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Introduction

The WDC CC would like to take this opportunity to thank the WDC Board of Directors and the Competitive Dance Executive Board for giving us this opportunity to present this third report of the WDC Competitors Commission. Each member of the Management Committee would also like to thank the WDC BOD for giving us the opportunity to serve on the WDC CC and to represent all registered WDC Competitors. We aim to continue to do good work by representing the needs and interests of all WDC Competitors in an unbiased and inclusive manner.

70 Year Anniversary of the World Dance Council

The WDC CC would like to begin this report by congratulating the World Dance Council, Mr. President Donnie Burns MBE, and the WDC Board of Directors for its 70th Anniversary of existence this year. The competitors feel this is a mammoth milestone achievement not only in its duration but also in its ethics, principles, and in becoming the premier Ballroom Dancing organization throughout the world. We are very thankful that the World Dance Council has remained steadfast in its efforts, culture, and principles in providing competitors an arena of fair and impartial competitions. Once again, congratulations go out to the World Dance Council on its 70th year anniversary and we look forward to many more years of its continued success.

WDC AL

The WDC CC would also like to congratulate the WDC Amateur League on another successful WDC AL World Championships held for the first time in Dublin, Ireland this past December. The WDC CC understands that the WDC AL World Championships was yet again a major success illustrated by the mayor of Dublin presenting the WDC AL with a congratulatory letter. We thank the WDC AL for providing up and coming dancers with such an incredible arena fit for pursuing their dancing careers and achieving their dancing dreams.

New Amateur Organization

The WDC CC would like to express their concern for the development and implementation of a new amateur organization with apparently new World Championship titles this past year. We understand that this situation can potentially and, perhaps has already caused confusion and

challenging situations, whereby couples may feel the implied pressure to choose to dance in one amateur organization or another. It goes without saying that multiple World Championship titles can only serve to diminish the value of a World Championship title. The WDC CC hopes that all parties involved would work for a peaceful direction bearing only in mind the benefit of the younger generation of dancers and having only their best interests, and nothing else, in mind and at heart.

Pressure for couples to invite visiting Coaches/Judges

The WDC CC has unfortunately received some reports from couples of having received pressure from visiting Coaches/Judges to book days of teaching and lessons for them. The WDC CC would like to express their concern for this implied pressure on couples as we feel it is never a pleasant experience to feel pressure from another individual of implied authority. While we as competitors and dancers always have the upmost respect for the coaches, teachers, and judges of our industry we feel it would be unfair of them to exert any sort of pressure, whether it be implied or direct, on young dancers. The WDC CC certainly hope that coaches, teachers, and judges will bear this sensitive subject in mind for the future.

“The Art and Technique of Ballroom Dancing” by Mr. Rudolph Trautz

The WDC CC would like to congratulate Mr. Rudolph Trautz for his work in the research, development, thoughtfulness, and publication of his new book “The Art and Technique of Ballroom Dancing.” This invaluable book comes from a lifetime of work, study, research, dedication, and love for the art of Ballroom Dancing. We at the WDC CC would like to, wholeheartedly, thank Mr. Trautz for his priceless contribution to our industry which we are certain will be pivotal in the teachings of future generations.

New Latin Technique Book

The WDC CC is also pleased to understand that Mr. President Donnie Burns, MBE is currently developing and working on a new Latin Technique Book. We understand that this book will also be an invaluable contribution to our Ballroom dancing world and we are certain it will be a great, essential, and necessary contribution to the younger generation of dancers. We at the WDC CC certainly look forward to when the new Latin Technique book will be published and we would like to thank Mr. President Donnie Burns MBE in advance for his incredible knowledge, experience, and contribution to our Ballroom dancing industry.

Conclusion

The WDC CC is pleased to present this third report to the CDEB and the WDC BOD. We look forward to continuing to serve the needs and interests of all registered WDC Competitors and are open to hearing any suggestions that the CDEB and BOD may have for us on how we can improve our commission and our work. We are looking forward to continuing the conversation and thank the CDEB once again for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

**The Management Committee of the
WDC Competitors Commission**