

# Quarterly

## Newsletter



### *Demery Leyva retires from the WSDC Board*



The WSDC bids farewell to Demery Leyva, who retired from the WSDC Board in December 2022.

At the age of 16, Line Dancing and Country Two Step brought Demery to the dance world. It wasn't until many years later that he was introduced to the West Coast Swing dance scene. Demery is a Chief Judge at swing events throughout the United States and Canada. When not acting as Chief Judge, he takes on the role of Assistant Chief Judge at many other events.

At home in Jacksonville, Florida, Demery works alongside the Jacksonville West Coast Swing Club to keep the swing community growing. Demery teaches weekly group lessons and dances, creating an environment where people want to learn while he promotes the dance he loves.

Demery joined the WSDC Board in December 2016. He has been our point person for new Trial Events since he joined the Board, and helping many of our Event Directors understand the rules and requirements for running a successful event. Demery has been a strong advocate for our competitors and helped to drive changes to our rules (e.g., Advanced/All Star points freeze, Sophisticated and Masters rules, new venue rules). Demery was integral in the development of the International Advisory Committee (IAC). He has been part of the Chief Judges training (still in progress), and has been a great asset to the Board for the past six years. We will miss him!

### *John Lindo joins the WSDC Board*



John Lindo is an International Award-winning West Coast Swing Dance Champion & Instructor. He is a man of style, grace and humor. Above all, he is one of the most joyful advocates of the dance. After beginning in country-western dance in 1992, John quickly made his mark on the West Coast Swing circuit by garnering an astonishing number of awards and championships in Jack-and-Jill and Strictly Swing contests. First Place awards include the U.S. Open, Grand Nationals, and Phoenix Champion of Champions.

John's passion and talent for West Coast Swing has brought him international recognition. He actively participates in competitions and workshops around the world. John is sought after internationally for his knowledge, experience and teaching, in roles such as event director, organizer, judge, dancer, deejay and choreographer.

John has been working 'behind the scenes' for the World Swing Dance Council on our Points Registry database for years! He will be joining the Board of Directors of the World Swing Dance Council in January 2023. We are all quite excited to have him a part of the Board, 'front and center'!

### **2023 WSDC Registry Event Rules – Now Live!**

Our 2023 WSDC Registry Event rules are live and available on the WSDC website at [worldsdc.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/2023-Registry-Event-Rules\\_vFinal2-2023.1B.pdf](https://worldsdc.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/2023-Registry-Event-Rules_vFinal2-2023.1B.pdf)

New rules / changes are highlighted in yellow in the rules, and our rules have been combined into one document (includes both Registry Event rules and Points Registry rules). There are some significant changes (e.g., new venue rules, new tracking of Sophisticated J&Js, details on dancing in your primary and secondary roles) that Event Directors, Judges, and competitors will want to review.

#### Upcoming Registry Events

Trial Events are shown in gray

- **UCWDC WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
January 1-8, 2023
- **WESTIE GALA**  
January 6-9, 2023
- **AVIGNON CITY SWING**  
January 6-8, 2023
- **BUDAFEST OPEN WCS CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
January 11-15, 2023
- **MONTEREY SWINGFEST**  
January 11-16, 2023
- **DERBY CITY SWING**  
January 19-22, 2023
- **SWING RESOLUTION**  
January 20-23, 2023
- **FREEDOM SWING DANCE CHALLENGE**  
January 20-22, 2023
- **AUSTIN SWING DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
On Hiatus
- **MUNICORN SWING**  
Cancelled due to Covid
- **CHARLOTTE WESTIE FEST**  
February 2-5, 2023
- **SWING & SNOW**  
February 2-5, 2023
- **PARIS SWING CLASSIC**  
February 3-5, 2023
- **SWINGTZERLAND**  
Cancelled due to Covid
- **WESTEROS SWING**  
February 10-12, 2023
- **CAPITAL SWING DANCE CONVENTION**  
February 16-19, 2023
- **VALENTINE SWING**  
February 17-19, 2023
- **WINTER COAST SWING**  
February 23-26, 2023
- **ROSE CITY SWING**  
February 23-26, 2023

## *International Advisory Committee (IAC) – Thank You and Welcome!*

Thanks to our inaugural IAC members! The WSDC Board is so grateful that these people joined the IAC! Your input made a huge difference to the Board and the dance community, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We are looking forward to a fresh new year, some new members, and more collaboration!

### **Our Year One IAC members:**

John Lindo (USA) – Co-Chair  
Sonya Dessureault (Canada) – Co-Chair  
Emma Collyer (Australia)  
Yuval Yaary (Austria)  
Joao Parada (Brasil / Switzerland)  
Valentin Dhote (France)  
Christian Kaller (Germany)  
Adam Balasy (Hungary)  
Chuck Brown (International)  
Heejung Jung (Korea)  
Renars Sirotins (Latvia)  
Gus Takow (Malaysia)  
Gordon MacDonald (Netherlands)  
Chris Pugmire (New Zealand)  
Marta Nita (Poland)  
Andrei Bereczki (Romania)  
Elena Kotelnikova (Russia)  
Wee Tze Yi (Singapore)  
Ibirocay Regueria (Sweden)  
Paul Warden (UK)  
Nataliya Kane (Ukraine)  
Ruby Lair (US)

### **Our Year Two IAC returning members:**

Emma Collyer (Australia)  
Yuval Yaary (Austria)  
Valentin Dhote (France)  
Christian Kaller (Germany)  
Adam Balasy (Hungary)  
Chuck Brown (International)  
Heejung Jung (Korea)  
Gus Takow (Malaysia)  
Gordon MacDonald (Netherlands)  
Marta Nita (Poland)  
Elena Kotelnikova (Russia)  
Ibirocay Regueria (Sweden)  
Paul Warden (UK)  
**And joining them for their first term...**  
Flore Berne (Canada)  
Livia Crhova (Czech Republic)  
Tana Abeni (Israel)  
Zoe Klomp (New Zealand)  
Evelina Lundberg (Sweden)  
Gyuri Dorko (Switzerland)  
Rick Dauss (US)

## *Note to Event Directors regarding contest score reporting Post-Event:*

Please make sure your scorekeepers submit all petitions and indicate the number of competitors that danced in more than one division (either opposite roles, and/or age division).

### **Mission:**

Guided by the belief that every life is enriched by dance, we aspire to foster swing dancing around the world.

### **Vision:**

WSDC is a non-profit organization focused on promoting and growing swing dance, by

- Honoring the past, supporting the present, and developing the future
- Providing resources to expand, educate, and connect the swing dance community
- Being a governing body of WSDC Events

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- **MID ATLANTIC DANCE JAM - MADJAM**  
March 2-6, 2023
- **WEST IN LYON**  
March 9-12, 2023
- **HIGH DESERT DANCE CLASSIC**  
On Hiatus
- **WESTIE SPRING THING**  
March 10-12, 2023
- **SWINGVASION**  
March 10-12, 2023
- **CHICAGO CLASSIC**  
March 16-19, 2023
- **ALL STAR SWING JAM**  
March 16-19, 2023
- **KING SWING**  
March 16-19, 2023
- **DUTCH OPEN WEST COAST SWING**  
March 23-26, 2023
- **5280 SWING DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
March 23-27, 2023
- **ANCHOR FESTIVAL**  
Cancelled due to Covid
- **NOVICE INVITATIONAL**  
March 24-26, 2023
- **BTO OPEN**  
March 30– April 2, 2023
- **CITY OF ANGELS**  
March 30– April 2, 2023
- **BOSTON TEA PARTY**  
Cancelled due to Covid

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