MINUTES

of the
WDSF Presidium Meetings held on
Friday, June 12, and Monday, June 15, 2015

at the M.A. Nazaries Business & Spa 5 Hotel
Granada, Spain

11:00 A.M., Friday, June 12, 2015.

Present:

Tony Tilenni, WDSF Treasurer
Shawn Tay, WDSF General Secretary
Marco Sietas, WDSF Sports Director

Michael Eichert, WDSF 2nd Vice-President

Jim Fraser, WDSF Presidium Member
Heidi Goetz, WDSF Presidium Member
Ken Richards, WDSF Presidium Member
Sergio Rotaris, WDSF Presidium Member
Keiji Ukai, WDSF Presidium Member

Jeff Bartholomew, President, WCLDSF, WDSF Presidium Member for WCLDSF
Robert Huber, Vice-President, IFC, WDSF Presidium Member for IFC
Miriam Kerpan-Izak, President, WRRC, WDSF Presidium Member for WRRC
Zoran Plohl, Chair, Athletes Commission, WDSF Presidium Member
Verena Sulek, WDSF PD Director, WDSF Presidium Member

**Guests:**

Grethe Andersen, Chairperson, IPC Wheelchair DanceSport Technical Committee
Eva Bartunkova, Chair, WDSF Equality Commission
Jean-Laurent Bourquin, CEO, AdviSPORT, WDSF Sport Consultant
Dr. Ineke Crijns, Co-Chair, WDSF Anti-doping Commission (Medical & Operations) (Friday)
Heidi Estler, Chair, WDSF Sport For All Commission
Roland Hilfiker, WDSF Communications Director
Antero Koponen, Chair, WDSF European Commission
Leena Liusvaara, Chair, WDSF Entourage Commission
Dr. Patrizia Melchert, Chair, WDSF Medical Commission
Daniel Stehlin, Chair, WDSF Disciplinary Council
Herbert Waller, Co-Chair, WDSF Anti-doping Commission (Administration and Legal)

**Excused:**

Carlos Freitag, WDSF President
Lukas Hinder, WDSF 1st Vice-President
Vasile Gliga, WDSF Presidium Member


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Jeff Bartholomew, WDSF Presidium Member for WCLDSF (arrived 11:00 A.M.)
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The WDSF General Secretary opened the meeting at the Hotel Nazaries, Granada, Spain, at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, June, 12, by welcoming all present to Granada and thanking them for travelling to Spain to meet together this weekend.

Mr. Sietas reported that President Freitag is still recuperating at home from open-heart surgery, and that as a result he had been strongly advised by his physicians not to travel far from home at this time and not to attend to WDSF business at this time.

Mr. Sietas reported that 1st Vice-President Hinder is still recuperating at home from double-hip-replacement surgery, and that as a result he had been
strongly advised by his physicians not to travel far from home at this time or to attend to WDSF business at this time.

Mr. Sietas added that both Mr. Freitag and Mr. Hinder had asked Mr. Sietas to convey their messages that feel very sorry that they cannot attend this weekend of WDSF meetings, and to convey their wishes that everyone present should have a very good and successful weekend.

MOVED by Mr. Fraser, Seconded by Mr. Tilenni, that the Presidium excuse Mr. Freitag and Mr. Hinder from attending the Presidium Meetings and the 2015 WDSF Annual General Meeting this weekend, and that the Presidium sends both of them its wishes for a speedy recovery; UNANIMOUS.

Mr. Tay and Mr. Fraser reported to the Meeting regarding the enabling provisions of Article 11(1) of the WDSF Statutes; MOVED by Mr. Fraser, Seconded by Mr. Tilenni, that the WDSF General Secretary chair the Presidium Meeting; UNANIMOUS.

1. 2015 WDSF Annual General Meeting, Sunday, June 14, 2015

(Friday Meeting)

- Organization of 2015 WDSF AGM and
- Presentation of Presidium’s Motions

Mr. Tay reported that the WDSF Managing Committee has received requests for some Delegates for a detailed explanation of the rules for voting during the AGM.

There was discussion.

Mr. Tay will announce the nomination of Mr. Pedro Toro, the award-winning director for the World DanceSport Games Documentary Film Do Your Dance, to receive the WDSF Award for 2015. He cannot attend due to a very pressing business engagement. The Presidium previewed a brief video which Mr. Toro made to be presented at the AGM, thank the AGM for conferring this prestigious honour on him.

