments were made, with the nominee from the second MEMBER ORGANIZATION receiving a one-year term for that year only. Thereafter, one (1) internal financial controller is appointed to a two-year term at each Annual General Meeting so that two (2) accountants are on duty in each calendar year.

24.2 The Presidium must present a financial report to the Annual General Meeting that has been signed by the appointed internal financial controller for each fiscal year. The IDO fiscal year shall be the same as the calendar year. In order that the internal financial controller are able to carry out their duties in auditing the IDO financial situation, all books and verifications shall be sent to the first internal financial controller not later than one (1) month before the Annual General Meeting.

ARTICLE 25 RULES, REGULATIONS AND BY-LAWS

25.1 Each member shall be bound by any rules, by-laws or other regulations made or adopted by the IDO at its Annual General Meetings or by any Committee.

25.2 These articles that constitute the IDO By-laws may be changed by resolutions passed at Annual General Meetings, of the IDO, with a simple majority of members present and entitled to vote.

25.3 The General Regulations (The Dance Sport Rules) can be amended and/or changed by decisions taken by the Presidium, but must be ratified at the next Annual General Meeting.

ANNEX 1 (AFFILIATION WITH WORLD DANCE COUNCIL)

1.3.1 *The International Dance Organization (hereinafter "IDO") with its titles, services and members, is an affiliated member of the World Dance Council (hereinafter "the Council")*

1.3.2 *The IDO is a non-political, non-profit organization that administrates World and Continental Championships for competitors that are members of an IDO member organization. The IDO competitors are not divided into Amateur or Professional divisions but compete against each other for IDO Championships titles.*

The IDO will operate as an independent organization in support of the Council and is self-funding. The function of IDO shall be to consider and debate all matters relating to competition regulations, selection of adjudicators and the granting of all world titles of all dances listed in the appendix.

The responsibility for the control of established dances that have Council/IDO recognition, must be reviewed each 4th year.

The responsibility for the control of new dances that not yet have Council/IDO recognition, must be negotiated and agreed upon before the new dance is launched

The Council will consider and debate all matters relating to competition Regulations selecting of judges and the Granting of World and Continental titles for "Amateur medalist" competitors that are members of Council member organizations, in dances that are included in the World Dance Program.

1.3.3 *A condition of affiliation is that IDO will not have the right to vote or move proposals, but shall have the right to speak at Council meetings.*

1.3.4 *The IDO will pay an annual Affiliation fee to the Council determined by the Council's Annual General Meeting*

1.3.5 *Affiliation entitles IDO to up to two representatives at meetings of the Council without the right to vote on any issue.*

1.3.6 *The right to become a member of IDO as a professional shall be granted exclusively to professionals who are qualified professionals recognized by the Council's member organization of that country.*

1.3.7 *The Council and the IDO will encourage member organizations of the Council to become members and integration among professionals at national level.*

1.3.8 *The Chairman (President) of IDO is an ex officio member of the Presidium with voting rights of one (1) vote of the Council Directors.*

1.3.9 *In the event that the IDO ceases to exist, the rights of the IDO referred to in this agreement will automatically be transferred to the Council.*

ANNEX 2 (AFFILIATION WITH INTERNATIONAL DANCESPORT FEDERATION)

Agreement IDO and IDSF

Parties

1. **International Dance Organization IDO**
represented by President Mr. Nils-Hakan Carlzon

2. **International DanceSport Federation (IDSF)**
represented by President Mr. Rudolf P. Baumann

Preamble

1. **IOC Recognition**
In September, 1997 IDSF was granted full recognition by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as the peak organization exclusively representing DanceSport throughout the world.

2. **IDSF Membership of International Sports Organisations**
IDSF is a full Member of the following International Sports Organizations:
 - **GAISF** (General Association of International Sports Federations)
 - **ARISF** (Association of IOC-Recognized International Sports Federations)
 - **IWGA** (International World Games Association)

3. **IDO International Dance Organisation**
IDO is an International Organization that deals solely with the interests and development of Performing Arts, Street Dance/Pop and Special Couple Dances.

