



DanceSport BC

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DSBC 2024 AGM REPORT TO CANADA DANCESPORT

The Board of Directors

DanceSport BC's Association Year ended on May 31st, 2023. The following board members were elected at the 2023 Annual General Meeting for the year 2023-2024:

President	Pinky Wong
Vice-President	Sy Jung
Secretary	Sarah Au-Yeung
Directors	Ram Randhawa, Andrew Miller, Harold Lee, Bernd Winkelmann, Sarthak Garg, Ray Wong, Justin Lo

Membership

Our membership year is on a calendar year basis. As of the date of this report, DSBC has 145 members for the year 2024 made up of 98 Athlete members, 38 Junior Athlete members, 2 Breaking members and 7 Associate members.

Sanctioned Competitions

April 8, 2023 - April Dance Fest

DanceSport BC has been running a series of small competitions known as "Dance Fest" with the name of the month in which the event was held added to its name. The April Dance Fest was held at the Crystal Ballroom in Richmond, BC. These small competitions will help encourage dancers to return to the competition floor. The event was chaired by myself with a small number of volunteers. Many thanks to all our volunteers. This was a successful event and much appreciated by our members.

June 3 & 4, 2023 – Island Fantasy Ball - BC Closed Championships

The Nanaimo Ballroom Dance Society held its 29th Annual Island Fantasy Ball in Nanaimo on Vancouver Island. The event featured the 2023 BC Closed Championships in the Adult and Senior age categories in Standard and Latin. Despite the addition of seating capacity this year, the event was once again sold out on Saturday. There was a good number of pro-am and amateur entries. The Juvenile and Junior divisions also enjoyed an increase in entries this year and the most popular are the Solo events. The evening started off with a gourmet dinner, followed by competitions and a spectacular Showcase of Champions which were enjoyed by a full capacity crowd.

November 11 & 12, 2023 - SnowBall Classic

DanceSport BC brought back the SnowBall Classic for the first time since COVID in 2020. The 2023 SnowBall Classic was our 32nd year featuring the Adult International Open Standard and Latin Championships. Since we can no longer afford to host SnowBall at a hotel, we were happy to have found the South Hall Banquet & Wedding venue in Vancouver which was large enough to host our competition. Unfortunately, the spectator turnout was lower than expected. Otherwise, we were rather satisfied with the venue. The only drawback was that there was only one hotel close by.

March 8 & 9, 2024 – UBC Gala Ball

The UBC Gala Ball is hosted by the UBC Dance Club and the committee was made up of students from the Club. It was their 59th year and they have once again returned to the UBC Student Nest. The event was held over Friday evening and a full day on Saturday and featured not only Club Closed, Amateur and Fun events but also pro-am competitions. Although there are more entries at this year's event but the numbers are much lower than any of the past Gala Ball pre COVID. However, the event enjoyed a large number of children Solo entries including dancers from the USA. Some fun competitions were also held on both days and various showcase performances were scheduled throughout the two days. The Co-Chairs, Cole Munro and Bianca Hu, did an excellent job with the organization of this year's event. Many thanks to Cole and Bianca and their amazing team of committee members and volunteers.

April 6, 2024 - April Dance Fest

Our April Dance Fest on April 6 will be our BC Qualifier event for the 2024 CCC. As at the time of this writing, we are still in the process of finalizing our entries and schedule. The April Dance Fest will be held at the Crystal Ballroom in Richmond, BC.

Unsanctioned competitions

Michel Guimond, Clara Shih-Marasigan and David Marasigan are the organizers of the Vancouver Challenge Cup in February, June Sunday Funday and October Sunday Funday. Their events are sanctioned by NDCC and CDF.

Other DanceSport Activities and Promotion

Robson Square Summertime Dances

DanceSport BC hosted the Robson Square Summertime Dance Series again in 2023 which ran for 9 Fridays from June 30 until August 25. The turnout each Friday evening was much bigger than last year. These dances were held at the open-air ice rink at Robson Square in downtown Vancouver. Each evening we would offer a free dance lesson with two dance related performances and social dancing to great music for the general public.

Relationship with the BC Professionals

Overall, we have a good relationship with the professionals in BC regardless of their affiliation.

Summary

DanceSport BC would not have accomplished so much without the dedication of our volunteers. These people are the backbones of our Association and their unselfish donation of time made a positive difference in the promotion of DanceSport in BC. I would like to thank my board for their support and especially to Sy, my Vice-President, for her help with membership and other board matters.

Respectfully yours,



Pinky Wong
President, DanceSport BC
March 28, 2024