

# **Minutes of DSE Annual General Assembly**

7th June 2019 Hilton Hotel, Budapest

## **1. Call to Order**

Robert Wota, the vice-president of DSE, called to order the annual meeting at 4:00 pm. In his opening speech he welcomed the delegates and guests of the DSE AGA on his behalf and behalf of Luisa Vano, president of DSE, who could not participate in the AGA. He also informed that Eva Bartunkova cannot attend the meeting for health reasons.

The members of DSE MC present: Robert Wota (DSE Vice President), Christian Zamblera (DSE Treasurer), Zoltan Sandor (DSE MC Member) and Leena Liusvaara (DSE MC Member).

Robert Wota then welcomed the WDSF presidium: Shawn Tay - the president of WDSF, Heinz Speaker, the honorary member of WDSF, and other members of the presidium of the WDSF as guests of DSE AGA.

Shawn Tay welcomed the AGA delegates in a few words, pointing out that both organizations form a great dance family. He emphasized that Europe is the largest continent in WDSF and he was looking forward to the elections to be held in the hope of a good cooperation for the sake of WDSF. He also gave the best health wishes to Eva Bartunkova. Robert Wota pointed out that the elections were new, new times were coming and that he hoped all delegates would make the best decisions for the benefit of DSE.

## **2. Roll Call and Ascertainment of Votes**

32 voting delegates have been registered at the beginning of AGA.

## **3. Electing a Chairperson for the Meeting**

Suggestion by Robert Wota (DSE MC): Herbert Waller (Switzerland)

Voting: unanimously approved (32 votes)

## **5. Election of Keeper of Minutes**

Suggestion by Robert Wota: Magdalena Czarnocka-Kaptur (Poland)

Voting: unanimously approved (32 votes)

## **6. Appointment of Scrutineers**

Suggestion by Robert Wota: Valeri Ivanov (Spain) and Lars Wallin? (Sweden)

Voting: unanimously approved (32 votes)

## **4. Approval of the Agenda**

Voting: unanimously approved (32 votes)

### **7. Approval of the Minutes of the 2018 DSE AGA**

H. Waller shared and moved to approve the DSE AGA 2018 Minutes

Voting: unanimously approved (32 votes)

### **8. Approval of the Report of the Managing Committee**

H. Waller asked MC members and delegates to comment on the Report of the Managing Committee. There were no comments.

Voting: unanimously approved (32 votes)

### **9. Report of the DSE Treasurer**

H. Waller asked MC members and delegates to comment on the Report of the DSE Treasurer. There were no comments.

Voting: unanimously approved (32 votes)

Report of DSE Financial Controller

Without comments.

### **10. Approval of the Financial Statement**

H. Waller asked MC members and delegates to comment on Financial Statement.

There were no comments.

Voting: unanimously approved (32 votes)

### **11. Approval of the Managing Committee's work during the past 12 month**

H. Waller asked the delegates if they had any comments on the Managing Committee work. There were no comments.

Voting: 31 Yes/1 Against/0 Abstentions. The Managing Committee work was approved and accepted.

### **12. Decision on the membership fee**

H. Waller asked the delegates if they had any comments.

There were no comments.

According to the board suggestion H. Waller proposed to keep the membership fee at 400 €

Voting: unanimously accepted (32 votes)

### **13. Budget for 2019 and provisional Budget for 2020**

H. Waller asked the treasurer if he had any comments.

There were no comments.

Mr. Waller asked if there were any remarks from the delegates:

Michael Eichert (Germany) asked the question regarding the budget line for MC DSE meetings. According to him, the budget is growing every year and the currently planned amount is too high (half of the DSE budget?).

Another question raised was related to the budget planned for development projects with a question about which projects should or would be affected.

H. Waller asked for the treasurer's answer.

Ch. Zamblera briefly summarized the budget by talking about costs and revenues in relation to MC DSE meeting expenses. The second question was referred to R. Wota for an answer.

R. Wota, speaking about new strategic projects, mentioned the meeting in Stuttgart in 2018 with WDSF President, where it was agreed which tournaments will not affect good cooperation with WDSF.

R. Wota recalled a new proposal for individual championships and briefed the delegates on the idea of their organization.

Jeffrey van Meerkerk proposed to demonstrate next year's plans for better understanding when discussing the next budget.

H. Waller made an application to change the order of the AGA program: first presentation of the DSE Event Plan, then the Budget for 2019 and the interim budget for 2020

Voting: 31 For / 0 Against / 1 Abstentions.

#### **14. Approval of DSE Competition Plan/** Information about DSE Competition Plan

Robert Wota presented the plan.

He mentioned the importance of the meeting with Shawn Tay and Nenad Jetic in Stuttgart in 2018 for the plan. He briefly presented the action plan, emphasizing the increase in the number of tournaments, as more and more countries want to organize DSE tournaments. He showed statistics in comparison with 2017, how many tournaments newly appeared as the number of dancers taking part in the tournaments increased. He pointed out that his presentation statistics included the tournaments until May 2019 and we have more competition in the DSE calendar which will be run until the end of 2019.