Mr. Tay will then call the AGM to Order and introduce VIP guests, welcome the new WDSF Member body Presidents, then announce the recently-admitted Provisional Members.

He will then explain the requirements for passing Special Resolutions and Ordinary Resolutions.
Mr. Tay then reported that he will ask the AGM to approve the appointment of the following Delegates as Scrutineers:

- Ms. Araceli Castaño (Spain/Europe)
- Mr. Hermann Goetz (Austria/Europe)
- Professor Ms. Rainbow Ho (Hong Kong/Asia), and
- Mr. Mauricio Vergara (Chile/Americas)

The Presidium consented to this proposal.

Mr. Tay will ask the AGM for confirmation of the Minutes of the 2014 AGM.

Mr. Tay will then ask for approval of all the Reports. If there are any questions, then the author will answer them.

Mr. Tay reported that WDSF AGM Delegate Juris Arajs of Lithuania has accepted his invitation to present the Motion to Approve the Presidium’s Work during the past WDSF year.

Mr. Tay reported in detail on the Presidium’s Motions to this AGM.

Referring to the numbers by which they were published to the WDSF Members on the WDSF Web Site and in the 2015 WDSF AGM Booklet (“the Booklet”), he reported that according to the WDSF Statutes, the Motions will require the following majorities to be passed.

1. 2/3 majority
2. 2/3 majority
3. 2/3 majority
4. Simple majority
5. Simple majority
6. Simple majority
7. Simple majority
8. Simple majority
9. 2/3 majority
There was discussion about separating certain Motions into smaller constituent parts for votes. Motion 5 will probably be broken into constituent parts.

After discussion, the Presidium authorized Mr. Sietas to decide exactly how and when to perform this separation after listening to the Delegates in the WDSF Forum on Saturday and after meeting with any concerned Delegates, in order to promote the greatest possible clarity during the AGM.

There was discussion, including re: Motion 8 re: Other Dances, including important observations by Mr. Bartholomew in relation to WCLDSF’s Associate Member Agreement with WDSF, with which the Presidium agreed.

Mr. Tay reported that no Member’s Motions have been received for this year’s AGM.

The Members again reviewed the candidates for election to the new WDSF Ethics Committee, and again approved presentation of those candidates.

2. WDSF Open Forum, Saturday, June 13, 2015

(Friday Meeting)

Mr. Tay reported that it will start at 13:00.

13:00 -- VISION 20/20. Mr. Bartholomew will speak and then will pass the floor to Mr. Fraser re: Sustainability for about 5 minutes. 2nd Mr. Christian Wassmer, guest from the International Olympic Committee, will present for 15 minutes and then take questions for 10-15 minutes.

14:00 -- Anti-doping policies and updates.


Coffee Break

Associate Members propose to call on Mr. Sietas and Mr. Fraser during their presentations. The WRRC Expansion Manager will be present this weekend as an Observer and will answer Delegates’ questions. There was discussion. Mr. Bartholomew advocated a merger of all DanceSport disciplines in each country to improve relations with NOCs. Mr. Sietas replied that this is the goal of the Presidium and the WDSF Managing Committee. Mr. Tay suggested that we discuss this initiative during the WDSF Forum and then Mr. Fraser will present a Motion to improve progress in this initiative on Monday.
3. Situation in Russia - RDSU

(Friday Meeting)

Mr. Sietas reported that he has held extensive discussions with various persons in Russia.

Difficulties began in 2013 when EDSU was created, and this was the main problem which faced us, which we believe that we have now solved.

In 2012 Russian authorities including the Sport Ministry requested that WDSF change the WDSF Member body in Russia. The 2012 AGM did so and it worked well for the first year.

Then new Russian Presidium Members came in and others were expelled, and adjudicators were expelled. In October 2014 Mr. Freitag and Mr. Sietas travelled to Moscow for further meetings to address the growing problems; in Sochi during the SportAccord meeting Mr. Hinder and Mr. Sietas held further such meetings.

Because of Mr. Freitag’s recent illness, Mr. Sietas has been acting as the sole representative for WDSF recently, with constant consultations with the WDSF Managing Committee. Last week he travelled to Moscow again to try again to reach an agreement. In the meantime the new body and new possible Members have organized and are trying very hard to persuade Delegates to the 2015 WDSF AGM to vote in favour of the Motion to expel the current Russian WDSF Member body.

