



# Ontario DanceSport

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## 2019/2020 ANNUAL AGM REPORT of ODS

The following is the current ODS board of directors:

### Executive:

Gordon Brittain	President	Henri List	Membership
Dave Winn	Treasurer	Candy Leung/Nixon Wu	Volunteer only webmaster

Due to COVID 19 restrictions on large meetings, ODS is unable to hold its 2020 AGM. Therefore it was decided to do the same as WDSF and CDS and circulate our Annual report.

As of March 31, ODS executive was reduced by 3, as one family decided to resign to pursue other passions. Two of them wished to concentrate on hobbies and travel, and the other member is a nurse in the medical field and is extremely busy, especially right now with the Covid 19. That leaves us with only 3 executive members doing all of the work. (Webmasters are not on the executive). In the Ontario Closed program, plus it was announced at the competition, that ODS was looking for reliable, hardworking members to submit nominations by the April 1 deadline. Unfortunately nobody submitted a nomination so now people have to submit a resume and show they are really interested, and what skills they can offer ODS. Then the current board will look over the applicants and decide who they might use as volunteers to help out on various committees.

### Membership

At the time of writing this report (June 30), we have 199 (225) ODS members, of which all have also taken out CRAD membership. The numbers in the brackets are the number of members in each category we had last year at the same time. Break down by age category is: JV I = 6 (10), JV II = 12 (12), JR I = 13 (13), JR II = 20 (12), YO = 20 (23), AD = 10 (15), SR = 118 (139). The senior category is not broken down further on this report, as to Senior I, II, III & IV.

There will be a **change in the ODS membership year** therefore in future the ODS year will go from **January 1 to December 31**. Any ODS member renewing after July 1, 2020 will automatically be granted the 6 months until January 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 complimentary so, for this year only, will be getting an 18 month membership. This was decided since a January 1<sup>st</sup> renewal makes it easier for ODS.

### OCC Competition Results

On February 8, 2020, ODS ran the Ontario Closed Championships, which was qualifier for the 2020 CCC.

#### **Our Ontario Champions are as follows:**

Adult Standard – Winson Tam & Anastasia Novikova  
Adult Latin – Winson Tam & Anastasia Novikova  
Adult Ten Dance – Winson Tam & Anastasia Novikova  
Youth Standard – Denis Gluskin & Anna Perzan  
Youth Latin – Tamir Azbel & Anna Kozyar  
Under 21 Standard - Denis Gluskin & Anna Perzan  
Under 21 Latin – Eli Blyuss & Beatrice Oberfeld  
Junior Standard – Ivan Kolomiyets & Ariella Shribman  
Junior Latin - Ivan Kolomiyets & Ariella Shribman  
Senior I Standard – Marcin Kwietniewski & Monika Kwietniewska  
Senior I Latin – The Tran & Jaclyn Tran



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Senior II Latin – Eagle Leung & Hannah Ng  
Senior II Standard – Sunny So & Lina Yu  
Senior III Standard – Sunny So & Lina Yu  
Senior III Latin – Eagle Leung & Hannah Ng  
Senior IV Standard – David Wong & Maybo Yee

## **2019/2020 WDSF CHAMPIONSHIPS/CUPS Results**

This year Canada DanceSport had **3 couple** make the podium (top 3) with one couple becoming World Ten Dance Champion, and **2 couples** made the semifinal. Canada DanceSport did not have representatives at all the WDSF World Championships. In 2019, 2 World Cups were not held since no country put in a bid to run them. In 2020 all World Championships & World Cups have been assigned.

### **Junior Worlds**

**23/11/2019 World Championship Latin Junior II Istanbul Turkey**  
25/74 Tamir Azbel - Anna Kozyar, ON  
65/74 Ivan Kolomiyets - Ariella Shribman, ON  
**02/11/2019 World Championship Ten Dance Junior II Sibiu Romania**  
19/34 Tamir Azbel - Anna Kozyar, ON

### **Youth Worlds**

**19/10/2019 World Championship Ten Dance Youth Kiev Ukraine**  
29/37 Eli Blyuss - Beatrice Oberfeld, ON  
**16/11/2019 World Championship Latin Youth Vienna Austria**  
52/79 Eli Blyuss - Beatrice Oberfeld, ON  
65/79 Nicholas Quon - Shany Marks, ON  
**23/11/2019 World Championship Standard Youth Timisoara Romania**  
62/71 Eli Blyuss - Beatrice Oberfeld, ON  
63/71 Dennis Gluskin - Anna Perzan, ON

### **U 21 Worlds**

**12/10/2019 World Championship Standard Under 21 Bilbao, Spain**  
29/67 Stiliyan Stanev - Rosi Mihaleva, QUE

### **Adult Worlds/Cups**

**20/07/2019 World Cup Standard Adult Da Lian People's Republic of China**  
9/18 Winson Tam - Anastasia Novikova, ON  
**07/09/2019 World Championship Latin Adult Moscow Russia**  
10/84 Winson Tam - Anastasia Novikova, ON  
26/84 Karls Aniscenko - Dayana Nikon, ON

