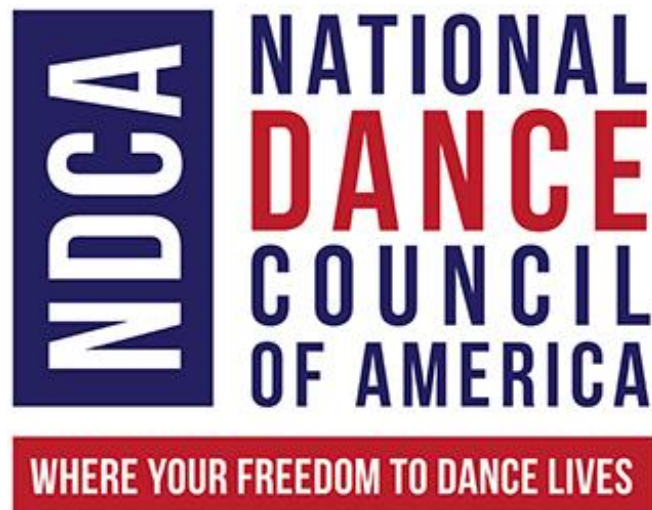


# National Dance Council of America



## January 2024

### Minutes and Proceedings

### Department and Board of Governors Meetings

January 5 - 6, 2024

Dallas, Texas

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# TAB 1

Meeting Schedule

Roll Call

Voting Status – Department Meetings

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## FINAL MEETING SCHEDULE

**Friday Morning – January 5 – Parlor #509**

*(Committee Members Only)*

- 10:00 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting – Brian McDonald, Chairman
- 1:00 p.m. Ballroom Committee Meeting – Lee Wakefield, Chairman
- 3:00 p.m. Constitution Committee Meeting – Thomas Murdock, Chairman

**Saturday – January 6 – South America Meeting Room**

- 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Championship & Competition Committee Meeting
- 9:30 a.m. Ballroom Department Meeting
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Break
- 11:15 a.m. Ballroom Department Meeting continues
- 12:00 p.m. Board of Governor's Meeting
- 12:30 p.m. Conclusion of Meetings
- 12:30 p.m. Board of Governor's Luncheon – North American Room

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## **OFFICERS & DELEGATES LIST** **DEPARTMENT & BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETINGS**

### Executive Committee

President	Brian McDonald
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Judi Hatton
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Thomas Murdock
Treasurer	Dennis Rogers
Executive Secretary	Cassandra Schneider

### Directors

Ballroom Director	Lee Wakefield
Assistant Ballroom Director	Gary McDonald
Championship & Competition Dir.	John Kimmins
National Registrar	Dawid Schulz

### Standing Committee Chairmen

Constitution Committee	Thomas Murdock
Credentials Examination Board	Diana McDonald
Education & Cultural Department	Jennifer McCalla (Not Attending)
Finance Committee	John Kimmins
Grievance Committee	Judi Hatton
Invigilation Committee	Richard Booth
Scrutineering Committee	Tara Christensen
Registrars Coordinator	David Kloss

### Commission

Competitors Commission	Travis Tuft, Manuel Favilla
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## **MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS:**

### American Ballroom Company

Wayne Eng

### American Dancesport Organization

John Elsbury

### American International Dancers Association

Brent Keck, Mary Lyn Keck

### Arthur Murray International

Tara Christensen, Robert Long, Hunter Johnson

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Brigham Young University  
Curt Holman

Dance Teachers Club of Boston  
Not Attending

Dance Vision  
David Elkin, Olga Elsbury

Fred Astaire Dance Studios  
Tad Joy

Heritage Dance Foundation  
Lori Woods-Gay

National Dance Teachers Association  
Herb Vazquez, Lee Fox

North American Dance Organizers Alliance, Inc.  
Larinda McRaven, Justin Deehr

North American Dancesport Teachers Association  
Carlos Pabon, Eugene Katsevman, Nancy Brown

Pan American Teachers of Dancing  
Joy Hillary, Peter Schneider

Professional Dancers Federation  
Yolanda Vargas, Jason Daly

United States Terpsichore Association  
Kristi McDonald, Pamela Licht, Anna Shahbazyan

World Federation of Ballroom Dancers  
John Kimmins

**Invited Observers**  
Natalia Laubert  
Andre Paramonov

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## VOTING STATUS - DEPARTMENT MEETINGS JANUARY 6, 2024

### **Executive Committee (one (1) vote per officer, except President)**

President (no vote at department meetings)  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Treasurer  
Executive Secretary