Mr. Sietas advised the meeting that without commenting on either organization that he believes that an agreement has become possible. Tomorrow morning he will meet with several bodies to propose a new agreement.

The new Russian body still wants to proceed with the Presidium’s Motion to expel the current Russian WDSF Member body RDSU. Mr. Sietas proposed to this Meeting that the Presidium’s Motion be “adjourned but not withdrawn”. DanceSport in Russia is very important to WDSF. Mr. Sietas recognizes the arguments of both sides in this dispute and advised that WDSF insisted very firmly on WDSF’s basic priorities and principles.

Both sides appear to be willing to compromise. The Presidium supported this compromise solution to this very serious problem.
4. Progress Report by WDSF Associate Members

(Friday Meeting)

Ms. Kerpan Izak reported that WRRC continues to work on its expansion project, including two visits to Australia, a very good workshop in Peru, a very good presentation at the WDSF WRT in Botswana, and further reported that a WRRC couple will perform at the WDSF Grand Slam in Hong Kong next week. WRRC is working very hard to improve the level of its competitive events.

Mr. Bartholomew reported that WCLDSF has 15 current Member countries and is negotiating with 7 more. WCLDSF has also begun two programmes to add dances and competition syllabi to increase challenges in competition. WCLDSF has also begun a major project to enhance its adjudication system.

Mr. Bartholomew also raised a strong objection to WCLDSF’s Sports being listed in new “Other Dances” division on the new WDSF Organigram because WCLDSF has a current contract with WDSF that provides WCLDSF equal status with WRRC and IFC within WDSF. Mr. Sietas reported that he had spoken with Mr. Hilfiker and advised Mr. Bartholomew that the organigram would be changed before the Annual General Meeting on June 14th.

Mr. Huber reported that since the last WDSF Presidium Meeting the IFC has held its annual elections and their Presidium was re-elected. He described IFC’s detailed plans for their 2015 World Championships in Berlin, and also the productive meeting IFC has had with USA Dance about possible integration of IFC Cheerleading into USA Dance.

Ms. Andersen reported that IPC is working on enhancing its judging system and competition calendar, and on increasing its activities in more countries. There was discussion.

5. 2015 SportAccord Annual General Meeting

(Friday Meeting)

Mr. Sietas reported that he attended this meeting at Sochi with Mr. Hinder. Senior political and sporting officials including IOC President Bach, Russian President Putin and then-FIFA President Seb Blatter attended.

As widely reported in the media, in his opening speech the SportAccord (“SA”) President made very strong comments about sporting organizations and officials, and President Bach replied to these comments briefly but comprehensively.
The SA President then announced without notice that Cheerleading could not be included in WDSF. This was a complete surprise and he provided no explanation.

After strong reactions to his behaviour at this meeting, the SA President recently resigned. 27 international federations participating in the Olympic Games have already terminated their membership in SA as a result of his remarks. The IOC has suspended funding to SA and various sponsors including VISA have apparently cancelled their sponsorships of SA. IWGA has notified us that it will change its statutes to permit federations which participate in the Olympic Games, to leave SA. Finally, all of the Games managed by SA, have been cancelled. The WDSF Presidium awaits further developments as it believes the functioning of SA may improve after the SA President’s resignation.

Leaving aside the controversy created by the SA President, Mr. Sietas commented that the SA AGM was very constructive and very productive for WDSF.

[Editor's Note: During the WDSF weekend, the Presidium's guest, IOC representative Mr Christian Wassmer, reassured WDSF that as an IOC-recognized World Sports Federation, WDSF has full authority to determine which disciplines were accepted as DanceSport disciplines. This view was explained to members at the Forum by Mr Tilenni. As WDSF has accepted Cheerleading is a DanceSport discipline, IFC may continue to participate fully in WDSF.]

6. Adoption of the WDSF 2014 Audited Financial Reports and Adoption of the 2015/2016 WDSF Budgets

(Friday Meeting)

There was discussion about the detailed, excellent documents which Mr. Tilenni and the WDSF Finance Commission had prepared and approved for submission to the 2015 AGM.

MOVED, by Mr. Tilenni, seconded by Mr. Fraser, to approve the Audited Financial Reports and the 2015/2016 budgets circulated to the Presidium most recently by Mr. Tilenni; UNANIMOUS.

