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Minutes: WRRC Presidium meeting

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Present: Marina Eskolin (ME), Denis Lilih (DL), Jiri Hais (JH), Patrice de la Torre (PdIT), Senad Softić (SS), Leo Beck (LB), Oleksandr Geifman (OG), Krzysztof Michalski (KM), Daria O'Brien (DOB)

Minutes: Daria O'Brien

The President opened the meeting on April 14, 2026, at 09.00.
The agenda were approved.

1. Office Management

(1) The Presidium approved a formal contract for Daria O'Brien (legal name Daria Buzykina) to manage the WRRC office with a commitment of 50 hours per month.

This contract replaces previous informal arrangements and provides a legal foundation for office duties and email management.

- DOB confirmed clarity and agreement with the contract terms and is ready to assume responsibilities.
- DL will sign the contract on behalf of ME to ensure timely execution.
- OG reported ongoing delays in bank access and contact setup; current finance management will continue by ME until resolved.

2. Commission Renewal and Reporting

(2) The Presidium approved the renewal of all commissions in their current composition.

It was agreed to postpone calls for new candidates until the next General Meeting

(3) The Presidium introduced mandatory quarterly reporting for all commissions.

The decision was made to maintain operational stability and ensure effectiveness of current members.

SS and PdIT will coordinate closely on communication and marketing-related commissions.

3. Legal Affairs

LB reported on the ongoing issue concerning French dancers participating in WFADS competitions. Despite previous correspondence, no clear guidance has been received from WDSF.

(4) The Presidium agreed:

- **LB will draft a new formal letter to WDSF Legal Commission.**
- **The letter will be coordinated with PdIT before sending.**
- **The aim is to receive clarification prior to upcoming competitions.**

The Presidium acknowledged the complexity of balancing WRRC regulations with national and European legal frameworks.

4. Marketing and Communication

SS presented a proposal to strengthen WRRC marketing activities.

(5) Presidium agreed:

- **A budget of €6,000 for 2026 will be allocated.**
- **SS will obtain 3–5 offers from marketing agencies.**
- **One agency will be selected for a 3-month trial period.**

The focus will be on:

- Professional management of Instagram, TikTok, Facebook.
- Regular posting (approx. 3 posts per week).
- Improving visibility and engagement.

Additionally:

(6) The Presidium approved the centralization of access and management of all WRRC digital platforms.

- SS will provide a digital analysis and improvement plan.
- Existing marketing materials will be collected and reviewed.
- Organizers may be required to provide professional media material.

Website improvements will also be initiated, including updated content and design.

5. Expansion

(7) An Expansion commission will be established with approximately 5 members with:

- **PdIT**
- **SS**
- **Aina NYGARD (to be confirm)**
- **2 other people to be identified**

Following discussions between Sergey NIFONTOV (WDSF General secretary and PdIT, a meeting with the WDSF membership commission will take place on April 30th at 10:00 AM to discuss potential collaboration between WRRC and WDSF regarding expansion of Boogie Woogie and Rock'n'Roll in countries that are already WDSF members.

6. Competitions

DL confirmed that upcoming competitions are well prepared, including logistics and equipment.

(8) The Presidium approved:

- **Limitation of small formations 7 per country remains in place for the upcoming competition in Budapest.**
- **WRRRC may provide financial support to organizers where necessary.**
- **The size of dance floor of ECh BW Formations in Königsbrunn is accepted with 12x8 m**
- **The trophies and the medals for ECh BW Formations are provided by WRRRC; OG is handling the procurement.**

January 2027 Competition (Wuppertal)

(9) The Presidium gave tentative approval, subject to:

- **Judge availability**
- **Formal application**

An exception to use the current rules was accepted.

October 2027 Competition (Poland, Zielona Gora)

- **Concerns were raised regarding a proposed 3-day format.**
- **The Presidium favors a 2-day format, with further clarification required.**

(10) The Presidium approved that the competition will be listed as 'reserved' on the calendar pending a formal application.

Additional Competition Matters

- **Duplicate applications (Prague vs. Krakow) will be reviewed and resolved by DL**
- **Low participation in Ljubljana was noted and will be monitored**

7. Education

JH presented the education plan for judge and observer seminars.

Live seminars planned to be scheduled for January 22-24, 2027 in Prague (subject to confirmation so as not to interfere with competition at Wuppertal in January 2027), with preparatory and review sessions planned around competitions to ensure consistent judging standards.

Updated seminar dates will be shared by JH with all judges.

(11) The new judging system for 2027 will be distributed as a complete rule document once safety levels are finalised.

8. WRRC Shop

The Presidium discussed the WRRC Shop operated by Bartłomiej Kobylanski.

(12) The Presidium agreed:

- **The shop operation will continue until the end of 2026 under current settings.**
- **A formal contract must be clarified.**

Concerns:

- **Greater control over use of WRRC branding is required to avoid unauthorized distribution of branded items**

9. Additional Topics

- Expansion of World Cup categories to include Bugg and Lindy Hop was discussed. Feedback will be collected from federations and the Athletes Commission before any decision is made.

10. Presidium Meetings

- May 19th - online
- June 23rd - online
- September 18th (live meeting in Warsaw)
- August to be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

11. Reports

Brief reports were presented by:

- Finance (OG)
- Sport (DL)
- Legal (LB)
- Marketing & Expansion (PdIT)
- Communication (SS)
- Athletes Commission (KM)
- Education (JH)

12. Tasks

- LB will draft formal letter to WDSF legal commission (co-signed by ME) requesting guidance on French dancers/WFADS participation issue.
- SS will obtain 3-5 marketing agency offers for social media management within the budget, prepare suggestions regarding for the website update.
- DOB will begin office role: take over office emails and duties as outlined in contract.
- DL will update competition calendar and website.
- DL will resolve duplicate competition applications (Prague/Krakow).
- JH will send seminar schedule to judges and observers.
- OG & ME will clarify bank access and contact setup.
- ME with DL will follow up with organizer regarding financial support for Ljubljana if needed.
- OG will arrange the logistics for PM in Warsaw.

The next Presidium meeting is planned on May 19th online 9.00 to 12.00.

The meeting was closed at 12.10.

Minutes:

Approved by WRRC Presidium

WRRC President
Marina Eskolin