He mentioned that the new countries also want to start making the CHEGP series.

R. Wota referred to the question about the costs of meetings and reminded that a lot of meetings take place via Skype, and the costs depend, among others, on the places, where or where from these meetings take place (during the AGM, for example).

R. Wota also mentioned the need to have a system for publishing the results. It was possible to enter results manually, but with the increase in the number of tournaments it became impossible. We currently have a system that automatically loads results on the website (funds were also needed for this).

He briefly presented future ideas - the idea to prepare ranking tournaments for couples with lower categories who do not take part in WDSF ranked tournaments.

Comments from delegates:

Martin Dvorak (Czech Republic) presented a question whether DSE could support the participation of nominated couples in the European Teams Match.

R. Wota pointed out that the idea was very good, but unfortunately, there was not enough money, besides, before the election, he did not want to make decisions.

Martin Dvorak concluded that that was always a financial problem with the European Teams Match, despite the fact that it was a good idea.

Jeffrey van Meerkerk (Netherlands) noted that the plan for the next year contained only tournaments, and he counted on the fact that, when the DSE was established, there would be more strategic projects. He also counted on greater cooperation with the WDSF Presidium to develop Europe as a strong continent; this was also his recommendation for the new Board.

Jasmin Corrodi (Switzerland) asked a question on the idea of organizing individual dance championships, because she did not fully understand the idea and had a question whether this would not create further problems because we already had the European championship. R. Wota explained that this idea did not exist in WDSF, in Asia the idea was very popular, so in his opinion it was worth trying.

H. Waller passed the microphone to Shawn Tay: S. Tay explained that that was his suggestion. WDSF and DSE cannot compete by organizing the same tournaments, because license fees are lower in DSE, so there is a need to find a format to protect one's market. Solo Dances tournaments were meant for dancers with a lower category and no championships will be awarded. This should be a motivation for dancers - this is a new, fresh idea that will encourage them to dance in tournaments.

Comment from the Czech Republic: will not the new European championship be the only DSE championship in that case? Maybe there should be a different name so that there would be no future confusion?

More questions and comments were not made, H. Waller closed this point and returned to discuss the DSE budget for the following years.

#### **Budget for 2019 and provisional Budget for 2020**

H. Waller asked R. Wota giving explanations - the question is: is this a detailed plan to spend 12,500 per tournament or is there only a budget entry without any specific costs?

R. Wota, that this is the only way to save it.

It's Ch. Zamblera once more, that it is a matter of budget for meetings with music, that it is difficult to compare 2016, 2017 and 2018.

H. Waller asked M. Eichert whether this answer pleased him. M. Eichert: DSE, we do not need 12,500 EUR for the organization of tournaments, unless this money is received as a prize. But I do not agree with the fact that from EUR 30,000 for the previous MC meeting now the amount is 50,000 EUR. That's why he wants to apply for a permit to meet in the next years up to 10,000 EUR.

The following spoke: Heidi Estler (Germany): Art.9 in the DSE statute says how AGA DSE should be convened, it was strange to be late valid (convened against the dates indicated in the DSE statute).

H. Waller explained that the design of the program element is an election, so no strategic decisions will be made, so he sees no threats.

According to the right to exclude: either cancel the AGA, or was changed to a reliable one and coiled again later in time for the next or later.

H. Waller made two motions:

1. AGA DSE convened in breach of the Statute I must be terminated

Voting: 0 For / 28 Against / 4 Abstentions - rejected

2. AGA DSE can be further away because it was not a significant error

Voting: 26 For / 0 Against / 6 Abstentions - adopted

H. Waller asked H. Estler if her doubts about the pot had cleared up.

H. Waller returned to point changes in the incarnation.

applicant:

Are there any questions about: Jeffrey van Meerkerk reported that they are ready for a new MC that they will be more precise in defining plans.

Voting: 29 For / 1 Against / 2 Abstentions - adopted

Application - adoption of the budget with changes:

Voting: unanimously accepted (32 votes)

### **15. DSE Membership - new DSE members**

H. Waller gave the voice to R. Wota, who said there were new members - Albania, Macedonia, Serbia, Cyprus, concluding there were 4 new full members and 1 provisional member Bosnia And Herzegovina (provisional because in WDSF there were also provisional).

### **16. Elections - Explanation of the election process**

H. Waller presented how the electoral process would proceed according to the Swiss law. There were no questions, so the election was started.

### **17. Election of the Managing Committee**

Heidi Estler (Germany) expressed a motion to present all candidates (names and surnames of candidates) before voting for individual positions.

Voting: 18 Yes / 6 Against / 6 Abstentions. The election result was approved.

H. Waller remarked that the election process would look different: now we asking all candidates who will want to run for which individual positions.

He asked to submit candidates.

