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Newsletter

Upcoming Registry Events

- **SWINGVESTER**
DECEMBER 29, 2017—
JANUARY 1, 2018
- **UCWDC COUNTRY DANCE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**
December 31, 2017—
January 7, 2018
- **MOSCOW XMAS SWING DANCE CAMP**
January, 3-8, 2018
- **SWEDEN WESTIE GALA**
January 4-8, 2018
- **WEST COAST SWING BUDAFEST**
January 10-14, 2018
- **MONTEREY SWINGFEST**
January 11-14, 2018
- **AUSTIN SWING DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS**
January 11-14, 2018
- **FREEDOM SWING DANCE CHALLENGE**
January 12-14, 2018
- **SWINGCOUVER**
January 18-21, 2017
- **PARIS WESTIE FEST**
January 19-21, 2018
- **DERBY CITY SWING**
January 25-28, 2018
- **MUNICORN SWING**
January 26-28, 2018
- **CHARLOTTE WESTIE FEST**
February 1-5, 2018
- **SWING & SNOW**
February 1-4, 2018
- **SWINGTZERLAND**
February 8-11, 2018
- **DANCE CAMP CHICAGO**
February 9-11, 2018

NEW SIX TIER POINT SYSTEM

The board presented New Point Registry Documents and Rules outlining a Six Tier point system at the general membership meeting at the Open on November 25, 2017. The new system is designed to create fairness and to address the growth of the number of competitors at events around the world. The point system database has been updated to implement the new Six Tier system effective January 3, 2018.

New documents, tables and flow charts can be found on our website. We have created an Advancement Flow Chart to provide a visual aid to show how the new tier system works and to show the requirements needed to remain in the All Stars skill level. The WSDC new requirement to STAY in All Star is that competitors must earn at least three points in a Thirty Six month period. If they do not, they will be required to move back down to Advance.

The change to the point system was well received. The board received positive feedback from attendees; voicing appreciation of the thorough analysis of data from 2015 and 2016 (which

compared effects of the Tier Six vs Tier Three structure to make informed decisions about the new changes).

NEW EVENTS

- **SwingVester**—Austria
December 29, 2017—January 1, 2018
- **Odyssey West Coast Swing**—Australia
July 27-29, 2018
- **Austin Rocks**—Texas
September 7-9, 2018
- **European Swing Challenge** –UK
October 19-22, 2018
- **Westie in Pink City** –France
November 16-18, 2018

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, NOVEMBER 25, 2017

New Board Member Roles

Demery Leyva will be taking on the lead role of processing new event applications beginning January 1, 2018. The new event application
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Hall of Fame Award 2017

John Lindo and Manny Viarrial received the Hall of Fame Award for 2017 and a presentation was made at the Open.

John Lindo



Manny Viarrial



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Highlights (continued from page 1)

process was reviewed at the general membership meeting and the new application form and a flow chart can be found in our Library on our website. Emails can be sent to WSDCnewevents@gmail.com

We would like to thank Jim Tigges for all of his years of service in this roll. Jim will remain in charge of the Hall of Fame Award.

Yvonne Antonacci will be assisting the Treasurer by taking on the book keeping role and sending out invoices to our members.

Rolling Membership seems to be working well. It now runs Event-to-Event. Please note that when you pay your annual event fee, please go online to our website and update your event information on our online form.

Petition Process—Demery reviewed the new petition process for petitioning up or down a level at WSDC events. A copy of the new petition process including a petition form can be found on our website. Petition forms should be attached to the Event reporting forms submitted to the WSDC along with their scores.

Champions Level—It was requested that the WSDC reach out to all Events and require that they publish their requirements for Champions. Since the WSDC is no longer recording points for “Invitational” competitions, Champions will be the highest level recorded.

Newcomer—It was requested that we take a closer look at Newcomer requirements of Events

that offer that division. It can be confusing that some events “require” x-amount of Newcomer points to move up, even when that competitor has earned a Novice point. Some new dancers become unsure if they are allowed to compete at events that do not have a Newcomer category. The norm across the globe is that new dancers should dance in Novice and most events do not require Newcomer points even if it is required in your local area.

Competing in both roles (Leader and Follower)—An attendee brought up two issues about competition in both roles – (a) that it’s difficult to be viewed as a “dancer” (i.e. if you compete in Advanced in a tradition role, you are required to dance in the same level for the opposite role (and can only petition down one level), and (b) that points are combined in the database. The attendee requested that the WSDC board review and consider these issues again and consider separating scores by Leader and Follower.

New Event Reporting—requires that the Chief Judge be named, contact information provided and that the Chief Judge “sign-off” on all results. All Chief Judges need to be fully aware of WSDC Rules and Requirements.

WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR

We are making updates to the back end of the website related to database collection and payment processing. We have done some general clean up to the website and hope to be able to give the new website administrator clearance to make more updates and changes soon.

Upcoming Registry Events

- **CAPITAL SWING DANCE PRESIDENT’S DAY (NASDE)**
February 15-18, 2018
- **SWEETHEART SWING CLASSIC**
February 16-18, 2018
- **AUSTRALIAN WEST COAST SWING AND ZOUK**
On Hiatus
- **ROSE CITY SWING**
February 22-25, 2018
- **WESTER OZ SWING**
February 23-25, 2018
- **MID ATLANTIC DANCE JAM (MADJAM) (NASDE)**
March 1-4, 2018
- **RUSSIAN OPEN WCS CHAMPIONSHIP**
March 1-4, 2018
- **CHICAGO CLASSIC (NASDE)**
March 8-11, 2018
- **WEST IN LYON**
March 8-11, 2018
- **HIGH DESERT DANCE CLASSIC**
March 9-11, 2018
- **DUTCH OPEN WEST COAST SWING**
March 15-18, 2018
- **SWING ESCAPE**
March 16-18, 2018
- **BOSTON TEA PARTY**
March 22-25, 2018

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- **5280 SWING DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS**
March 22-26, 2018
- **NOVICE INVITATIONAL**
March 23-25, 2018
- **SWING OVER ORLANDO**
March 23-25, 2018
- **EASTER SWING (NASDE)**
March 29—April 1, 2018
- **ANCHOR FESTIVAL**
March 29—April 2, 2018
- **TULSA SPRING SWING**
March 30—April 1, 2017

