



Canada DanceSport Professional Division DanceSport Canada Division Professionnelle

CDS PD Executive Director's 2023-2024 REPORT

Greetings! It has been an exciting year for CDS PD, a national organization, where board members and its members from coast to coast worked together to promote and increase awareness of dancesport. Below highlights a list of key activities that had taken place this past year.

It is imperative that dancesport professionals continue to uphold the building of a dancesport community where participants can work and learn together free of harassment, discrimination and abuse. Thus, all CDS PD members, new and existing, continued to be required to take the online Safe Sport Training course when renewing their PD registration annually. Fair amount of time was required though to track the completion of this training and to follow-up with members that are late in completing and those that are not computer technical savvy.

At the beginning of the year, as a member of CDS, CDS PD has renewed its membership with CDS (C\$250) and its membership with WDSF Professional Division (Swiss Franc 700/C\$1043). PD's financials continue to be sound. Starting in 2024, every CDS PD member is required and has paid the mandated \$30 to CDS to register with CDS Professional Registry.

CDS PD continues to see strong support from its members. Membership numbers remain stable despite facing stiff competition from other organizations such as CDF, Dance Heritage and WDO. At time of reporting, CDS PD has 24 adjudicators of which 15 are national championship adjudicators, 3 WDSF Chairpersons, 4 WDSF Adjudicators and 1 WDSF DJ. This past year, we welcomed 4 new additions from the other organization to the PD team. An existing member had also attained the national championship adjudicator designation. As required by Canada DanceSport, 4 WDSF breaking judges have registered affiliate with PD. We expect the PD team to continue to grow as more individuals work towards getting certified.

During the year, I continued to reach out to potential candidates to fill the pipeline for PD. Time was well spent on explaining to these candidates the professional career paths, teaching and/or adjudicating, that are available. This initiative has been a collaborative effort between PD and regional associations and PD looks forward to continue this collaborative working relationship.

CDS PD held its AGM virtually on November 23, 2023. The mode of virtual zoom meeting was welcomed by the members as everyone could attend from anywhere and not confined to a physical location. The CDS PD board will discuss internally and will determine the date of this year's AGM.

During the year, when PD receives membership applications, significant amount of time is spent on validating and confirming credentials of these applicants including multiple communications with other federations of various countries. Results of the findings are collectively reviewed and collectively decided by the PD board. Conclusions of the validation are communicated to the relevant amateur regional associations.

On the competition front, CDS PD Officials were appointed for recognized competitions. Time was also spent on providing support to designated officials and chairpersons during competitions. Teacher-student competition rules were revisited and published.

To support members' professional development, discussions on additional avenues of opportunities for revenue and technical topic workshop such as invigilation rules to align expectations were held. Additionally, CDS PD will be holding a workshop on Friday April 19th on 'Preparing For Competition' to assist ODS to meet Sports Hosting Program of Ontario's requirements.

To align with a dancesport organization's focus on upholding of high integrity and objectivity, time was expended on the review of CDS Bylaws – Schedule K - Adjudicator's Code of Conduct. Proposed amendments to the bylaws were subsequently submitted to CDS.

Further activities also included medal tests coordination for examiner and studios as well as preparing and printing certificates. To help members who may require, PD also offers certificates issuance for CDF issued Standard and Latin certificates that was obtained years ago. PD had also extended the policy to allow professionals that were participating in teacher-student events in PD recognized competitions to temporarily register with CDS PD in order to compete in those competitions.

CDS PD continued to have good relationship, working collaboratively, and supporting CDS President and regional associations. Thank you to CDS President, Sandy Brittain, for your collaboration on CDS PD matters.

In this coming year, CDS PD look forward to further develop its activities with the hosting of more workshops to help our members with their professional development as well as promoting dancesport and increasing participation in the dancesport community.

Respectfully submitted,

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