### **Member Organizations (each organization has one (1) vote)**

American Ballroom Company  
American Dancesport Organization  
American International Dancers Association  
Arthur Murray International, Inc  
Brigham Young University  
Dance Vision  
Fred Astaire Dance Studios  
Heritage Dance Foundation  
National Dance Teachers Association  
North American Dance Organizers Alliance, Inc.  
North American Dancesport Teachers Association  
Pan American Teachers of Dancing  
Professional Dancers Federation  
United States Terpsichore Association  
World Federation of Ballroom Dancers

19 Total possible votes

Majority = 10 votes

### **Members Organizations not in attendance**

Dance Teachers Club of Boston

# TAB 2

## CHAMPIONSHIP & COMPETITION COMMITTEE MEETING Minutes & Proceedings



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## CHAMPIONSHIP & COMPETITION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & PROCEEDINGS

**Meeting Called to Order at 9:05 am**

By Brian McDonald, President NDCA

President, Brian McDonald, opened the meeting and welcomed all delegates and observers to the 1st Semi-Annual Meeting. A reminder was issued to all delegates and observers that there was to be no use of cellular telephone, text messaging, social media or any other electronic form of communication permitted for the duration of the meeting until all items have been ratified by the Board of Governors.

New Representatives were welcomed: Justin Deehr, Manuel Favilla

A moment of silence was offered in memory of Borbola Bunnett, Beata Onefater, Grigori Sedrakya, Ron Troy, Fred Bijster

### **John Kimmins – Chairman**

1. Call to order, roll call, establish quorum and voting status  
The meeting was turned over to the Chair of the Championship & Competition Committee
2. Approve the Minutes of the July 2023 meeting

Motion to Accept:

1st - FADS

2nd – NADOA

For: (19) 1st VP, 2nd VP, Exec. Secretary, Treasurer, ABC, ADO, AIDA, AMI, BYU, DV, FADS, HDF, NDTA, NADOA, NADTA, PANAM, PDF, USTERPS, WFBD

Against: (0)

Abstaining: (0)

**MOTION PASSED**

- 2.1 Matters arising from the Minutes of July 2023 meeting – NONE

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## **CHAMPIONSHIP & COMPETITION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & PROCEEDINGS**

3. Chairman's Report – John Kimmins – NONE
4. Vote on Chairman's recommendations – NONE
5. Review of Observers Reports – by Lee Wakefield – Ballroom Director

One report where music was being played exceptionally short. A letter will be written and addressed to Music Director, Chairman and Organizer reminding them all of the correct length of music for heats for the future.

6. Unfinished Business – NONE
7. New Business - NONE
8. Adjourn: 915 am

# TAB 3

## BALLROOM DEPARTMENT MEETING Minutes & Proceedings

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## BALLROOM DEPARTMENT MEETING MINUTES & PROCEEDINGS

### Lee Wakefield – Chairman

- 1 Minutes of July 2023
- 1.1 Matters arising from the Minutes of the July 2023 meeting - NONE
- 1.2 Accept the minutes of the July 2023 meeting

Motion to Accept:

1st – FADS

2nd – AMI

For: (19) 1st VP, 2nd VP, Exec. Secretary, Treasurer, ABC, ADO, AIDA, AMI, BYU, DV, FADS, HDF, NDTA, NADOA, NADTA, PANAM, PDF, USTERPS, WFBD

Against: (0)

Abstaining: (0)

**MOTION PASSED**

- 2 Motion that the Chairman may alter the order of the agenda

Motion to Accept:

1st – FADS

2nd – USTERPS

For: (19) 1st VP, 2nd VP, Exec. Secretary, Treasurer, ABC, ADO, AIDA, AMI, BYU, DV, FADS, HDF, NDTA, NADOA, NADTA, PANAM, PDF, USTERPS, WFBD

Against: (0)

Abstaining: (0)

**MOTION PASSED**

- 3 Ballroom Director's Report – REPORT GIVEN

Notation - Item 1 B – All Amateur events – 17 total events

- 3.1 Matters arising from Ballroom Director's Report - NONE

- 4 Weekly checks & clearances of officials at sanctioned events for 2023 - Gary McDonald – REPORT GIVEN

Noted strength of our industry – the highest number of officiating positions in the history of our industry.

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5 National Registrar's Report - National Registrar: Dawid Schulz – REPORT GIVEN

Noted strength of our industry – the largest number of licensees in the history of our industry.

6 Competition Registrar's Report - David Kloss – REPORT GIVEN

7 Scrutineer Committee Report - Chairman: Tara Christensen – REPORT GIVEN

8 Education Department Report - Chairman: Jennifer McCalla – REPORT GIVEN

9 Invigilation Committee Report - Chairman: Richard Booth – REPORT GIVEN

Special thanks was offered to everyone involved in the new syllabus video creation. Especially to Diana McDonald for her exceptional efforts on this project.

