



# Dance Flame

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## 15<sup>th</sup> SGDF Annual General Meeting



*Dear Readers,*

The 15<sup>th</sup> SGDF Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on Sunday 25 June 2006, at 3:30pm, at the Connaught Room (Carlton Hotel).

There was a 65% attendance from SGDF members. In addition, representatives from the Ngee Ann Polytechnic DanceSport (NPDS), Nanyang Technological University DanceSport Academy (NTUDSA), Singapore Polytechnic DanceSport Club (SPDS) and Hougang DanceSport Club (HDS) were present for the first time. A representative from the Singapore Sports Council was also present as an observer.



SGDF President Robert Ong welcomed all attendees to the AGM, saying that the AGM was a very important event for members, to understand the directions of the Federation for the next year.

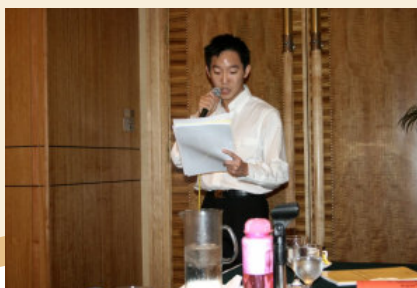
The AGM also welcomed the representatives of the three tertiary institutions, who also made a short presentation on the development and progress of their respective clubs – Ms Vanessa Tay (NPDS), Mr Choe Yong Yen (NTUDSA) and Ms Jane Ow (SPDS) all provided a short 5 minute presentation.

Mr Shawn Tay, Advisor (SGDF) and Presidium Member (IDSF) also presented IDSF's goals and directions of the IDSF, and informed members of the new Asian Professional DanceSport Council (APDSC).

Ms May Ng, Hon Treasurer briefed members on the new Financial Procedures set out by the Singapore Sports Council, for all National Sports Associations (NSAs) to comply by 1 October 2006.

Ms Hwa Mee Thoo, Vice-President briefed members on the coming NSA Review that will be conducted by the Singapore Sports Council on all 58 NSAs in Singapore.

*Your President*





## *Singapore Polytechnic DanceSport Club*

The Singapore Polytechnic Dancesport Club (SPDC) was started earlier this year in January under the guidance of National DanceSport Athlete Mevin Tan. Under his coaching, the SPDC managed to cultivate an interest and groom a team of 9 couples to compete in the 4<sup>th</sup> SGDF Singapore Nationals DanceSport Championships within a short period of 3 months.

Held at Ngee Ann Polytechnic's Convention Centre, the 4<sup>th</sup> SGDF Singapore Nationals DanceSport Championships is an annual affair. This year, it is held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May. DanceSport Athletes from the various tertiary institutions competed in the tertiary category. The SPDC represented Singapore Polytechnic in this prestigious event which sees the best DanceSport Athletes in Singapore competing amongst each other.

In preparation of this competition, trainings were held regularly every Thursday evening at the school's multi-purpose hall. Despite this, we felt that the training once a week was insufficient for us. We spent an additional day every week training together. In the last month approaching the competition, many of us also sacrificed our free time on other days to train and perfect our routine.

On the day of our maiden competition, our athletes spent their first few hours testing the dance floor and getting used to the environment. We spent the next few hours preparing our costumes and grooming ourselves up for the event. Finally, it was time for us to show off the skills and choreography which we have learnt within the short span of time. Though we were nervous, we managed to appear confident on the dance floor. To our delight, some of team members managed to advance to the next few rounds despite our newness to the sport.

At the end of the event, we left the Convention Centre feeling happy as we have gained invaluable experience as well as found new friends from the other various tertiary institutions.

**Chew Jin Yi, President, SP DanceSport**





## SGDF Website...



Have you surfed the various options in the SGDF Website lately?

Since 1997, the SGDF has been tapping the use of the internet and email as a more efficient means of communication with our members. The increased internet dependency for efficient access and dissemination of information has spurred the SGDF to move to a larger server, catering to our needs for the coming years.

In its 2<sup>nd</sup> incarnation, the SGDF website now chronicles the Federation's journey through history with an extensive photo gallery, which dates back from 1992 to the present. This is still being constantly updated when additional photographs are available. Take a look, and be marveled at what the SGDF and their athletes have accomplished to date. Catch your favourite Singapore Athlete in their dance poses on the web.

The RESULTS option provides transparent and accurate calculations of all results since 2000, and this will continue to the trademark and branding for the SGDF.

Do check out the EVENTS option, where a 'museum' of past Championships organized by the SGDF is chronicled, from the very first World Championships in 1992 to the present 2006 IDSF World Cup Latin Championships, to be held on 26 August 2006. Just browsing through the various covers of the Souvenir Magazines itself is a delightful walk down memory lane.

The Calendar details the up-coming local, regional and selected international Championships available for our members to participate. Details are often published on the web so that our members know exactly what to expect when they go for the Championships.

The SGDF website is developed in-house by our own talents. Members who wish to contribute articles or photographs are welcomed to do so through email or snail mail to SGDF mailbox.

SGDF also encourages and appreciates feedback for our continual improvement. Feedback are welcomed via email though our SGDF address @ : [sgdf@dancesport.org.sg](mailto:sgdf@dancesport.org.sg).





## *SGDF Office Bearers in IDSF, ADSF & IDJTA*

- Robert Ong - President, Singapore DanceSport Federation  
Chairman (Disciplinary Commission), Asian DanceSport Federation  
Editorial Committee, International DanceSport Federation
- Hwa Mee Thoo - Vice-President, Singapore DanceSport Federation  
Chairperson (Internet Commission), Asian DanceSport Federation  
Member (Internet Commission), International DanceSport Federation  
Editorial Committee, International DanceSport Federation
- Shawn Tay - Advisor, Singapore DanceSport Federation  
Advisory Director & Vice-President, Asian DanceSport Federation  
Presidium Member, International DanceSport Federation  
Member (Membership Commission), International DanceSport Federation  
Member (International DanceSport Judges & Trainers Association)



### *Trivia – Did you know ???*



- ✚ that the SGDF was presented with a certificate of volunteerism by the International Olympic Committee in 2001. The certificate was signed by the then-President of the IOC, Mr Juan Antonio Samaranch, in which the IOC paid tribute to the Federation for a remarkable contribution, as a Volunteer, to the development of sport and Olympism, and to the promotion of friendship and solidarity among peoples.
- ✚ the SGDF is the only IDSF Member in South-East Asia to host several World Championships (1992, 2003, 2005, 2006 and 2007)
- ✚ the SGDF is the only IDSF Member in South-East Asia to have hosted the IDSF Annual General Meeting twice, in 1992 and 2002
- ✚ the SGDF was accepted as an Associate Member of the Singapore National Olympic Council in April 1996
- ✚ the SGDF was recognized as a National Sports Association by the Singapore Sports Council in 1997

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