(Monday Meeting)

Mr. Sietas reported that the 2015 Edition of these Games will take place at Nice, France, on October 2, 3 and 4, 2015, including World Rock ‘n Roll Confederation (“WRRC”) events, WDSF Senior World Cups, and two WDSF World Championships.

Mr. Sietas again expressed the Presidium’s ongoing concern about the costs charged to athletes in the IMGA system. There was discussion.

Mr. Sietas reported that WCLDSF had applied to WDSF to participate in these Games but unfortunately its application was received too late after the IMGA’s deadline to be accepted by the IMGA.

WDSF strongly supports the IMGA and Mr. Sietas will travel to Nice, France on Monday to confer further with the organizers.

Mr. Sietas reported that the 2017 Masters Games will proceed as previously announced, except that the DanceSport competitions have been rescheduled to begin on the second weekend of the Games, specifically on July 29-30, 2017.

Mr. Sietas repeated for the record that all Editions of the European Masters Games are open to all WDSF-registered athletes from all continents.

Mr. Fraser reported that the producers of the 2016 Americas Masters Games announced last week that Canada has successfully persuaded the producers to include DanceSport in these Games, which will be held in Vancouver. No further details were available at this time.

8. World Games in 2017

(Monday Meeting)

Mr. Sietas reported.


(Monday Meeting)

Mr. Sietas reported that WDSF has received five expressions of interest:

- 1 from China
- 2 from Russia (both in Sochi)

- 1 from Peru, and

- 1 from Ecuador.

Ms. Kerpan Izak reported that a recent WRRC tournament held at the Olympic facilities in Sochi was very well-organized and well-produced in every way and that the facilities provided there were exceptional in every way.

There was discussion about the remaining business of the 2013 WDSF World DanceSport Games. **MOVED**, by TT, seconded by Mr. Fraser, that the outstanding accounts receivable from the 2013 Games is too small to pursue further, and shall be written off the books; **UNANIMOUS**.

10. “Other Dances”

(Friday Meeting)

Mr. Sietas reported. There was discussion. The Presidium supports the Motions which will be presented to the AGM.

(Monday Meeting)

Subsequent to the successful passage of the Presidium’s Motions regarding these dances at the 2015 Annual General Meeting, Mr. Sietas reported that he understood that several WDSF Member bodies will immediately begin to register athletes in some or all of the “Other Dances” for which the AGM approved new parts of the **WDSF Competition Rules**

11. WDSF 2020 Vision

(Friday Meeting)

Mr. Bourquin gave a lengthy report on the progress of work on this central initiative.

He reported that the Working Group has not met this year so there is less to report.

There has been major progress on the development of the proposed **WDSF Code of Ethics**.
The Working Group is considering the implementation of a “Whistleblower Hotline” to implement reporting mechanisms for potential cases of manipulation of DanceSport competitions, although the current Code of Ethics and its implementing provisions already allow the submission of anonymous reports to the Ethics Committee.

The added Value of the 2020 project is increasing clear, as in the following examples of recent progress made by WDSF under this initiative:

-- a draft Code of Ethics for presentation to the 2015 AGM
-- Creation of new WDSF Commissions reflecting athletes’ and stakeholders’ concerns
-- improving our Judging Systems
-- continuing to fight competition-fixing
-- credibility, transparency, sustainability and youth initiatives
-- increased appeal of DanceSport to Youth, Media and Sponsors, and
-- enhanced involvement in the IWGA World Games

12. Marketing

(Monday Meeting)

Ms. Goetz reported on behalf of Mr. Hinder and Mr. Hilfiker. Her Marketing and Vimeo presentations are attached to these Minutes.

The WDSF Managing Committee reported to the Presidium with an updated definition of the responsibilities of our WDSF Communications Director Roland Hilfiker. The Presidium expressed great confidence in Mr. Hilfiker’s work.

13. Casa Musica Agreement

(Monday Meeting)

Mr. Sietas reported that the Managing Committee has negotiated a single contract for musical “Clearance Rights” so that WDSF does not have to pay royalties for music rights on each separate occasion of a WDSF Grand Slam, WDSF World Championship, etc.. The new contract reduces WDSF’s expenses by very significant total savings for legal “Clearance Rights”.
Mr. Tay and Mr. Sietas continue to work with Casa Musica on the selection of improved “music tracks”.