**26/10/2019 World Championship Ten Dance Adult Moscow Russia**  
**1/35 Winson Tam - Anastasia Novikova, ON CONGRATULATIONS on becoming 2019 World Champions!**

**30/11/2019 World Championship Standard Adult Vilnius Lithuania**  
20/77 Winson Tam - Anastasia Novikova, ON  
21/77 Patrick Rucinski - Tatiana Veselkina, ON

### **Senior I Worlds**

**01/06/2019 World Championship Ten Dance Senior I Szombathely Hungary**  
18/37 Don Pham - Yeap Angelyn, AB



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35/37 Alexei Achinfiev - Csilla Kosztak, ON

## Senior II Worlds

**05/10/2019 World Championship Standard Senior II Toronto Canada**

2/79 Horace Fenghua Hu - Agnes Xiaoguang Yuan, ON  
38/79 So Heung Sub - Lina Yu, ON  
41/79 Jean-Francois Rousseau - Nathalie Ladouceur, QUE  
44/79 Vincent Mok - Victoria Dianov, BC  
49/79 David Spence - Denise Riley-Spence, BC  
50/79 Chao Han - Ai Linh Hoang, BC  
53/79 Daniel Benjamin - Marjolaine Lagace, QUE  
53/79 Sebastian Lai - Susanna Ng, ON  
55/79 Jason Huynh - Linda Huynh, ON  
56/79 William Lee - Fiona Tam, ON  
56/79 Denis Michaud - Diane Michaud, Que  
60/79 David Wong - Maybo Yee, ON  
62/79 Augustine Wong - Catherine Wong, ON  
62/79 Kam Young - Rosita Young, ON  
64/79 Victor Tsemko - Sylvie Bourguignon, QUE  
66/79 Eagle Leung - Hannah Ng, ON  
67/79 Antal Ronaszeki - Caroline Ullalkar, ON  
67/79 Glen Shenton - Isabelle Shenton, ON  
71/79 Kevin Yee Loong - Angela Yee Loong, ON  
73/79 Alfred Poon - Lucilla Poon, ON  
73/79 The Huu Tran - Jaclyn Tran, ON  
73/79 Ron Whitcroft - Gail Whitcroft, BC

## Senior III Worlds

**11/10/2019 World Championship Standard Senior III Bilbao Spain**

124/160 Antal Ronaszeki - Caroline Ullalkar, ON  
128/160 Glen Shenton - Isabelle Shenton, ON  
140/160 Kevin Yee Loong - Angela Yee Loong, ON

**07/12/2019 World Championship Latin Senior III Guadalajara - Spain**

25/70 Victor Tsemko - Sylvie Bourguignon-QUE

## Senior IV Worlds

**08/02/2019 World Championship Standard Senior IV Antwerp – Belgium**

42/172 David Wong - Maybo Yee, ON  
64/172 Tony Hing Sum Tsang - Annie On Ni Tsang, BC  
102/172 Neil Fleischmann - Maria Carmen Galang, BC

## Professional Division- Master Class II

**27/09/2019 PD World Championship Standard Master Class II Koper - Slovenia**

3/14 Anthony Chong - Gloria Chien, BC

Congratulations to all ODS athletes who participated in different world championships in 2019.

## Competitions – 2019/2020 ODS Sanctioned/Registered:

This year ODS sanctioned the following events. We sanctioned 4 successful competitions, two of which ODS produces.



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On May 11-12, 2019, Igor & Lena Nikon, Dance Mania, hosted again the **Toronto Grand Cup Championships**, which featured for the fourth time the **North American Open Championships**, as well as **WDSF Open Adult Latin, WDSF Open Youth, Senior I Latin & Senior II, III and IV Standard**. Igor had many competitors entered from Canada, USA, Mexico and Europe, in Championship level, as well as the syllabus categories.

On October 5-6, 2019, the **DanceSport Grand Prix Canada** ran the WDSF World Standard II Championship along with 8 supporting WDSF events held at the Markham Pan-Am Centre. There were competitors from Canada, USA, South Africa and Europe. This event was well attended by both competitors, as well as spectators.

On November 2, 2019, ODS executive organized & ran the **Ontario Open DanceSport Championships**, at the Thornhill Community Centre, in Thornhill, Ontario. ODS again hosted the 4th Annual Wheelchair competitions in conjunction with CDS' associate member, Wheel Dance, the official member body in Canada, as well as WDSF. Again, it was very exciting and even though it was well-attended with evening athletes from across Ontario, we just barely broke even due to lower attendance of spectators and daytime athletes. The Ontario Trillium Foundation provides ODS with a grant to assist in hosting the Wheel Dance event.

