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Quarterly

Newsletter

March 2017 Board Meeting Highlights

There continues to be many new Registry Event applications, as West Coast Swing continues to grow and spread across the globe! In the first quarter of 2017 new registry events included:

- [Paris Wesite Fest](#) in Paris, France; January 20-22
- [Australian Open](#) WCS & Zouk Challenge in Gold Coast, Australia; February 24,-26
- [Charlotte Westie Fest](#) in Charlotte, North Carolina; February 3-5
- [Dutch Open](#) WCS in Nijmegen, Netherlands; March 4-6
- [Anchor Festival](#) in Hamburg, Germany; March 31-April 2

Upcoming 2017 events newly approved for Registry Event status:

- [Swing Open Kazan](#) (Russia), June 9-12
- [Kazan El Fest](#), in Kazan, Russia; August 4-6
- [German Open](#) in Freiburg, Germany; August 8-10
- [Citadel Swing](#) in Timis, Romania; Sept, 22-24
- [Old Town Swing](#) in Tallin, Estonia; September 29-October 1
- [WCS Festival in Dusseldorf](#), Germany; October 20-21

[Midnight Madness](#) in Irving, TX; November 10-12

It is wonderful to watch our community grow. We currently have 154 Registry Events, 84 in the US and 70 internationally.

NEW EVENTS—APPLICATION PROCESS

It has always been a requirement that new events must submit a prior year of history that is review by the board to determine eligibility. To improve this review process, applicants will be required to submit scores and judging information in their first year, through the WSDC Registry as a way of qualifying and learning the WSDC protocol. Scores for the first year will be tabulated, but will not go into the registry. A \$50 non-refundable application fee is required and will be able to be paid online or by mail. This new application process will become effective on July 1, 2017 and more details can be found in the Application Package requested from membership. The online payment option for the application fee will become available July 1, 2017.

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*Co-founders and
Chairmen
Annie Hirsch and
Skippy Blair*

*Hall of Fame Awards
presented at the
US Open 2017*

Registry Events

April—June 2017

- **RUSSIAN OPEN WCS CHAMPIONSHIP**
Mar 30 – Apr 2, 2017
- **ANCHOR FESTIVAL**
Mar 30 – Apr 2, 2017
- **U.K .& EUROPEAN WCS CHAMPIONSHIPS**
Apr 6 – 10, 2017
- **SAN DIEGO DANCE FESTIVAL**
Apr 13 – 16, 2017
- **EASTER SWING (NASDE)**
Apr 13 – 16, 2017
- **TULSA SPRING SWING**
Apr 14 – 16, 2017
- **AISA WEST COAST SWING OPEN**
Apr 20 – 23, 2017
- **DETONATION DANCE**
Apr 20 – 23, 2017
- **SWING DANCE AMERICA**
Apr 27 – May 1, 2017
- **NORDIC WCS CHAMP**
Apr 29 – May 1, 2017
- **SWINGIN**
May 4 – 7, 2017
- **SWINGDIEGO (NASDE)**
May 4 – 7, 2017
- **KIWI FEST**
On Hiatus
- **SCOTLAND SWING CLASSIC**
May 5 – 7, 2017
- **THE TEXAS CLASSIC**
May 18 – 21, 2017
- **SOSWING CONVENTION**
May 19 – 21, 2017
- **CANADIAN SWING CHAMPIONSHIPS (CSC)**
May 19 – 21, 2017

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UPDATED DOCUMENTS

The points document and the Event Rules and Regulation are being updated. Once the document have been updated and cleaned up, we are having two outside parties review for consistency and clarity.

UCWDC PRO-AM WEST COAST SWING

We have made a rule clarification related to UCWDC events. At UCWDC events ONLY, Chief Judges, Owners, Event Directors or a Score-person may dance in a UCWDC Pro-Am West Coast Swing contest as this is allowed under UCWDC rules for other dance categories and the Swing contest points is tallied in the UCWDC point structure. This rule has been allowed so as not to harm the competitor. We still feel strongly that this practice can create a conflict of interest and encourage the UCWDC to review this rule. This exception will remain in force unless there is a change to the UCWDC rules.