14. **WDSF Technique Books / Adjudicator’s Handbook**

    *(Monday Meeting)*

Mr. Tay reported that he has sent a request to all WDSF Member bodies asking if they have any experts who wish to contribute to the next revised edition of the Technique Books, and that he has received many responses but very few offered services on a voluntary basis. As WDSF’s finances are limited, the Presidium seeks offers of voluntary services and will explore the possibilities offered by those, before studying any other proposals.


The Technique Books are selling surprisingly well. We are now ready to produce the 1st Revised Edition of the Technique Books, including correction of typographical errors, etc., possibly in 3-4 more months.

Mr. Sietas reported that during the past year the Academy has worked very hard on the WDSF Adjudicating System 2.1. They found that Adjudicators want further information about using the system, and the Academy has responded by providing that information.

Mr. Sietas also reported that the **WDSF Adjudicators Handbook** has been very popular with Trainers as well as Adjudicators, and demand for it is increasing.

15. **Vimeo-Progress report and development**

    *(Monday Meeting)*

Ms. Goetz reported that this work is developing carefully. The Vimeo productions are high-quality and inexpensive. The WDSF Web Site averages 10 visitors per day, rising to about 30 visitors per day during major competitions like WDSF World Championships.
16. Anti-Match-Fixing

(Monday Meeting)

Mr. Sietas reported that the work on this very serious initiative is continuing and increasing successfully day by day, and reported in detail.

The Presidium was very satisfied with the progress which the Sports Director and other WDSF officials have made against Match-Fixing.

There was an extensive discussion about how to increase enforcement of this Programme, including adding information about the new Judging System 2.1 on the WDSF Web Page.

17. Grand Slam Series- General Information

(Monday Meeting)

Mr. Sietas reported.

18. WDSF DanceSport Academy

(Friday Meeting)

Mr. Tay reported at length.

19. Proposed WDSF DanceSport Events in England

(Monday Meeting)

Mr. Sietas reported on positive developments from meetings with organizers in England, and that he has met with representatives of the English WDSF Member body about this matter during the WDSF AGM weekend.

20. WDSF Ethics and Elections to the WDSF Ethic Committee

(Friday Meeting)

Mr. Stehlin reported that everything was ready for presentation of the Presidium’s Motions to the 2015 Annual General Meeting.
21. **WDSF DC Elections**

*(Friday Meeting)*

With the permission of the Presidium, Mr. Stehlin will conduct the elections for the Vice-Presidents and the Members of the DC. One Vice President of the DC is retiring after many years of service. The remaining Members of the Disciplinary Council are candidates for re-election.

Although the Croatian Federation suggested another candidate, the Presidium supports the candidacy of Antun Marki, of Croatia, one of the current Members of the DC who is running for re-election. However, Mr. Stehlin will of course ask for further nominations first for Vice President, who is required under the **WDSF Disciplinary Code** to have legal training, and also for Members of the DC. Mr. Stehlin will ask if the AGM agrees to re-elect the undisputed incumbents *in corpore*; if the meeting agrees, then that election will be conducted.

Mr. Tay supported all of DS’s proposals for the conduct of these elections, and confirmed that the Presidium will announce that it supports the election of Mr. Marki.

22. **DanceSport Australia**

*(Monday Meeting)*

The Managing Committee will send a response to the latest letter from DSA.

23. **WDSF Communications Commission Report**

*(Monday Meeting)*

Ms. Goetz reported that since its inception, 48 Million viewers have visited the WDSF Web Site.

24. **WDSF Membership Commission Report**

*(Monday Meeting)*

Mr. Sietas reported. Mr. Fraser reported further on promotion of WDSF Membership in the Americas.
25. WDSF Athletes Commission Report

(Monday Meeting)

Mr. Plohl reported.

26. WDSF PD Report

(Friday Meeting)

Ms. Sulek reported that the 2015 PD Annual General Meeting ("PD AGM") has been fully prepared and that all WDSF Presidium Members are invited to attend it at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, June 13. Messrs. Sietas, Tay and Tilenni apologized that they could not attend due to having to attend a special meeting scheduled for the same time.

27. WDSF Historical Commission Report

(Monday Meeting)

Mr. Richards reported that he and Mr. Fraser had received no responses to their requests for assistance made in January, 2015 except from the Austrian, French and German WDSF Member bodies, who have offered structured and significant responses.