9.1 Invigilation Committee Motion #1: Add/edit the following items in Appendix I.

1. American Swing - Couples may only dance 2 Kick Ball changes in bronze. There are no restrictions in silver and gold.
2. Paso- add syncopated timing to Traveling spins from Counter PP - 1,2,3,4,5&6,7&8
3. Swing - add hip bump with no change of timing
4. Edit the Text in Smooth Gold Level Restrictions: Couples must be on opposite feet for the 1st bar of music. Couples may use any combination of Allowed Gold Holds and Positions excluding Hand(s) to Body. Apart or Away Proximities are not allowed during the first 4 bars of music.

Motion to Accept:

1st – HDF

2nd – USTERPS

For: (19) 1st VP, 2nd VP, Exec. Secretary, Treasurer, ABC, ADO, AIDA, AMI, BYU, DV, FADS, HDF, NDTA, NADOA, NADTA, PANAM, PDF, USTERPS, WFBD

Against: (0)

Abstaining: (0)

**MOTION PASSED**

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- 10 Adjudicator Credentials Review Board Report - Chairman: Diana McDonald – REPORT GIVEN  
10.1 Chairman of Judges - new requirements (submitted by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President) – REPORT GIVEN

Motion to Accept:

1st – HDF

2nd – PANAM

For: (19) 1st VP, 2nd VP, Exec. Secretary, Treasurer, ABC, ADO, AIDA, AMI, BYU, DV, FADS, HDF, NDTA, NADOA, NADTA, PANAM, PDF, USTERPS, WFBD

Against: (0)

Abstaining: (0)

**MOTION PASSED**

New Chairman Credentials are to be added to website and exam procedures shall be implemented as soon as possible. All current Chairmen will have the appropriate credentials applied.

- 11 NDCA Competitors Commission report - Travis Tuft – REPORT GIVEN
- 12 NDCA Premier Report - Richard Booth– REPORT GIVEN  
12.1 Draw for NDCA Premier National Ranking System - Gala Host Event for March 2026

Withdrawn – Draw will take place in July 2024

- 13 Championship/Competition items - NONE  
13.1 Weekly Event Reports and matters arising - NONE

- 14 Rule Book Housekeeping Changes - NONE

- 15 Ratification of new rules adopted since July 2023 meetings - NONE

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16 Proposed Rule Changes

Proposed Change #1 - II.B.3.f. (Submitted by Ballroom Director)

p. 7

Proposed action: change the existing rule as noted below (add underlined text and delete strike-out text):

The age divisions for Pro/Am Student Competitor Multi-Dance Events shall be as listed below, ~~with the understanding that each competition organizer may sub-divide the basic divisions listed in the manner they see fit.~~

- (1) "A" - age ~~19—35~~ 19+
- (2) "B" - age ~~36—50~~ 36+
- (3) "C" - age ~~51—60~~ 51+
- (4) "SR-1" - age ~~61—70~~ 61+
- (5) "SR-2" - age ~~71—75~~ 71+
- (6) "SR-3" - age ~~76 and above~~ 76+
- (7) "SR-4" - age 81+

Reason: confusion abounds for circuit awards and rankings when competitors age divisions for Multi-Dance events change from competition to competition.

Motion to Accept as Amended:

1st – PDF

2nd – NDTA

For: (19) 1st VP, 2nd VP, Exec. Secretary, Treasurer, ABC, ADO, AIDA, AMI, BYU, DV, FADS, HDF, NDTA, NADOA, NADTA, PANAM, PDF, USTERPS, WFBD

Against: (0)

Abstaining: (0)

**MOTION PASSED**

Proposed Change #2 - III.A.9.e. (Submitted by Ballroom Director)

p. 11

Proposed action: change the existing rule as noted below (add underlined text and delete strike-out text):

~~THE COUNTIES OF LOS ANGELES, ORANGE, RIVERSIDE, SAN BERNARDINO, SAN DIEGO, SANTA BARBARA, AND VENTURA – ALL IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA~~

The following counties in southern California are each closed separately:

- 1 – Los Angeles
- 2 - Orange
- 3 - Riverside
- 4 - San Diego

Reason: There are 10 events all within 120 miles in this geographical area, almost 1 a month Jan, Feb,

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Mar, Apr, May, June, July, Sept, Oct. Nov. Jan, California Chic, Feb California Open, Mar Royal Ball, Apr Beach Bash, May Emerald, ~~June~~ G.Gatsby (August), Jul desert Classic, Sept Embassy, Oct Elite, Nov ~~Holiday Ball~~ (Hollywood). This is 50% of the 19 events held annually in California, and we are not even taken into consideration Northern Ca, or Nevada, or Arizona which all draw from the same groups.