INVITATIONAL JACK & JILLS

The board was asked to review Invitational points and has decided that going forward, we will remove the term "Invitational" from the Points Document and will NOT be recording any Invitational points going forward. As an Invitational Jack and Jill do not require an eligibility skill level and the competition is more social and for fun, there is not a need to track these points. Old Invitational points shall remain in the database. This change will be effective July 1, 2017.

TIER POINT SYSTEM

The board is reviewing the Tier point system and is gathering more information to determine what may be more appropriate for the Tiers. We hope to complete the review of the Tier Structure in the next few months and will announce any changes in July. Any changes would not be effective until January 1, 2018.

ALL STARS CLARIFICATION

Currently our rules state that eligibility for All Star

requires 45 or more Advance points within 3 years prior to the event in which you are dancing. Effective July 1, 2017, the rule will read, "Skill level- have earned 45 Advance points in the last 36 months." Once a competitor earns a point in All Star, they are allowed to stay in the division, just as in Intermediate and Advance.

NEWCOMER POINTS

Not many Events offer Newcomer, although it's quite popular on the east coast, and those competitors often are told by Event Directors that they "cannot" dance in Novice until "x, y, z". We have decided to keep Newcomer as a level, remove WC101, add-in WSDC, and also under the grid by Novice to state "no Newcomer points required." This is to clarify that newcomers are allowed to compete in Novice.

PETITION FORM

We are finalizing a formal Petition form for all Events to use, and it will be available on our website July 1, 2017. We will be requiring all petitions to be in writing and turned in after Events.

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our next General Membership Meeting is scheduled for November 2017 at the US Open and is open to all attendees. We hope to have a mid year meeting somewhere on the East Coast in 2018.

We are continuing to focus on improvements to the point registry software and consistency and fairness in our rules. We hope to be able to add improvements to the website and increase communication with our event members and competitors.

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Upcoming Registry Events

- **SWINGSATION**
May 19 – 21, 2017
- **USA GRAND NATIONAL DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (NASDE)**
May 25 – 29, 2017
- **FREZNO DANCE CLASSIC**
May 25 – 29, 2017
- **FRENCH OPEN WEST COAST SWING**
May 25 – 28, 2017
- **HUNGARIAN OPEN**
May 26 – 28, 2017
- **SHOW-ME SHOWDOWN**
May 26 – 30, 2017
- **MICHIGAN CLASSIC**
Jun 1 - 4, 2017
- **ORANGE BLOSSOM DANCE FESTIVAL**
Jun 1 - 4, 2017
- **SLINGSHOT SWING**
On Hiatus
- **JACK & JILL O'RAMA**
Jun 8 - 12, 2017
- **BALTIC SWING**
Jun 8 - 11, 2017
- **CMJ NSW WEST COAST SWING DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS**
On Hiatus
- **SWING OPEN KAZAN**
Jun 9 - 12, 2017
- **DANCE N PLAY**
Jun 15 - 18, 2017
- **D-TOWNSWING**
Jun 15 - 18, 2017

• **FINNFEST**
Jun 15 - 19, 2017

• **SWINGALOOZA**
Jun 16 - 18, 2017

• **COLORADO COUNTRY CLASSIC**
Jun 22 - 25, 2017

• **KOREA WESTIVAL**
Jun 23 - 25, 2017

• **FT LAUDERDALE SWING & SHAG BEACH BASH**
Jun 29 - Jul 3, 2017

• **LIBERTY SWING (NASDE)**
Jun 29 - Jul 2, 2017

• **NEVERLAND SWING**
Jun 30- Jul 2, 2017

• **NEW ZEALAND OPEN SWING DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS**
Jun 30 - Jul 2, 2017

• **INDY DANCE EXPLOSION**
Jun 30 - Jul 2, 2017