1. Alberto Rodriguez (Portugal) - volunteered
2. Robert Wota (Poland) - suggested by Antoni Czyżyk
3. Sergey Belyaev (Finland) - suggested by Eve End
4. Eric Sourdeau (France) - suggested by Sean Smullen
5. Frederic Mosa (France) - suggested by Valeri Ivanov
6. Davide Caccari (Italy) - suggested by Edilio Pagano
7. Guy Rosen (Luxembourg) – suggested by Guy Simon
8. Cristian Parnescu (Romania) - suggested by Mircea Gavrilă

H. Waller asked the delegates if there are other candidates and the following have been suggested:

9. Dragana Majcen (Croatia) - with the note that there was no woman on the list
10. Jeffrey van Meerkerk (Netherland)

No further candidates were not suggested and the list was completed.

Heidi Estler (Germany) noted that there were 2 people on the list who acted in other governing bodies, and as that was to be taken into account when voting due to the ethics and good governance.

H. Waller said that he should enter the name, first name and country of the candidate on the voting list, and if the scrutineers would not be able to read the writing, the vote could be considered void.

The course of the election:

### **President**

H. Waller asked the candidates asking who the candidate was. Only Robert Wota (Poland) was suggested. H. Waller asked the delegates to enter his first and last name on the ballot if someone supported the candidacy. Delegates voted, while counting the votes H. Waller asked for candidates suggestions for the for Vice President.

Voting for Robert Wota:

30 votes in favor / 2 empty cards.

Robert Wota was elected the President and accepted his position.

### **Vice President**

Only Davide Cacciari (Italy) was suggested. H. Waller asked the delegates to enter his first and last name on the ballot if someone supports the candidacy. Delegates cast votes, while counting the votes H. Waller asked for candidates for General Secretary.

Voting for Davide Cacciari:

24 votes in favor / 2 invalid votes / 5 empty cards - elected

Davide Cacciari was elected Vice President and accepted the choice.

### **General Secretary**

They applied, Cristian Parnescu (Romania) and Dragana Majcen (Croatia). Since none of the candidates had any public functions in WDSF, WDSF PD or DSE H.Waller asked the candidates for a short presentation.

Waller asked the delegates to enter his or her first and last name on the ballot if someone supported the given candidacy. Delegates voted, while counting the votes H. Waller asked for the Treasurer candidates suggestions.

Voting:

32 valid votes, 18 votes for Cristian Parnescu.

Cristian Parnescu was elected General Secretary and accepted the choice.

H.Waller informed that from now on 33 will be the number of all votes, according to appearance one more member country on the meeting

### **Treasurer**

Only Sergey Belyaev (Finland) suggested. H. Waller asked the delegates to enter his first and last name on the ballot if someone supports the candidacy. Delegates voted, while counting the votes H. Waller asked for candidates for the Ordinary Member suggestions.

Voting for Sergey Belyaev:

32 valid votes / 28 votes in favor / 1 invalid vote / 2 empty cards - elected

Sergey Belyaev was elected to the position of Treasurer and accepted the choice.

### **Ordinary Member**

The suggested candidates were: Alberto Rodrigues (Portugal), Eric Sourdeau (France), Frederic Mosa (France), Guy Rosen (Luxembourg), Dragana Majcen (Croatia), Jeffrey van Meerkerk (Netherland). H. Waller asked for a short presentation of the candidates.

H. Waller informed the delegates that 6 candidates were running and only 3 names could be written on the card to make the vote valid.

Voting:

29 valid votes / 4 empty cards

Alberto Rodrigues (Portugal) - 21 votes in favor

Guy Rosen (Luxembourg) - 21 votes in favor

Frederic Mosa (France) - 15 votes in favor

All selected candidates agreed to take a position. The rest of the candidates received fewer votes.

Managing Committee was completed.

### **Financial Controllers**

H. Waller asked delegates if we can add election of Financial Controllers to the program.

After accepting, he set up motion to accept election for the Financial Controllers position.

Voting: unanimously approved (32 votes)

H. Waller asked for candidates

1. Guy Simon (Luxembourg)

2. Lior Belenky (Israel)

Candidate Michael Eichert (Germany) was proposed, but he refused.

Both candidates presented themselves briefly. Waller asked the delegates to enter on the ballot paper the name and surname of someone who's candidacy was supported by someone. Delegates voted.

Voting:

22 valid votes / 9 empty cards

1. Lior Belenky (Israel) - 18 votes

2. Guy Simon (France) - 15 votes

Both candidates were elected, and both accepted the positions as Financial Controllers.

### **18. Miscellaneous**

Robert Wota thanked the delegates for the election of the President, thanked the previous MC and congratulated the newly elected President with the wishes on future successful work in the MC.

### **19. Adjournment**

Herbert Waller thanked the delegates for the support and adjourned the meeting at 6:37 pm.

### **Attachments:**

Report of the Managing Committee,

Report of DSE Treasurer,

Financial Statement incl. Budget for 2019 and Provisional Budget for 2020.

Robert Wota  
President



Cristian Parnescu  
General Secretary

