

CANADA DANCESPORT (CDS) AGM MINUTES 2025

Friday, April 25, 2025, Beban Park Social Centre, Room 7, 2300 Bowen Road, Nanaimo, BC

Delegates Present:

Sandy Brittain	Ontario, CDS President
Pinky Wong	British Columbia, CDS Vice President, DSBC President
Sarah Au-Yeung	British Columbia, DSBC Director
Gord Brittain	Ontario, CDS Treasurer, ODS President
Marcin Kwietniewski	Ontario, ODS Vice President
Marjolaine Legacé	Quebec, DSQ President
Rae Westlake	Quebec, DSQ Vice President
Diane James	Alberta, DSAB President
Gene Rassin	Alberta, DSAB Vice President
Patricia Goh	Ontario, CDS PD President

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Sandy Brittain, who acted as Chair.

(a) Identification of Proxy Holders

Nine (9) proxy forms were received, including representation from the Breaking Division .

(b) Bylaw 8(3) Compliance

The Chair confirmed that quorum requirements under Bylaw 8(3) were met and that all required delegate forms were in order .

(c) Bylaw 6 Matters

Prior to confirmation of compliance under Bylaw 6, Diane James raised concerns under Bylaw 6 without requesting suspension of proceedings.

Concerns were raised regarding DSBC collecting professional fees while Bylaw 18 remained in effect.

Pinky Wong responded that DSBC had established a temporary registry to ensure professional compliance for regional qualifiers and the 2025 Canadian Closed Championships.

DSBC stated it was not acting as a governing body for professionals.

Sandy Brittain clarified that Bylaw 6 applies to Regional Associations rather than individual members.

Concerns were also raised regarding the invitation of a WDC professional couple to perform at the Canadian Closed Championships. Responses were provided noting cross-organization participation practices.

Sandy Brittain confirmed that Bylaw 18 would remain in force until any motions were considered.

(d) Chair's Remarks

The Chair requested that delegates conduct proceedings respectfully and allow speakers to complete remarks without interruption.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved unanimously at 9:38 a.m.

3. TIME ALLOCATION

Delegates were asked to adhere to time limits for agenda items.

4. 2024 AGM MINUTES

Moved by: Pinky Wong
Seconded by: Gord Brittain
Vote: Unanimous

APPROVED

5. BUSINESS ARISING

Financial funding, governance bylaws, and trophy logistics were reviewed. All items were confirmed as completed.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Sandy Brittain provided an overview of the Canadian Safe Sport Program.

She noted that Safe Sport education requirements apply to national-level participants and coaches.

International Standard and Latin disciplines are not covered under federal Safe Sport insurance provisions.

Discussion occurred regarding development of a free bilingual Safe Sport course.

Motion to accept President's report.

Moved by Marjolaine Legacé, seconded by Diane James.

Vote: Unanimous – CARRIED

7. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Vice-President Pinky Wong presented her report, outlining assistance provided to the President and CDS activities.

Moved by: Gord Brittain

Seconded by: Marcin Kwietniewski

Vote: Unanimous – CARRIED

Report accepted.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Gord Brittain presented the financial report.

He noted that revisions were made in relation to Safe Sport implementation timing.

Safe Sport implementation was delayed until late March due to transition to the new federal Safe Sport authority.

Key financial updates included:

- WDSF membership fee increase due to currency exchange
- Insurance increase due to Safe Sport requirements
- Directors' insurance projected increase to \$3,300
- Allocation of \$1,000 for Safe Sport expenses
- Bursary allocations totaling \$4,000

The Treasurer will review alternative insurance options.

Motion: Accept Treasurer's Report

Moved by Pinky Wong, seconded by Marcin Kwietniewski

Vote: Unanimous – CARRIED

9. AUDITOR'S REPORT

No questions were raised.

Motion: Accept Auditor's Report

Moved by Diane James, seconded by Rae Westlake

Vote: Unanimous – CARRIED

10. 2025 BUDGET

Treasurer presented the budget.

Discussion included WDSF AGM attendance and financial constraints.

A question was raised regarding whether CDS should reduce delegation size to the WDSF AGM due to budget considerations.

President responded that participation in WDSF Forum and AGM provides strategic value and networking opportunities.

Treasurer reported approximately \$70,000 in reserves.

Government Breaking funding is restricted to designated uses including translation and Safe Sport compliance.

Motion: Accept 2025 Budget
Moved by Marjolaine Legacé, seconded by Gene Rassin
Vote: Unanimous – CARRIED

11. REGIONAL ASSOCIATION REPORTS

(a) DSQ

Report presented by Marjolaine Legacé .

Solo and mixed events continue to increase participation but create scheduling complexity.

Report included youth participation, funding reductions, and Breaking initiatives.

Motion: Accept DSQ Report
Moved by Rae Westlake, seconded by Gord Brittain
Vote: Unanimous – CARRIED

(b) ODS

Report presented by Gord Brittain.

Motion: Accept ODS Report
Moved by Pinky Wong, seconded by Diane James
Vote: Unanimous – CARRIED

(c) DSAB

Report presented by Diane James.

Motion: Accept DSAB Report

Moved by Gord Brittain, seconded by Marjolaine Legacé

Vote: Unanimous – CARRIED

(d) DSBC

Report presented by Pinky Wong.

Events at Robson Square present higher operational costs during summer season.

Discussion included solo participation trends and regional comparison questions.

Motion: Accept DSBC Report

Moved by Diane James, seconded by Rae Westlake

Vote: Unanimous – CARRIED

12. PROFESSIONAL DIVISION REPORT

Report presented by Patricia Goh.

