



## OADA PRESIDENT'S YEAR END 2010 MESSAGE



December, 2010

Dear Dancers,

2010 has been an extremely busy year for the OADA executive. Here is a brief update since my last President message found in the 2010 May AGM package. Unfortunately, our previous E-newsletter Editor was unable to continue publishing an e-newsletter due to a heavy workload at his day job. Hopefully, OADA will be able to publish an e-newsletter again soon. In the meantime I will try to keep you updated by my President's message on the OADA website.

By the end of June, OADA had over 620 registered members. That equals the other 4 Regions put together. Henri List, the OADA Membership Director, has the task of renewing all memberships, inputting into the OADA database all your wins, and graduating all dancers to next level once they have their 3 official wins. Just a reminder to all Junior dancers born in 1995 and Youth dancers born in 1992 that as of January 1<sup>st</sup> 2011 you have graduated by age to the next age category (youth or adult). Henri will be sending a reminder to you. Just a note when phoning Henri's fax that his fax machine rings many times before transmitting your fax so please don't give up. You are safer though to email him since it is long distance. Please do not give your membership renewal application to other OADA Directors since there is then no trace that Henri received it.

Andrew Wajzer, OADA Entertainment Director, ran a very successful Ontario Open at the end of October. If you did not attend this event you missed a very exciting Championships especially the Adult Latin event. Unfortunately, OADA was again charged a \$1000 cleaning fee due to somebody using spray tan in the ladies washroom and another competitor left black spray polish on the foyer carpet and down the stairs. Profits from the Ontario Open & Closed are used by OADA to award bursaries to our top couples. OADA is the only Region that has done this for years for all age levels.

On February 26<sup>th</sup> the **Ontario Closed Championships** will be held. If you are planning to compete at championship level at the 2011 Canadian Closed Championships then you **must** compete in the same event, with the same partner at the Ontario Closed since it is **OADA's only** Official Qualifying competition for the CCC. OADA Board is still looking for a bigger & better facility to run its competitions. If you know of any venue that has a large enough wooden floor to accommodate 500 spectators, a large enough dance floor, has separate change rooms, available on Saturdays (many halls are not, due to weddings), and is in the GTA with parking, then please email me.

On April 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> OADA is hosting the **2011 Canadian Closed Amateur DanceSport Championships** at the Toronto by Hilton Toronto Airport Hotel. This event is only held every 5 years in Toronto and is an excellent opportunity to see Canada's finest dancers compete for the Canadian titles. Book your tickets early so as not to be disappointed. Andrew & I have spent endless hours preparing the CCC package. It can be downloaded from the OADA or CADA website. The next few months will be very hectic for the OADA Board as we prepare for this prestigious event. I will keep you updated in my messages on this event.

Unfortunately, this season Ontario lost two annual competitions, Canada DanceSport, in Kingston, where the promoter retired, and DanceSport for Charities, where the promoter had to cancel a week prior due to poor entries & ticket sales. If you want to compete in Ontario then you should be supporting all Ontario competitions. Boycotting certain events for whatever reason will only end up adversely affecting you. You will have less and less local competitions to compete in and will end up having to travel out of province incurring a huge expense in order to be



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able to compete. If you have any concerns about OADA then please e-mail me directly rather than circulating e-mails that only hinder dancesport and often are not completely accurate. The Board wants to hear from you so that we can try to address your concerns.

This fall the OADA Board adopted the CADA Code of Conduct for our members. It can be found on the OADA & CADA websites. It covers topics such as General Behaviour of Athletes, General Principles, Competitor Conduct, & Breach of Conduct. Please read it since the same Code of Conduct applies in all Regions across Canada.

I imagine by now that some of you had read about the letter from IDSF regarding "Unregistered competitions" and are wondering how does this affect you. All sanctioned competitions across Canada are listed on the OADA & CADA websites. This list is updated monthly so please check periodically for any new additions. These are the only Canadian competitions you are permitted to compete in without receiving a sanction.

Regarding USA competitions, unless I hear differently from USA Dance, at which time I would advise you, you are permitted to compete in any competition run by USA Dance & almost all NDCA competitions.

Regarding England, you are definitely permitted to compete in the 2011 International, UK Open, and Blackpool. You are permitted to compete in all IDSF competitions in any country but make sure that for youth category and up that you have an IDSF MIN Number. Contact me if you do not have one.

In order to protect you from entering an "Unregistered competition" anywhere in the world it is **imperative**, even more so now, that you inform me of your plans to compete outside of Canada. At that time I can advise as to whether or not it is "Registered" by that country's IDSF member.

Sadly, Ontario recently lost 2 members of the dance community: Philip Lam, our 2010 Senior II Standard Champion, and Cas Sniegocki, a dancesport DJ & husband of Joli, the promoter of The Falls Premier Ball and Niagara DanceSport. The OADA Board would like to express our condolences to their families.

On a happier note the OADA/CADA web masters, Candy Leung & Nixon Wu, had a beautiful baby girl, Nicole Wu, in August. Congratulations Candy & Nixon! We hope to see you back competing again soon.

Ontario dancers have had some excellent results on the world scene. They are listed on the OADA website. Check out how our dancers are doing outside of Canada. Congratulations to all of them!

### Reminder:

1. Inform me when competing out of country
2. Inform me when doing any shows, whether for money or not, in order to protect your "amateur" status.
3. Only the "elite" dancers (from results at the CCC) are permitted to amateur teach
4. Support all Ontario competitions and remember to enter before the deadline so that the promoter does not cancel your event.
5. The Ontario Closed is OADA's Official Regional Qualifier for the CCC.



I'll see you in 2011!

Respectfully

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OADA President