Motion to Accept:

1st – PAN AM

2nd – WFBD

For: (19) 1st VP, 2nd VP, Exec. Secretary, Treasurer, ABC, ADO, AIDA, AMI, BYU, DV, FADS, HDF, NDTA, NADOA, NADTA, PANAM, PDF, USTERPS, WFBD

Against: (0)

Abstaining: (0)

**MOTION PASSED**

Proposed Change #3 - III.C.10. (Submitted by Ballroom Director)
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p. 19
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Proposed action: add this as a new rule

Organizers should publish and enforce a late entry fee for any entries submitted after their program has been created and heat lists posted.

Reason: to assist organizers and registrars in handling of late entries.

Motion to Accept:

1st – BYU

2nd – AMI

For: (19) 1st VP, 2nd VP, Exec. Secretary, Treasurer, ABC, ADO, AIDA, AMI, BYU, DV, FADS, HDF, NDTA, NADOA, NADTA, PANAM, PDF, USTERPS, WFBD

Against: (0)

Abstaining: (0)

**MOTION PASSED**



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Proposed Change #4 - III.D.18.a. (Submitted by Ballroom Director)

p. 21

Proposed action: add this as a new rule

Guidelines for Video Production during dance events:

1. During any contested-competitive event, no Videographers or Photographers shall be permitted on the dance floor. This does not restrict the person from filming from the corner areas of the dance floor, as long as the person filming is not on the floor and does not restrict the couples movements from entering and exiting the floor. Off floor filming locations shall be designated and determined by the event Organizer.

1.a. Exceptions: One Videographer may enter the dance floor during a single couple "Dance On" only. The Videographer must be affiliated with the events official video crew and must obtain permission from the event Organizer before doing so.

1.b. Awards Presentations: During awards presentations, only one official Videographer and one official Photographer are permitted on the dance floor. This is limited to official event video and photo crew members only. Any other persons entering the dance floor for the purposes of obtaining photos or video, must take positions on the floor that do not interfere with the awards process.

1.c. Any exceptions to Photo and Video rules will require express consent from both the Organizer and Chairman of Judges.

Reason: some videographers are selling VIP packages that include the videographer physically being on the dance floor and following the client around as they dance. This also disrupts any prize presentations.

Motion to Accept as Amended:

1st – PAN AM

2nd – NADOA

For: (19) 1st VP, 2nd VP, Exec. Secretary, Treasurer, ABC, ADO, AIDA, AMI, BYU, DV, FADS, HDF, NDTA, NADOA, NADTA, PANAM, PDF, USTERPS, WFBD

Against: (0)

Abstaining: (0)

**MOTION PASSED**

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Proposed Change #5 - IV.C.1.e.(1). (Submitted by Ballroom Director)

p. 26

Proposed action: add this as a new rule

In the Professional and Open Amateur Smooth division the quarter-final round ~~should~~ may be twenty couples (two heats), the semi-final ten couples (one heat), and the final round six couples.

Amended

In the Professional and Open Amateur in lieu of splitting the floor for a semi-final round the quarter-final round may be twenty couples (two heats), the semi-final ten couples (one heat), and the final round six couples.

Reason: smooth couples asking continually to split the semi-final.

Motion to Accept as Amended:

1st – USTERPS

2nd – AIDA

**Motion Withdrawn**

Motion to Reconsider as Amended:

1st – NADOA

2nd – HDF

**Motion Withdrawn**

Proposed Change #6 - V.A.4. (Submitted by Ballroom Director)

p. 27

Proposed action: add this as a new rule, then move the remaining rules down one number

Dance trunks for lady competitors may not be nude or flesh tone color.

Reason: appropriateness

WITHDRAWN

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Proposed Change #7 - V.A.8. (Submitted by Ballroom Director)

p. 27

Proposed action: add this as a new rule

Only one competition number may be visible for any couple while on the floor.

Reason: some couples have two visible numbers displayed, such as when the female instructor has previously danced as a leader.

Motion to Accept:

1st - EXEC SEC

2nd – PDF

For: (13) 1st VP, 2nd VP, Exec. Secretary, Treasurer, ADO, AIDA, BYU, DV, FADS, NADOA, PANAM, USTERPS, WFBD

Against: (3) NDTA, NADTA, PDF

Abstaining: (3) ABC, AMI, HDF

**MOTION PASSED**

Proposed Change #8 - X.D.1.b.(3).(b). (Submitted by Ballroom Director)

p. 39

Proposed action: change the existing rule as noted below (add underlined text and delete strike-out text):

Necklines: Boat, high neck, v-neck, sweetheart, 'peter pan' collar, and regular collar are allowed. Simple edging or trim, ~~as well as a simple ruffle around the collar of not more than two inches,~~ is allowed on the neckline. One simple ruffle is allowed around the collar of not more than two inches in width, but must not extend past the collar.