While he acknowledged the heavy burden of work carried by every senior person in DanceSport, Mr. Fraser repeated that this is an initiative which has been strongly encouraged by the IOC, that the Presidium has instructed the Commission to write the history of WSDF, and that the Commission will not wait indefinitely for contributors to offer material.

It will now begin to write the history of WDSF. If Presidium Members or other DanceSport people know anyone who had expressed a wish to contribute to that history and that process, then they should ask those people to contribute without further delay by contacting him or Mr. Richards.

28. WDSF Legal Commission Report

(Monday Meeting)

Mr. Fraser reported that since the Presidium’s last meeting he had worked very hard on rewriting many of the Presidium’s Motions to the 2015 AGM, and particularly had worked extensively with Mr. Stehlin on the
WDSF Code of Ethics and Implementing Provisions for the Code Of Ethics
-- amendments to the WDSF Competition Rules for Clarification of the Disputes Resolution System and to implement the General Provisions for the “Other Dances”, “Artistic DanceSport”, “Caribbean DanceSport”, “Folkloric DanceSport”, “Performing, Stage and Theatre Dances”, “Smooth Dance” and “Urban DanceSport”.

Mr. Fraser reported that the Commission has decided to conduct a regular periodic review of the WDSF Statutes and all of WDSF’s governing documents and that he would report re: same at the January, 2016 Presidium Meeting.

Mr. Fraser also reported that the Commission has offered to liaise more closely with the WDSF Communications Commission in order to improve digital access to the WDSF’s governing documents.

At the request of the Commission, Ms. Kerpan Izak and HG, the Presidium orally discussed revision of the WDSF Operating Policy Re: Office of the General Secretary, which has not been updated since it was first passed in 2001. Mr. Fraser agreed to prepare a digital copy of a draft revision by e-mail. The Presidium agreed that this revision, possibly with further amendments, will be considered again as a Motion by Mr. Fraser and Ms. Kerpan Izak in the near future.

29. WDSF Anti-Doping Commission Report
(Friday Meeting)

Mr. Waller reported that the Co-Chairing administration of the Commission has been very satisfactory.

He reported that 2014 was a successful year, and the new AD Code has been approved by WADA for presentation to the 2015 WDSF AGM.

30. WDSF Finance Commission Report
(Friday Meeting)

Mr. Tilenni reported that WDSF has had another financially successful year.
31. WDSF European Commission Report

(Friday Meeting)

Mr. Koponen reported that the Commission has undertaken the task of serving as the Interim Managing Committee of DanceSport Europe (DSE). 31 WDSF Member bodies were present at the founding meeting of DSE in Stuttgart, Germany, last August, and 26 signed the founding documents. Subsequently 5 more joined to make a total of 31 members.

The Russian WDSF Member body “RDSU” has just applied to join, but on June 12 the Interim Managing Committee decided to adjourn consideration of the Russian application until the 2015 WDSF AGM has disposed of the Motion to expel that body from WDSF.

The work approved at the founding meeting in Stuttgart was to make all necessary preparations for, and to conduct, the first General Meeting of DanceSport Europe in Granada this weekend, and that work is now complete. 18 nominations have been received for election to various positions on the DSE Presidium.

Yesterday the Interim Managing Committee decided that its authority did not extend to recommending candidates, and so it will not play a partisan part in the DanceSport Europe elections which will be held this weekend.

MOVED, by Mr. Fraser, Seconded by Mr. Eichert, that the Presidium thank Mr. Koponen for his service as leader of the WDSF European Commission; UNANIMOUS.

32. WDSF Medical Commission Report

(Friday Meeting)

Dr. Melchert thanked the Presidium for inviting the Commission Chairs to attend the Presidium Meeting to report.

She introduced the WDSF Medical Commission Commissioners by screening their photos and brief c.v.s.

Dr. Melchert opened the main part of her presentation by saying that she had been working with the concept of sport medicine in Austria, is certified in DanceSport Medicine in Austria, and is a Member of the International Association of Dance Medicine and Science. Conference for Dance Medicine
and Science is held once a year. Accordingly it was natural that she accepted WDSF’s invitation to Chair this Commission.

The Commission began by proposing a detailed Mission Statement, and a proposed Catalogue of Services, both of which she presented to the Presidium Meeting, copies of which are attached to these Minutes.

