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1. INTRODUCTION

The United Country Western Dance Council® is inspired by the vision of a thriving global dance community featuring a world-class competition circuit and a Championship event on every continent in addition to the longstanding Country Dance World Championships®. The UCWDC® oversees the largest competition circuit for country dance in the world, including partner and line dance styles. Our mission is to provide our members with the structure, tools, education, and support they need to thrive in our circuit.

1.1 Purpose

The UCWDC is registered in the state of Pennsylvania as a 501(c)(3) organization.

In accordance with the articles and sections of the current UCWDC Bylaws referenced below, this Finance Practice governs the annual payment of UCWDC Membership (event) dues.

1.2 Reference

Under Article 25 of the current UCWDC Bylaws: “Annual Membership dues shall be assessed per event, payable in advance, shall be fixed and published from time to time by the Board of Directors. Dues must be paid in full by January 31st for the next calendar year. Members delinquent after this date will subject to late fees and possible suspension as determined by the Board...”

2. EVENT DUES

2.1 Practice

1. Annual Event Dues shall be set as \$350USD payable in advance by January 31 for the next calendar year for all Sanctioned, Licensed Affiliate and Organizational events. For all newly approved Provisionally Sanctioned Events, a sanctioning fee equal to the current annual dues shall be due and payable within thirty (30) days of the date the notification of approval is made by the Council.
2. Recognizing that ours is a global organization with multiple financial systems and economies, annual Event Dues shall be set in the currency of the country in which the events are in, based on their average net monthly salary (in USD) compared against average Net Monthly Salary in the USA.
3. Using this data, the countries shall be assigned a percentage level (100, 75, 50 or 25) and the annual Event Dues shall be calculated as a percentage of the full \$350 USD dues.
4. This new fee structure begins with the 2023 dance season and will remain in effect for 3 seasons through 2025. The annual Event Dues will be re-evaluated in 2025 for the 2026 through 2028 dance seasons, etc.



2.2 Delinquency of Initial Dues

1. If the Event's initial Dues payment is not received on January 31st, a fine of \$100USD will be imposed.
2. If the Event's initial Dues payment is not received by the start of the General Council Spring Meeting, the Event will be suspended immediately and an additional fine of \$100USD will be imposed.
 - a. Suspended Events and Directors of are not able to;
 - i. attend any bi-annual General Council Meeting
 - ii. vote or assign a Proxy at any bi-annual General Council Meeting
 - iii. participate in any sanctioned UCWDC contest or as UCWDC contest staff required to have a current 'active' Associate Membership
3. Events may have their suspension lifted by following protocols set forth in the current UCWDC Bylaws except the late fees identified in Articles 2.1 and 2.2 of this practice shall still apply.
4. Before the conclusion of the General Council Spring Meeting the Treasurer will provide a written report of all 'active' UCWDC Events in good standing to the Associate Membership Director.

3 DOLLAR-A-DANCE FEE

3.1 Practice

1. At the conclusion of an event and submission of the required reports outlined in the UCWDC Bylaws and 'Competition Data Collection' policy, a Dance Entry Report will be issued by the Data Manager to the Treasurer.
2. The Treasure will generate and issue an invoice to the Event within thirty (30) calendar days after receiving the Dance Entry report.
 - a. The initial Event Dues noted under Article 2.1 of this practice will be deducted from the total amount of Dollar-A-Dance fees owing.
 - b. If the total amount of the Dollar-A-Dance Fees owing are less than the initial Event Dues paid, an invoice will be issued stating no additional fees are owed at this time. No refunds for the initial Event Dues will be provided.
3. The Dollar-A-Dance fee will be calculated using the same percentage value by country as used to calculate the initial Event Dues.

3.2 Delinquency of Dollar-A-Dance Dues

1. If the Event's payment is not received within sixty (60) calendar days from the date of invoice, a fine of \$100USD will be imposed.
2. In addition to fines imposed in Article 3.2.1 of this practice, if the Event's payment is not received after sixty (60) calendar days from the date of invoice, a fine of \$500USD will be imposed.



3. In addition to both fines imposed in Article 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 of this practice, if the Event's payment is not received after ninety (90) calendar days from the date of invoice the Event's sanctioning will be reviewed at the next General Council Meeting.

END OF FINANCIAL PRACTICE