Reason: clarification

Motion to Accept:

1st – USTERPS

2nd – 1<sup>st</sup> VP

For: (19) 1st VP, 2nd VP, Exec. Secretary, Treasurer, ABC, ADO, AIDA, AMI, BYU, DV, FADS, HDF, NDTA, NADOA, NADTA, PANAM, PDF, USTERPS, WFBD

Against: (0)

Abstaining: (0)

**MOTION PASSED**

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17.1 EXCELLENCE DANCE FESTIVAL - for January

2024 This event is a: Local One-Day Event

Organizer(s): Anthony Parks and Sophia Blunt

Approved Location: Charlotte, NC

Approved Date Formula

The first Saturday in November.

The organizers of this event have three requests:

- 1) a permanent change of location to Memphis, TN (this event already was approved by the Ballroom Department Committee for a one-year location change to Nashville, TN)
- 2) a permanent change of date to the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in October
- 3) a name change to the Memphis DanceSport Spectacular

This request would fall under rule III.A.4.d.(1). - could not request another permanent location for five years. This request would also fall under rule III.A.4.c.(1). - could not request another permanent date change for five years.

EXCELLENCE DANCE FESTIVAL					
Permanent date change to 4 <sup>th</sup> Sat. in October, location change to Memphis, TN					
OCTOBER					
2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	HARVEST MOON (Chicago, IL) Elite D.S. (Newport Beach, CA) Naples Star Ball (Naples, FL)	533 1,799 1,004	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Phoenix Fall Festival (Phoenix, AZ)	1,424
3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	Autumn Classic (San Francisco, CA) Hotlanta the Classic (Atlanta, GA) Icon DanceSport (Columbus, OH) Charleston D. Classic (Charleston, SC) Pennsylvania Challenge (Lancaster, PA)	2,091 391 589 690 966			
4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	PARAGON OPEN (Stamford, CT)	1,140	Last Friday	GRAND NATIONALS (Miami Beach, FL)	1,055
			4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Tropicana Challenge (Tampa, FL)	804
NOVEMBER					
1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	Commonwealth CI (Burlington, MA) Excellence Charlotte (Charlotte, NC)	1,319 -----	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday except when October has 5 Saturdays, then 5 <sup>th</sup> Saturday in Oct.	HOLLYWOOD D.S. (Los Angeles, CA)	1,792
			1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	Caribbean Classic (San Juan, PR) Houston D.S. Classic (Houston, TX)	900+ 567
2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	Destin Open (Destin, FL)	505	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	BYU DANCESPORT (Provo, UT) N. American Imperial Star (Chicago, IL)	1,526 533

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Date Change Withdrawn

Motion to Accept Location Change and Name Change:

1st – PDF

2nd – NADOA

For: (16) 1st VP, 2nd VP, Exec. Secretary, Treasurer, ABC, AIDA, BYU, DV, HDF, NDTA, NADOA, NADTA, PANAM, PDF, USTERPS, WFBD

Against: (0)

Abstaining: (3) ADO, AMI, FADS

**MOTION PASSED**

17.1.1 HOUSTON DANCESPORT CLASSIC - for January

2024 This event is a: Multi-Day Competition

Organizer(s): John & Olga Elsbury and Judi Hatton

Approved Location: Houston, TX

Approved Date Formula

The weekend following the first Thursday in November.

The organizers of this event have two requests:

- 1) a permanent change of location to Dallas, TX
- 2) a name change to the Dallas DanceSport Classic

This request would fall under rule III.A.4.d.(1). - could not request another permanent location for five years.

HOUSTON DANCESPORT CLASSIC - move to Dallas					
OCTOBER					
3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	<a href="#">Autumn Classic (San Francisco, CA)</a> <a href="#">Hotlanta the Classic (Atlanta, GA)</a> <a href="#">Icon DanceSport (Columbus, OH)</a> <a href="#">Charleston D. Classic (Charleston, SC)</a> <a href="#">Pennsylvania Challenge (Lancaster, PA)</a>	1,732 781 1,039 1,080 1,418			
4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	PARAGON OPEN (Stamford, CT)	1,595	Last Friday	GRAND NATIONALS (Miami Beach, FL)	1,315
			4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Tropicana Challenge (Tampa, FL)	1,106
NOVEMBER					

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1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	Commonwealth Cl (Burlington, MA) Excellence Charlotte (Charlotte, NC)	1,779 1,025	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	HOLLYWOOD D.S. (Los Angeles, CA)	1,434
			except when October has 5 Saturdays, then 5 <sup>th</sup> Saturday in Oct.		
			1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	Caribbean Classic (San Juan, PR) Houston D.S. Classic (Houston, TX)	900+ ----
2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	Destin Open (Destin, FL)	700	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	BYU DANCESPORT (Provo, UT) N. American Imperial Star (Chicago, IL)	1,199 926
3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday			3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	OHIO STAR BALL (Columbus, OH)	1,039