Mr. Tay and other Presidium Members commented that the Presidium has been very impressed by Dr. Melchert’s outstanding leadership and hard work.

33. WDSF Sport For All Commission

(Friday Meeting)

Ms. Estler reported that the Commission held its first meeting during the 2014 WDSF AGM weekend in Bucharest, Romania, and that the meeting was attended by President Freitag. It prepared a timetable for its preliminary work. It sent a Questionnaire to all Member bodies and received 34 responses.

The Commission has no budget and so it has had to do its work where and when possible. It held a meeting in Granada on June 11th to determine challenges, objectives and priorities.

Mr. Tay asked if guidelines or a handbook which could be given to our Member bodies to advise them how to promote Sport For All at their competitions. Ms. Estler promised to work on such an initiative.

34. WDSF Equality Commission

(Friday Meeting)

Ms. Bartunkova reported that the Commission has discussed its mandate, first in January in Barcelona.

It found first of all that the WDSF data base did not provide completely accurate information about whether an adjudicator is a man or a woman. After further research the Commission has determined the numbers of women on WDSF World Ranking Tournament adjudicating panels are always at least 20%.

Ms. Bartunkova commented that her review of the concept of Equality in sport has led her and the Commission to conclude that each region of the world has different levels and kinds of access to Equality and so the Commission may need to develop different programme features for each relevant region.
Mr. Sietas commented that in his opinion adjudication is achieving a higher level of Equality and that the objective of the Sports Commission is a 40/60% - 50/50% balance of men and women on adjudicating panel.

Ms. Bartunkova proposes to recommend to all WDSF Member bodies that they strive to increase their numbers of female adjudicators.

Mr. Sietas asked whether the Commission had a plan or proposal to promote Equality on Managing Boards. Ms. Bartunkova replied that they have not yet developed a policy about this question except to encourage all WDSF Member bodies to consider how they could change the imbalance of men and women in governing positions.

Mr. Fraser asked whether the Commission was concentrating its work about Equality only on the subject of Equality between men and women. Ms. Bartunkova replied that the Commission’s long-term goal was to broaden the Commission’s terms of reference by widening the definition of Equality in DanceSport.

### 35. WDSF Entourage Commission

**(Friday Meeting)**

The Commission’s Chairperson, Ms. Liusvaara, reported that the Athletes Commission nominated WDSF Athletes Commissioner Mr. Antonio Micheli, of Australia, to join the Commission and that he has now been accepted.

It took time for the Commission to organize; in the meantime Mr. Hinder studied the IOC Entourage guidelines provided to her by Mr. Bourquin and adapted them to WDSF to establish the basis for a WDSF Entourage Code. The Commission believes that athletes, adjudicators and other important parties need to be represented.

### 36. Pan American Initiative

**(Monday Meeting)**

Mr. Fraser and Mr. Richards reported on progress in this area.

### 37. 2016 AGM Host Cities

**(Friday Meeting)**
The Presidium consented to amend the Presidium Meeting Agenda to permit the Turkish WDSF Member body’s Delegates and two sales representatives from the proposed venue resort “Gloria Golf Resort” in Belek, Anatolia, Turkey, to make an interesting and informative PowerPoint Presentation in support of their Application to the Presidium. Mr. Tay thanked the representatives on behalf of the Presidium.

Mr. Tay reported that we have received two applications, that these are under active consideration, and that we expect a third.

38. Other Business

No other business was presented.

39. Adjournment

On Friday, June 12, 2015 the Meeting was adjourned by consent at 5:57 P.M., to 9:30 A.M. on Monday, June 15, 2015.

On Friday, June 15, 2015 Mr. Tay thanked the Presidium for its hard work during the past weekend in Granada and during all the preparations for the 2015 WDSF AGM in recent months. MOVED, by Mr. Fraser, Seconded by KR, that the Presidium thanks ST, Mr. Sietas and Mr. Tilenni for their extraordinary and successful work (including for the highly successful 2015 WDSF AGM) during the recent unexpected medical problems of the WDSF President and WDSF 1st Vice President; UNANIMOUS. Mr. Tay then wished all Members and guests a safe trip home and the Meeting was adjourned by consent at 1:50 P.M.

[Minutes taken by Jim Fraser, WDSF Presidium Member, and approved by the Presidium, July 8, 2015.]