Key points:

- Registration fees collected and stabilized
- Two new national adjudicators appointed:
 - Normand Fortier
 - Petre Samoila
- Sergey Kyrychenko joined CDS from CDF
- Need for clearer solo judging guidance (WDSF rules pending)

Judges require further standardized guidance for solo competition adjudication.

Motion: Accept PD Report

Moved by Gord Brittain, seconded by Rae Westlake

Vote: Unanimous – CARRIED

13. WHEEL DANCE REPORT

The Wheel Dance report was received as circulated.

Participation remains limited (approximately three competitive couples) following the COVID-19 period.

No further discussion took place.

14. BREAKING CANADA REPORT

The Breaking Canada report was received as circulated.

No verbal report was presented due to representative attendance at external Canadian Olympic Committee meetings.

Youth Olympic preparation activities were noted.

15. CANADIAN CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

Updates on past and future Championships were reviewed.

(a) 2024 – ODS

Lower-than-expected spectator attendance was reported.

Financial grants of approximately \$19,000 supported event sustainability.

(b) 2025 – DSBC

Venue confirmed in Nanaimo, BC.

(c) 2026 – DSQ

Venue confirmed at Embassy Plaza, Laval.

(d) 2027 – DSAB

Venue confirmed at MNP Community & Sport Centre, Calgary.

(e) 2028 – ODS

No planning updates.

16. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO BYLAWS 9 AND 19

16(A) PRESIDENT'S MOTIONS 1–3 (PROFESSIONAL DIVISION RESTRUCTURING)

President introduced motions to:

- repeal CDS Bylaw 18
- dissolve Professional Division structure
- replace with new governance model aligned with WDSF structure

Discussion Summary

Discussion noted preference among professional members for registry-based participation rather than full membership model.

Proposal discussed for a Regional Professional Committee model.

Terminology alignment discussed (Commission vs Committee structure).

Concerns were raised regarding examiner appointment authority and qualification requirements.

General discussion indicated mixed views among professional members regarding the existing structure.

Procedural Outcome

Motion: Defer Motions 1–3 pending consultation
Moved by Sandy Brittain, seconded by Rae Westlake
Vote: Unanimous – CARRIED

Deadline for feedback: July 1, 2025

16(B) MOTION 4

Motion 4 was withdrawn prior to vote.

16(C) MOTIONS 5–11 (ELECTRONIC APPROVALS)

All motions confirmed as previously approved.

Motion 5 – Safe Sport Adoption

✓ Unanimous approval confirmed

Motion 6 – Privacy Policy Replacement

✓ Unanimous approval confirmed

Motion 7 – Bylaw 10.12 (Urgent Motions)

✓ Unanimous approval confirmed

Motion 8 – Athlete Representative Addition

✓ Unanimous approval confirmed

Motion 9 – Diversity & Inclusion Bylaw

✓ Unanimous approval confirmed

Motion 10 – Committees Bylaw

✓ Unanimous approval confirmed

Motion 11 – Bylaw Renumbering

✓ Unanimous approval confirmed

17. WORLD DANCESPORT FEDERATION (WDSF)**(a) 2024 AGM (Warsaw)**

Delegation:

- Sandy Brittain
- Gord Brittain

Meetings included AGM and Forum sessions.

Reports were circulated to the Board following the AGM cycle.

(b) Canadian Officials

Listing of adjudicators and officials received as informational item.

(c) 2025 AGM

Scheduled for June 15, 2025 in Bucharest, Romania.

18. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Vice-President

Pinky Wong was nominated for Vice-President by Gord Brittain.

No further nominations were received.

Pinky Wong was elected Vice-President by acclamation.

Secretary

A self-nomination for Secretary from Sy Jung was read into the record by Pinky Wong.

No further nominations were received.

Sy Jung was elected Secretary by acclamation.

19. CDS DELEGATION – WDSF AGM 2025

Delegation confirmed as:

- Sandy Brittain (Delegate)
 - Pinky Wong (Delegate)
 - Gord Brittain (Alternate)
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20. BURSARIES

The Board confirmed continuation of the 2024 bursary structure.

Breakdown:

- Adults (\$500 per couple): \$4,000
- Youth (\$750 per couple): \$3,750
- Junior II (\$750 per couple): \$3,750

Total: \$11,500

Lower participation in some categories resulted in reduced actual expenditures in the prior year.

21. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Travel Reimbursement

Existing per diem policy (\$75) and no mileage reimbursement were reviewed.

The matter was accepted for discussion without formal motion notice.

Decision: No change to current policy.

(b) Membership Growth

Strategies discussed:

- recreational events
- fun competitions
- increased accessibility formats

No motion.

(c) Board Participation

Discussion only.

No motion.

(d) Athlete Recruitment

Discussion held regarding declining participation and external competitive pressures.

Proposed initiatives included:

- beginner-level events
- age divisions (6 & under, Juvenile, Junior categories)
- social and non-judged formats
- team events
- parent-child events
- bursary incentives
- studio competitions

No motion.

(e) Amateur Teaching

Existing amateur teaching rules were reviewed.

No enforcement changes were reported.

Decision: No changes to existing rules.

22. CDS CALENDAR

Regions were requested to submit event schedules by July 15, 2025.

23. HOUSEKEEPING RESOLUTIONS

No items raised.

24. NEXT AGM

Next AGM scheduled for April 23, 2026 in Laval, Québec (pending contract confirmation).

25. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

Moved by: Pinky Wong

Seconded by: Gord Brittain

CARRIED