Motion to Accept:

1st – PDF

2nd – PANAM

For: (15), 2nd VP, Exec. Secretary, Treasurer, ABC, AIDA, BYU, DV, HDF, NDTA, NADOA, NADTA, PANAM, PDF, USTERPS, WFBD

Against: (0)

Abstaining: (4) 1st VP, ADO, AMI, FADS

**MOTION PASSED**

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## BALLROOM DEPARTMENT MEETING MINUTES & PROCEEDINGS

17.1.2 PRESTIGE DANCESPORT - for January

2024 This event is a: Multi-Day Competition

Organizer(s): Andre and Natalie Paramonov

Approved Location: Detroit, MI

Approved Date Formula

The weekend of the second Saturday in June.

The organizers of this event have one request:

1) a permanent change of location to Atlanta, GA.

This request would fall under rule III.A.4.d.(1). - could not request another permanent location for five years.

PRESTIGE DANCESPORT - request to move to Atlanta, GA same weekend					
MAY					
4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Dancing a la Carte (Springfield, MA)	1,007	Memorial Day weekend	People's Choice (Scottsdale, AZ) Carolina Ballroom Ch. (Charlotte, NC)	1,803 244
JUNE					
1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	Sapphire (Austin, TX) Three Diamond (Pittsburgh, PA) Allstar Dance Challenge (San Jose, CA)	930 684 2,440	Sat. following Memorial Day	Big Easy Dance Gala (New Orleans, LA)	469
2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	Chicago Crystal Ball (Chicago, IL) Prestige DanceSport (Detroit, MI) Ft Lauderdale Cl (Ft. Lauderdale, FL) Atlantic Challenge (Baltimore, MD)	717 ---- 640 685			
3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	YANKEE CLASSIC (Boston, MA) COLORADO STAR (Denver, CO)	1,081 1,402	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday		
4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	MILLENIUM (Orlando, FL)	438	Last Saturday		

Motion to Accept:

1st – PDF

2nd – BYU

For: (0)

Against: (16) 1st VP, 2nd VP, Exec. Secretary, Treasurer, ABC, AIDA, AMI, DV, FADS, HDF, NDTA, NADOA, NADTA, PDF, USTERPS, WFBD

Abstaining: (3) ADO, BYU, PANAM

**MOTION FAILED**

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17.1.3 MUSIC CITY INVITATIONAL - for January

2024 This event is a: Multi-Day Competition

Organizer(s): Sam Gordon

Approved Location: Nashville,

TN Approved Date Formula

Find the first Monday in April, then go backwards three Saturdays (generally the third Saturday in March).

The organizer of this event has three requests:

- 1) a permanent change of location to Gatlinburg, TN.
- 2) a permanent change of date to the weekend of the third Saturday following the Labor Day Holiday.
- 3) a name change to the Smoky Mountain Invitational

This request would fall under rule III.A.4.d.(1). - could not request another permanent location for five years.  
This request would also fall under rule III.A.4.c.(1). - could not request another permanent date change for five years.

MUSIC CITY INVITATIONAL - MOVE TO GATLINBURG, END OF SEPT.					
SEPTEMBER					
2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday			The Saturday following Labor Day	U.S.D.C. (Orlando, FL)	658
3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday			2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday following Labor Day	Galaxy Dance Festival (Phoenix, AZ)	1,856
			3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Encore D.S. (Palm Beach, FL)	802
4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday			3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday following Labor Day	Cleveland Challenge (Cleveland, OH) Ultimate Challenge (New Orleans, LA)	541 640
			Last Saturday	Pacific Grand Ball (Fremont, CA)	2,498
			Last Friday	Southwestern Invitational (Dallas, Tx)	884
			Last Sunday	Hawaii Star Ball (Honolulu, HI) Tampa Bay Classic (Tampa, FL)	900+ 647
OCTOBER					
1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	CONSTITUTION ST (Stamford, CT) Summit DanceSportI (Seattle, WA) Nashville Ballroom Bash (Nashville, TN)	756 2,609 223	Sat. after	Jacksonville Star Ball (Jacksonville, FL)	517
			1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday		
			1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	HARVEST MOON (Chicago, IL) Elite D.S. (Newport Beach, CA) Naples Star Ball (Naples, FL)	583 2,230 806	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Phoenix Fall Festival (Phoenix, AZ)	1,856



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Motion to Accept:

1st – PDF

2nd – NADTA

For: (16) 1st VP, 2nd VP, Exec. Secretary, Treasurer, ABC, ADO, AIDA, BYU, DV, NDTA, NADOA, NADTA, PANAM, PDF, USTERPS, WFBD

Against: (0)

Abstaining: (3) AMI, FADS, HDF

**MOTION PASSED**

17.1.4 THREE DIAMOND DANCESPORT (now Iron City Dance Classic) - for January 2024 This event is a: Local One-Day Event

Organizer(s): Brian Baker

Approved Location: Pittsburgh,

PA Approved Date Formula

The first Saturday in June.

