



# STATUTES OF INTERNATIONAL DANCE ORGANIZATION IDO

## **Article 1**

### **Name**

The name of the Association is International Dance Organization ("IDO").

## **Article 2**

### **Registered Office - Liability**

The Association is a non-profit organization under Danish law with its registered office in the municipality of Slagelse, Zealand, Denmark.

The Association is only liable for commitments made by the Association on its own behalf. The members of the Association are not liable for commitments of the Association, but only for their membership fees.

## **Article 3**

### **Aims and Objectives of the IDO**

The aims and objectives of the Association are to promote internationally the art of dancing and dance sport in all its forms, including dancing competitions, with the exception of Standard and Latin American dancing, Rock'n roll, Boogie Woogie and Lindy hop.

The Association may enter into affiliations with other international dance sport organizations.

The Association is politically neutral.

Detailed aims and objectives are stipulated in the IDO By-Laws.

## **Article 4**

### **Language**

The language of the Association is English and, solely in relation with the Danish authorities, Danish.



## **Article 5** **Membership**

### **Ordinary Members**

The IDO may elect as ordinary members such registered non-profit entities (federations, associations, organizations, companies, etc.) from countries worldwide which are found to be the best representatives of the member country with regard to the aims and objectives of IDO.

The Association may have different classes of ordinary membership. Detailed rules for ordinary membership are contained in the IDO By-Laws.

### **Other Types of Membership**

The IDO may elect as affiliated members non-profit entities (federations, associations, organizations, companies, etc.) which may help to promote the aims and objectives of the IDO. Affiliate members are entitled to speak, but not to vote at general meetings of IDO or its departments.

The IDO may elect as honorary members individuals who are found to have rendered outstanding services to the Association or to the art of dancing. An honorary member is entitled to speak but not to vote at general meetings of IDO or its departments.

Unless decided otherwise by the IDO Annual General Meeting, each new ordinary member shall have probationary status until full membership is granted. Detailed rules for probationary membership are contained in the IDO By-Laws.

### **Termination of Membership**

Membership – be it ordinary or probationary membership, affiliated membership or honorary membership – ceases when the member resigns from the Association and in case of expulsion as stipulated in the IDO By-Laws. Membership also ceases, if an honorary member dies or if an incorporated member is dissolved or subject to insolvency or similar proceedings.

## **Article 6** **Membership Fees**

The IDO charges membership fees to its ordinary, probationary and affiliated members as well as contacts. Honorary members shall not pay membership fees. The membership fees are fixed by the IDO Annual General Meeting.

## **Article 7**

### **General Meetings**

The General Meeting is the highest body of the Association.

General meetings are held at the location/venue which the Presidium decides.

The ordinary Annual General Meeting is held once a year and shall include examination and approval of accounts, fixing of membership fees and election of members of the Presidium, internal revisor(s) and external auditor.

An extraordinary General Meeting is called when the Presidium so decides or when a minimum of 15 members informs the Presidium of their wish for a general meeting to be held.

Any General Meeting shall be called by e-mail or by any other manner of writing not less than four weeks before the date of the meeting.

At any General Meeting each ordinary member has one vote per Dance Departments which is administered by such member. Voting rights may be exercised as stipulated in the By-Laws.

Resolutions at General Meetings are passed by a simple majority of the votes of members present with the right to vote, unless a higher majority is required by law, Statutes or By-Laws. Any alteration of the IDO Statutes and the IDO By-Laws requires a majority of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of members present with the right to vote.

For the dissolution of the Association a two-thirds majority of the votes of members present with the right to vote is required.

Proxy to vote at General Meetings may be given to other members with the right to vote, including the members of the Presidium.

Minutes shall be kept of every General Meeting held and be published immediately thereafter.

## **Article 8**

### **The Presidium**

The General Meeting elects a Presidium. The Presidium consists of the President, the Senior Vice President and the Executive Secretary/Treasurer. The General Meeting elects 6 Vice Presidents with or without special area of responsibility. Further, each Chairman of a Dance Department and each Chairman of a Continental Conference is an ex-officio member of the Presidium with limited rights to vote (as stipulated in the By-Laws).

The Presidium is in charge to manage the business of the Association at all times between general meetings, to call general meetings and to perform all tasks given to the Presidium under the Statutes, By-Laws and Dance Sport Rules & Regulations of the IDO.



The President, the Senior Vice President, the Executive Secretary/Treasurer and the Sport Director form the Executive Presidium which is in charge of the day-to-day business of the Association and authorized to exercise all powers granted by the Presidium.

Except for the ex-officio members, all members of the Presidium are elected in a staggered system as stipulated in the By-Laws.

## **Article 9** **Committees**

Committees for permanent tasks (such as a Disciplinary Committee) may be installed by the General Meeting. Details are stipulated in the IDO By-Laws.

## **Article 10** **Representation of IDO / Signing Authority**

In all its business affairs, the Association is bound by the President with co-signature of the Senior Vice President or the Treasurer or by the Senior Vice President with co-signature of the Treasurer.

In all matters regarding revenue and expenditure, the Treasurer has single-signing authority in the ordinary course of business. For any single or revolving expenditure or transaction beyond the ordinary course of business, the Treasurer has to obtain the co-signature of the President or the Senior Vice President.

## **Article 11** **Financial Year / Financial Matters**

The financial year of the Association is the calendar year.

The books and accounts of the Association shall be managed by the Treasurer in accordance with prudent commercial procedures.

The Treasurer must present a financial report for the elapsed fiscal year and an annual budget for the following fiscal year to every Annual General Meeting.

The financial report for the elapsed fiscal year shall be reviewed by two internal revisors who are elected by and responsible to the Annual General Meeting.

The annual financial statements shall be audited by an external State Authorized Auditor who is annually elected by the Annual General Meeting.

Any expenditure of the Association shall only be made in accordance with the aims and objectives of IDO as a non-profit organization.

Any members of bodies of the Association, such as the Presidium, Dance Departments, Committees or Commissions, do not receive any remuneration for their services. Reasonable compensation for expenses may be granted in accordance with guidelines set by the Presidium.

## **Article 12** **Liquidation**

In the event that a resolution is passed to dissolve the Association, any and all outstanding liabilities of the Association shall be covered by the sale of assets. Remaining net assets will be offered to another association with the same or similar aims as the Association. The offer will be free of charge. In the event that no such association exists, or that an agreement cannot be reached by simple majority vote, the assets will be given to charity.

## **Article 13** **Members' Declaration of Acceptance**

By joining the Association as member, the joining member accepts and shall be bound by these Statutes, the IDO By-Laws, the IDO Dance Sport Rules & Regulations as well as all resolutions passed by the IDO General Meeting, the IDO Department Meetings, the Presidium and Committees.

## **Article 14** **Dispute Resolutions / Jurisdiction**

In case of any dispute between members of the IDO, between members and bodies of the IDO or between members of bodies of the IDO, the attempt shall be made to reach an amicable solution, possibly with the assistance of internal or external mediation. If this is not possible or fails, the ordinary courts which are competent at the place of registration of IDO shall be addressed under the laws which are applicable at this place.

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These Statutes have been passed and adopted at the IDO Annual General Meeting in Sarajewo/BiH on June 24, 2015. They have come into effect with the conclusion of such Annual General Meeting.