(Specification see side letter)

III. Terms of Agreement

1. Legal Position of IDO Within IDSF

a) Associate Membership

Subject to action by the General Meetings of IDO and IDSF in 2004, IDO will be granted "Associate Membership" in the IDSF in accordance with Article 4(2) of the **IDSF Statutes**. The rights and obligations of such "Associate Membership" are governed by the **IDSF Statutes**.

b) Subscription Fees

For greater clarity, IDO shall pay the same subscription as ordinary Members of the IDSF, CHF 1250.-- and a joining fee of CHF 500.--.

2. Reference to the Legal Position of IDO Within IDSF

IDO shall amend its articles of association and other governing legal documents to define the legal position set out in section III(1)(a) herein.

3. Independent Status of IDO

a) Legal and Financial

The Associate Membership of IDO shall not affect the separate existence of IDO in legal, financial, and organisational terms, except re: the contract of membership between IDO and IDSF. Otherwise IDO shall retain its present rights, e.g. regarding the use of its income.

b) Observance of Rights and Obligations

For greater certainty, the IDO assumes all rights and obligations which may arise from the IDSF's Membership in GAISF, ARISF, IWGA and IOC, and (for greater clarity) in particular undertakes to accept the Olympic charter and fulfill the IOC's requirements.

4. Representation in the IOC, GAISF, ARISF and IWGA

As between IDO and IDSF, IDSF shall have the sole right and responsibility to represent athletes and sporting organizations in all international sporting organizations, including but not limited to IOC, GAISF, ARISF and IWGA.

5. Recognition of IDSF's Position

IDO accepts to follow and adhere to the IDSF Statutes and Constitution.

6. Co-operation between the Members of IDSF and IDO

IDO and IDSF will invite each of their respective Members to cooperate with the other party's Member body in the same country.

7. **Olympic symbol**

IDO shall not use the Olympic symbol, or refer to IOC's recognition of IDSF, without the express prior written consent of the IDSF.

8. **Effective date of the present Outline Agreement**

*This agreement shall come into force upon execution by the Presidents of IDO and IDSF, provided always that if the relevant General Meetings of either party fails to approve this Agreement, it shall lapse without entitlement to compensation by either party and shall be null and void **ab initio**.*

9. **Governing Law**

This agreement shall be interpreted according to, and governed by, the laws of Switzerland.

10. **Counterparts**

This agreement and any amendment thereto may be executed in counterparts and the counterparts so executed shall be deemed to constitute a single executed document.

Date: February 7. 2004

International DanceSport

Federation (IDSF)

Signed

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Rudolf P. Baumann

President

Date: February 7. 2004

International Dance Organization

(IDO)

Signed

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Nils-Hakan Carlzon

President

Dance Disciplines that are under the IDO jurisdiction 2004

Performing Arts disciplines

- *Tap Dance*
- *Dance Show*
- *Modern*
- *Character- Ethnic- Folk*
- *Jazz*
- *Ballet*
- *Belly Dance-Oriental Dance*
- *Cabaret/Theatre Art*

Street and Pop Dances

- *Disco Dance*
- *Disco Dance Freestyle*
- *Disco Show*
- *Hip Hop*
- *Electric Boogie*
- *Break Dance*

Special Couple Dances

- *Argentine Tango*
- *Nordic Tango*
- *Salsa*
- *Street Mambo*
- *Merengue*
- *Bachata*
- *Swing Dance (will belong to the WRRRC from 2005)*
- *Mixing Blues*
- *Hustle-Disco Fox-Disco Swing*
- *Folklore and Old Style Dance Formations*
- *Bugg*
- *Double Bugg*
- *Caribbean Dancing*
- *Street Latino Dancing*
- *Salsa Rueda de Casino*
- *Theatre Arts Exhibition*
- *Latino Show*

Örebro 27/2 2004

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nils-Håkan Carlzon'.

Nils-Håkan Carlzon
President IDO

signed R.B.