The organizers of this event has one request: a permanent location change to Birmingham, AL

This event has not had a permanent location change in the past five years, so is eligible to submit this request.

This request would fall under rule III.A.4.d.(1). - could not request another permanent location or date for five-years.

THREE DIAMOND - one-year location change in 2024 to Birmingham, AL and name change to Iron City Dance Classic				
MAY				
3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	AMERICAN STAR (Atlantic City, NJ) Crown Jewel (Naples, FL) Las Vegas Classic (Las Vegas, NV) Go Wild Minneap. (Minneapolis, MN)	930 730 1,825 1,058	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	
4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Dancing a la Carte (Springfield, MA)	1,102	Memorial Day weekend	People's Choice (Scottsdale, AZ) Carolina Ballroom Ch. (Charlotte, NC) 1,649 391
JUNE				

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1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	Sapphire (Austin, TX) Three Diamond (Pittsburgh, PA) Allstar Dance Challenge (San Jose, CA)	778 ----- 2,294	Sat. following Memorial Day	Big Easy Dance Gala (New Orleans, LA)	343
2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	Chicago Crystal Ball (Chicago, IL) Prestige DanceSport (Detroit, MI) Ft Lauderdale CI (Ft. Lauderdale, FL) Atlantic Challenge (Baltimore, MD)	662 726 756 780			
3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	YANKEE CLASSIC (Boston, MA) COLORADO STAR (Denver, CO)	1,175 1,292	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday		

Motion to Accept:

1st – NADOA

2nd – NDTA

For: (15) 2nd VP, Treasurer, ABC, ADO, AIDA, BYU, DV, HDF, NDTA, NADOA, NADTA, PANAM, PDF, USTERPS, WFBD

Against: (0)

Abstaining: (4) 1st VP, Exec. Secretary, AMI, FADS,

**MOTION PASSED**

18 Unfinished Business

18.1 Tabled agenda item from July 2023:

Motion - The Invigilator Registration should be open to all NDCA Licensed Adjudicators. (After discussion this motion was tabled, with the provision that the Invigilation Committee will review and report back in January.)

Motion to Bring to Table:

1st – PDF

2nd – NADOA

Motion to Accept:

1st – NADOA

2nd – NDTA

For: (0)

Against: (19) 1st VP, 2nd VP, Exec. Secretary, Treasurer, ABC, ADO, AIDA, AMI, BYU, DV, FADS, HDF, NDTA, NADOA, NADTA, PANAM, PDF, USTERPS, WFBD

Abstaining: (0)

**MOTION FAILED**

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### 19 New Business

1. Prestige Dancesport is requested to look for an alternate date to be able revisit the requested location change to the Atlanta area.
2. NADOA – requests that the NDCA revisit the rule stating when an event is sold that it may not be moved for 5 years. Consider possibility of changing the time frame to 3 years.

#### 3. Motion – 1<sup>st</sup> VP

Reintroduce the requirement that stipulates as follows: when an event has any changes in ownership it may not apply for relocation or date change for a period of three (3) years.

Motion to Accept:

1st - 1<sup>st</sup> VP

2nd – PDF

This will appear on the July 2024 Agenda

### 20 Discussion items

20.1 PDF: Suggest or recommend that the Cabaret or Theater Arts judges be seated along the long wall.

20.2 PDF: What to do about the Cabaret/Showdance/Exhibition competitions - the name categories and requirements associated with each division are not being adhered to very well.

Withdrawn

Noted: Competitors Commission will revisit in July 2024

### AMMENDED RULE CHANGE

Proposed Change #1 - II.B.3.f. (Submitted by Ballroom Director)
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Proposed action: change the existing rule as noted below (add underlined text and delete strike-out text):

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The age divisions for Pro/Am Student Competitor Multi-Dance Events shall be as listed below, ~~with the understanding that each competition organizer may sub-divide the basic divisions listed in the manner they see fit.~~

- (1) "A" - age ~~19—35~~ 19+
- (2) "B" - age ~~36—50~~ 36+
- (3) "C" - age ~~51—60~~ 51+
- (4) "SR-1" - age ~~61—70~~ 61+
- (5) "SR-2" - age ~~71—75~~ 71+
- (6) "SR-3" - age ~~76 and above~~ 76+
- (7) "SR-4" - age 81+

Remove the R from the SR designation.