On February 8, 2020, the annual **Ontario Closed Championships** were held at the Thornhill Community Centre, in Toronto, organized by the ODS executive. The event was well attended by athletes in the evening, but not so much in the daytime. Unfortunately due to COVID 19 fears our spectator numbers were down from previous years and therefore again barely broke even. Normally this event has been a very profitable competition. This was our official qualifier for the CCC 2020 which was to be held in Toronto, Ontario on April 10 & 11, 2020.

**Canadian Closed Championship**, April 10 & 11, 2020, to be held on Easter Weekend in Toronto, was unfortunately cancelled due to the COVID-19 virus. It would have been a very well attended event, with all categories being well represented by all age categories. Because of this cancellation, ODS lost approximately \$4000 in hotel deposits, and officials flights which were nonrefundable. Because of little or no revenue from this venue and with all CCC prepaid ticket sales, entry fees, and sponsorship monies refunded as a matter of course, ODS did not realize our projected profits of \$35/40 000 (as in past ODS run CCC) which is usually our cushion for the next four years. ODS was unable to rent this venue for 2021 so the 2021 CCC will be in Vancouver, BC -depending on COVID 19 restrictions in place at that time.

## Award of Distinction

This year's Award of Distinction was again awarded at the Ontario Closed Championships on February 8. This year's recipient was Brian Jurewitsch, who over the years has been our official scrutineer and supported many of our events. Brian was both very surprised and pleased to be the recipient.

## Financially

ODS awarded bursaries to our Junior, Youth, & Adult athletes representing Canada in the 2019 Closed World Championships to help offset some of their expenses. These bursaries had been reduced from the 2018 bursaries awarded. Due to the loss of revenue from Ontario Open, Ontario Closed, cancellation of 2020 CCC, less membership in some categories, and fewer lower level athletes competing, the ODS treasurer has recommended & the board concurred, that due to the current situation, ODS will not be financially able to give ODS World competitors any bursaries for the 2020 or 2021 year.

In summary, Ontario DanceSport ended the year with less available cash assets than 2019 year end. With the uncertainty of future competitions and moving to a new membership year (Jan -Dec), this coming year's operations will undoubtedly be challenged.

The Ontario DanceSport records were examined on June 30<sup>th</sup> and found to be correct.



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## Relationship with the Ontario Professionals

ODS continues to have a good working relationship with our amateur friendly CDS-PD professionals in Ontario & other Provinces.

### Summary

Although ODS has noticed a decline in membership for the syllabus level our championship class still remains very strong. ODS is always looking at different ways to get members to compete. We run singles, solo, Teacher/Student, and combo competitions and are open to suggestions for different events. We also hope to encourage other styles of dance to compete at our events.

As mentioned on page one of this report, ODS is having extreme difficulty getting any of our members to take any interest at all to take a position on the ODS executive board. They are all quite willing to sit back and make suggestions of what we should be doing, but when asked to come on the board and give us the help needed, they all say, we are too busy! I do know that the three of us remaining are getting extremely burnt out, as we have been on the ODS board for a very long time. From talking to other organizations, (away from DanceSport), this seems to be the norm now that it is getting more difficult to get volunteers to commit to serving on a board. If ODS wants to continue to run competitions then we need the members to get more involved.

ODS has **cancelled the October 17, 2020 Ontario Open** due to not knowing what COVID 19 restrictions will be in place at that time. Large gatherings and sporting events are still cancelled for the foreseeable future. ODS cannot afford to lose more money as they did with the cancelled CCC. We were fortunate that Thornhill Community Centre (which is still closed) agreed to move our deposit to the **Ontario Closed which will be held on February 27, 2021** (conditional on COVID restrictions). Of course since Dave, Henri, and I cannot run a competition on our own it will also depend on what members step up to assist ODS. Wheel Dance will hold their annual competition at the Ontario Closed too.

Ontario DanceSport would like to thank the following people:

1. Dance Club Blue Silver volunteers for all of their support and help throughout the past year, as well as in previous years. Without their help ODS would not have been able to have ran any of our DanceSport competitions.
2. Joan Wong, ODS registrar, who puts in endless hours before any ODS competition inputting registrations. Joan is very creative and has designed different banners for our competitions.
3. Patricia Goh and Phil Lee who help a lot getting us volunteers and helping with our competitions
4. Dorothy Winn who handles food services for all competition officials & volunteers plus the awards bouquets
5. Sandy Brittain who designs ODS competition flyers (but is looking for a volunteer to do that) designs and prints ODS competition tickets, does competition scheduling, looks after ODS ticket requests for athletes and spectators, and does the MC at ODS competitions for free.
6. Candy Leung & Nixon Wu for their continued volunteering to keep the CDS & ODS websites up to date.
7. Kam (VP), Rosita (Secretary), and Christine Young (Social Media) for their years of dedicated service on the ODS board.

Hopefully we will be able to resume dancing soon. Stay safe, healthy, and have a good summer!

Respectively submitted by

Gord Brittain (ODS President), Dave Winn (ODS Treasurer), Henri List (ODS Membership Director)