

## **Chapter 1**

### **Council of Dancers**

#### **1.1 Role of Council**

- a) EOSARDA's Council of Dancers (Council) is the Association's governing body and is responsible for:
- electing a Board of Directors;
  - approving the Association's annual budget;
  - reviewing the Association's annual expenditures;
  - approving the Association's Membership fees;
  - overseeing the activities of the Board; and
  - providing the Board with policy direction and guidance.
- b) Directors and Officers of the Board are to attend Council meetings and make such reports and respond to such questions as Council requires.
- c) Council decisions and directions are binding on the Board of Directors.

#### **1.2 Council Membership**

- a) Each Member Club in good standing is entitled to send two voting delegates to any meeting of Council. However, if a club has more than 80 registered members it may send 4 voting delegates to Council.
- b) Unless they are also voting delegates, Board Officers and Directors are non-voting Members of Council.

#### **1.3 Frequency of Council Meetings**

- a) Council meets twice a dance year, once in November and once in April. The April meeting is also the Association's Annual General Meeting at which a new Board is elected by Council for the following dance year.
- b) A special meeting of Council may be called at any time at the request of at least 10 Member Clubs.

#### **1.4 Chair of Council**

Council meetings are normally chaired by the President of EOSARDA or, in the absence of that individual, by the Vice-Chair of the Association.

#### **1.5 Quorum**

In order for Council to transact business, 25% of the Association's Member Clubs must be represented at any Council meeting.

#### **1.6 Voting**

- a) Any dancer registered with EOSARDA may attend Council meetings and may address Council at the invitation of the Chair. However only voting delegates may vote on any issue before Council.

- b) No voting delegate may cast more than one vote on any matter before Council.
- c) Unless they are also voting delegates, Directors and Officers do not have a vote on matters before Council. However, in the event of a tie, the Chair may cast the deciding vote.
- d) Issues before Council are decided by a majority vote of the Club Delegates present. Normally this is done by a show of hands unless a poll of the Delegates is requested by the Chair or by any Delegate present.

### **1.7 Conducting Council Meetings**

Council meetings are conducted in a manner consistent with the Modified Roberts Rules of Order.