Motion to Accept as Amended:

1st – PDF

2nd – NDTA

For: (19) 1st VP, 2nd VP, Exec. Secretary, Treasurer, ABC, ADO, AIDA, AMI, BYU, DV, FADS, HDF, NDTA, NADOA, NADTA, PANAM, PDF, USTERPS, WFBD

Against: (0)

Abstaining: (0)

**MOTION PASSED**

21 Adjourn: 12:05 pm

# TAB 4

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING  
Voting Status – Board of Governors Meeting  
Minutes & Proceedings

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## VOTING STATUS BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING JANUARY 6, 2024

### **Executive Committee**

President (1 vote at the BG meeting in the case of a tie)

- 1 1st Vice President
- 1 2nd Vice President
- 1 Treasurer
- 1 Executive Secretary

### **Member Organizations**

- 6 Arthur Murray International, Inc
- 1 American Ballroom Company
- 1 American Dancesport Organization
- 6 American International Dancers Association
- 1 Brigham Young University
- 6 Dance Vision
- 6 Fred Astaire Dance Studios
- 1 Heritage Dance Foundation
- 2 National Dance Teachers Association
- 1 North American Dance Organizers Alliance, Inc.
- 6 North American Dancesport Teachers Association
- 4 Pan American Teachers of Dancing
- 1 Professional Dancers Federation
- 6 United States Terpsichore Association
- 1 World Federation of Ballroom Dancers
  
- 53 Total possible votes
- 2/3 majority = 36 votes

### **Members Organizations not in attendance**

- 6 Dance Teachers Club of Boston

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### Brian McDonald - Chair

1. Call to order, roll call, establish quorum and voting status: 12:10 PM
2. Approve the Minutes of the July 2023 Board of Governors Meeting

Motion to Accept:

1st – FADS

2nd – AMI

For: (53) 1st VP(1), 2nd VP(1), Exec. Secretary(1), Treasurer(1), ABC(1), ADO(1), AIDA(6), AMI(6) BYU(1), DV(6), FADS(6), HDF(1), NDTA(2), NADOA(1), NADTA(6), PANAM(4), PDF(1), USTERPS(6), WFBD(1)

Against: (0)

Abstaining: (0)

MOTION PASSED

- a. Matters arising from the July 2023 minutes - NONE

3. Motion: That the President be allowed to alter the order of the Agenda.

Motion to Accept:

1st – FADS

2nd – AMI

For: (53) 1st VP(1), 2nd VP(1), Exec. Secretary(1), Treasurer(1), ABC(1), ADO(1), AIDA(6), AMI(6) BYU(1), DV(6), FADS(6), HDF(1), NDTA(2), NADOA(1), NADTA(6), PANAM(4), PDF(1), USTERPS(6), WFBD(1)

Against: (0)

Abstaining: (0)

MOTION PASSED

4. Election of Officers:
  - a. President – Brian McDonald
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Tom Murdock

**By acclamation of the Executive Secretary the officers up for re-election are duly elected.**

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5. President's Report – Brian McDonald – REPORT GIVEN
  - a. Report on WDC
6. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Report – Judi Hatton – REPORT GIVEN
7. Executive Secretary's Report – Cassandra Schneider– REPORT GIVEN
8. Treasurer's Report – Dennis Rogers – REPORT GIVEN
9. Ballroom Dept. Report – Lee Wakefield – acceptance & approval of minutes will take place at the 2nd meeting of 2024.

Motion to Accept the Rule changes of the January 6, 2024 Ballroom Department Meeting and have said changes be placed into effect immediately. The remainder of the minutes for the Ballroom Department Meeting of January 6, 2024 shall be accepted and approved at the July, 2024 Meetings.

Motion to Accept:

1st – FADS

2nd – PDF

For: (53) 1st VP(1), 2nd VP(1), Exec. Secretary(1), Treasurer(1), ABC(1), ADO(1), AIDA(6), AMI(6) BYU(1), DV(6), FADS(6), HDF(1), NDTA(2), NADDOA(1), NADTA(6), PANAM(4), PDF(1), USTERPS(6), WFBD(1)

Against: (0)

Abstaining: (0)

MOTION PASSED

10. Constitution Committee Report – Thomas Murdock

### HOUSEKEEPING MOTIONS:

Item #1: Article III. Item A.3.2.f.(2) (*delete text that is crossed out and add text that is underlined*)

Accrediting Member Organizations: - The NDCA appointed ~~Board of Examiners~~ Credentials and Examination Board has established criteria for all examinations for candidates desiring an NDCA adjudicators accreditation. This criteria is available from the Executive Secretary. A copy of all Syllabi used by the organization in all branches of dance, shall have been submitted for inspection to the Council, and must be consistent with said criteria.

This Item will be voted on in the July 2024 Meeting



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11. Memberships
  - a. Applications for New Membership - NONE
12. Old Business
13. New Business
14. Confirm date & place of next NDCA Meeting
  - a. July – 12 - 13, 2024 – **Grand Hyatt @ DFW Airport**