

Chapter 1 Council of Dancers

1.1 EOSARDA's Membership

- a) EOSARDA membership consists of Voting and Non-Voting Members:
 - i) Voting members are clubs or other organizations registered with the Association.
 - ii) Non-voting members are individual dancers, dance leaders, and other persons registered with the Association.

1.2 What is the Council of Dancers?

- a) The Council of Dancers (Council) is the Association's governing body.
- b) Council consists of EOSARDA's membership, both Voting and Non-voting members.

1.3 Council of Dancers Meetings

- a) EOSARDA Members Meetings are traditionally known as Council of Dancer Meetings.
- b) Council meets at least twice a year, the Association's Annual Meeting in Spring (usually in April) and a Special Meeting in Autumn (usually in November).
- c) The Board may call any additional meetings of Council that it deems necessary.
- d) A Special Meeting of Council may also be convened at the written request of not less than one-quarter of the voting members. Any such meeting must be convened within 21 days from the date of the request.
- e) A quorum for the transaction of business at Council is 25% of EOSARDA's Voting Members

1.4 Council Duties and Responsibilities

- a) Council is responsible for:
 - electing a Board of Directors at its Annual Meeting;
 - approving the Association's annual budget;
 - reviewing the Association's annual expenditures;
 - overseeing the activities of the Board; and
 - providing the Board with policy direction and guidance.
- b) Council decisions and directions are binding on the Board of Directors.

1.5 Attendance at Council

- a) Any member of EOSARDA may attend a Council Meeting and ask to address the meeting on any item on the agenda.
- b) Directors and officers of the Board are expected to attend Council Meetings, make reports and respond to any questions.

1.6 Voting at Council

- a) Clubs or other organizations registered with the Association and admitted as voting members vote at Council Meetings through delegates who are registered with the Association.
- b) Each member club is entitled to one voting delegate at Council of Dancers meetings.
- c) No delegate may represent more than one member club.
- d) A director shall not vote at a Council of Dancers meeting unless that director is a delegate of a member club.

1.6 Chair of Council

- a) Council meetings are normally chaired by the President of the Association. In the absence of that individual, the Designated Delegates present shall choose another director as Chair. If no director is present or if all directors present decline to act as Chair, the delegates present shall choose one of their number to chair the meeting.

1.7 Conducting Council Meetings

- a) Council meetings are conducted in a manner consistent with Roberts Rules of Order.