

## **2023/24 DSAB BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **Executive:**

Diane James	President
Gene Rassin	Vice-President
Diane Backer	Treasurer
Debi Bowman	Secretary

### **Members at Large:**

Agnes Dhal  
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## **MEMBERSHIP**

**2023/24 membership total: 102 members**

- 97 Ballroom & Latin
- 1 Breaker (non-competitor)
- 4 non-competitors

Ballroom & Latin Demographic:

- 43 Juveniles, 27 Juniors, 3 Youth, 6 Adults, 18 Senior
- 66 Syllabus, 31 Open
- 54 from Calgary, 37 from Edmonton, 6 other Alberta areas

## **2023 WDSF CHAMPIONSHIPS**

DSAB was proud to have our Junior Champions Patrick Busoi and Sofiya Oliynyk represent Canada at the WDSF World Junior Latin Championships on October 28/2023 in Vagos Portugal, and at the WDSF World Junior Standard Championships on November 5/2023 in Sibiu, Romania

This partnership recently dissolved. Both athletes have new partners.

## **COMPETITIONS**

### **Canadian Closed Championships 2023, Summary**

- Event considered a tremendous success
- Sold out seating, standing room tickets sold to capacity
- Very positive feedback given to the organizing committee and DSAB Board of Directors
- Dance floor given a thumbs up from athletes (dance floor no longer available)

- No major incidents or complaints
- 75% decrease in sponsorships, government grants, and in-kind donations from 2019 CCC

### **Souvenir Programs**

We feel this is important to report as our evidence below indicates that paper programs may no longer be desired by competitors and are costly to produce.

- 150 printed \$1590.75
- 42 sold at \$10, \$420.00
- advertising revenue, \$620.00
- 75 unsold were given away midway through Saturday
- 33 were given to CDS Board of Directors, CDS PD President, officials and sponsors or kept for archives and grant applications

The DSAB Board of Directors will consider the cost/benefit of printing programs at future DSAB CCC's

### **2024 Alberta Winter Classic**

The 35<sup>th</sup> edition of the Alberta Winter Classic (AWC) was held on March 16, 2024 as our Regional Qualifier. We have had an increase in the number of competitors from Edmonton as their major Dance studios registered students and did not boycott AWC which some had done in the past.

We had increases in the number of registrations for single-dance, same-sex, student/student and Teacher/ Student categories

### **Search for CCC 2027 Facility**

DSAB has been looking for a CCC 2027 facility. The floor that we used in 2023 has been sold and is no longer available. There is only one Hotel that would have a semi-suitable wooden floor but the cost is excessive and unaffordable. We are currently looking at both the U of C and MNP athletic facilities. Both have suitable facilities with more than adequate dance floors and facilities

### **FINANCIAL**

DSAB continues to have a solid financial base. The Government of Alberta decreased their Community Initiatives Program grant for CCC 2023 by 50%, so we continue to monitor our expenses closely. We budgeted a deficit in running Alberta Winter Classic due to Alberta's lack of CDS officials and uncertainty in registrations. With the addition of one local Judge, a significant number of registrations from Edmonton, and close cost controls, we managed to have a profit without any government support.

**DSAB PRE-COVID/ NOW**

DSAB members in 2018/2019: **122**, DSAB members in 2023/24: **102**  
(Years we did not have CCC)

DSAB members in 2019/2020: **152**, DSAB members in 2022/203: **136**  
(Years we had CCC)

**DSAB CHALLENGES/SUCCESS**

Our biggest challenge in 2023 was the sudden loss of Darren Yesmanski. Not only was it a personal loss for our community, Darren left a huge void in our technical capabilities. Darren our webmaster and he handled so much for DSAB that we have been scrambling to fill the void he left. Our general volunteer base is strong but we are deficient in key areas that we are actively looking to fill.

DSAB now has one new Judge, Petre Somoila in our Region that is not yet certified to Judge at CCC. We are hoping that other Regions will choose to use Petre as a Judge so he can certify to Judge at CCC.

*Diane James*

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