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1. INTRODUCTION

The United Country Western Dance Council® is an international organization which promotes country western dance by producing festivals and competitions across the world. We host the annual Country Dance World Championships® for partner dance and line dance competitors and we advocate country dancing as a social activity for people of all ages and abilities.

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish the selection, duties, and guidelines for being a Regional Representative of the UCWDC. This policy will also define the regions for the UCWDC throughout the World.

1.2 Reference

In accordance with Article 17.2 of the current UCWDC Bylaws: “The President shall appoint Regional Representatives, as required who are Event Directors in good standing. Regional Representatives shall be responsible for such regional activities and other functions within their area as outlined in the Policies and Procedures manual or assigned by the President.”

2. REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE DUTES

To be a Regional Representative of the UCWDC is a privilege and an opportunity to build the dance community in your geographic region and be part of a worldwide network of UCWDC Regional Reps. As you represent the UCWDC you are asked to serve as an ambassador of the organization and help to further the UCWDC’s communication with its Associate Members and dancers in your region.

Regional Representatives are a two-year appointed position by the President. Regional Representatives shall be appointed at the Spring General Council meeting immediately following the election of President.

What does it mean to serve as a Regional Rep? Well, minimally that you will be listed on our Regional Reps list and your contact info (email and location only, not personal address and phone) will be listed on our website.

You will also be asked to perform the following duties:

1. Serve as the UCWDC contact person for your designated geographic region.
2. Represent the UCWDC in a positive manner as an ambassador and further the aims of the UCWDC as you communicate with Associate Members.
3. Be introduced (via an e-greet) to all new and renewed members in your region with personalized correspondence generated from the Associate Membership Director.
4. Disseminate information and directives from the UCWDC to your region.
5. Capture any regional Associate Member’s views for feedback to the UCWDC.
6. Attend a minimum of one (1) event in your region other than your own event, with these understandings:
 - a. You will be provided with a complimentary event pass by the Regional Event
 - b. You will be provided with no other concessions by the event or the UCWDC
 - c. You will be announced at the region’s events as the UCWDC Regional Representative (able and available to assist Associate Members)
7. Be named as an eligible Official Observer for the UCWDC and attend events outside your region, as requested or assigned by the General Council. Official UCWDC Official Observer duties are outlined in the UCWDC Bylaws and Policies & Procedures manual.



8. Provide or coordinate photos and recap summary article(s) for the UCWDC Newsletter-for the events in your region.
9. Attend Regional Rep Meetings if in attendance at UCWDC General Meetings. Electronic attendance may also be requested.
10. Provide a Regional Rep report (oral and written) at each General Council meeting outlining:
 - a. both positive and negative issues in brief that impact on the UCWDC in your region,
 - b. growth and expansion of the UCWDC in your region,
 - c. common regional issues or observed trends.
11. Contact and maintain a relationship with dance studios in your region and explain the benefits of participation with the UCWDC.
12. Promote and refer any parties interested in applying for a UCWDC Sanctioned Event to the President or Secretary.
13. Direct any questions or correspondence relating to the organization to the appropriate Committee Chair.

3. NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

The following guidelines are intended to be used for the nomination and appointment of UCWDC Event Directors to the position of Regional Representative

1. Eligible Regional Representatives must come from all active Event Directors with the exception of **elected** officers and must be:
 - a. an Event Director in good standing holding not less than 16% of their respected dance event, AND
 - b. an Event Director willing to perform their duties as outlined in Section 2.0 of this policy.
2. Nominee Process
 - a. The Regional Representative Nominees are selected by the Event Directors in their region.
 - b. Regions will put forward one (1) Representative nominee from their region for review and appointment by the President.
 - c. All Events in their respected region will be notified by the Secretary at the time of the General Meeting announcement that the appointment of their Regional Representative will take place at the forthcoming General Meeting.
 - d. Selection of a region's nominee shall be performed thusly:
 1. All Events of the Region will meet and discuss the duties of a Regional Rep, the qualities desired by the UCWDC, and select one (1) nominee to have their name stand for appointment.
 2. If Events are unable to attend the General Meeting, a member representative in attendance from their region will contact all remaining Members to allow for their input and vote(s) for a nominee.
3. The Regional Representative must have a good reputation, a clear understanding of the English language, and must be able to speak and write fluently in English. The Regional Representative should speak as many languages from the region as possible. The Regional Representative is also encouraged to discover for their use as many trusted translators as needed for every language spoken within the region.



4. In the event of death, resignation, incapacity, or any other inability of a Regional Representative to perform their functions, the UCWDC Board of Directors shall declare that they have ceased to hold the position of Regional Representative and set the effective date of dismissal. The President shall then appoint a replacement. The Board of Directors then must ratify the replacing person in their position for the remainder of the two (2) year term.

4. REGIONS

Refer to the Regional Maps in the appendix of this policy for further clarification

4.1 North America Regions

1. CANADA - WESTERN

British Columbia
Alberta
Saskatchewan
Manitoba
Yukon
Northwest Territories
Nunavut

2. CANADA - EASTERN

Ontario
Quebec
Nova Scotia
New Brunswick
Prince Edward Island
Newfoundland
Labrador

3. UNITED STATES - NORTHEAST

Maine
Vermont
New Hampshire
Connecticut
Massachusetts
Rhode Island
New York
New Jersey
Pennsylvania
Delaware
Maryland
Virginia
West Virginia



4. UNITED STATES - SOUTHEAST

Tennessee
North Carolina
South Carolina
Georgia
Florida
Alabama
Mississippi

5. UNITED STATES – SOUTH CENTRAL

Texas
Oklahoma
New Mexico
Louisiana
Arkansas
Colorado
Missouri
Kansas

6. UNITED STATES - NORTH CENTRAL (MIDWEST)

Kentucky
Ohio
Indiana
Illinois
Michigan
Wisconsin
Minnesota
Iowa
Nebraska
South Dakota
North Dakota

7. UNITED STATES - PACIFIC / ROCKY MOUNTAIN

Washington
Oregon
California
Utah
Nevada
Montana
Wyoming
Idaho
Arizona

8. NORTH/CENTRAL AMERICA

Mexico



9. CENTRAL AMERICA

Belize
Costa Rica
El Salvador
Guatemala
Honduras
Nicaragua
Panama

10. CARIBBEAN ISLANDS

4.2 Europe Regions

1. EUROPE - EASTERN

Belarus
Bulgaria
Czech Republic
Hungary
Poland
Moldova
Romania
Slovakia
Ukraine

2. EUROPE - NORTHERN

Aland Islands
Denmark
Estonia
Faroe Islands
Finland
Guernsey
Iceland
Ireland
Isle of Man
Jersey
Latvia
Lithuania
Norway
Sark
Svalbard and Jan Mayen
Sweden
United Kingdom (Great Britain and Northern Ireland)



3. EUROPE - SOUTHERN

Albania
Andorra
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Croatia
Gibraltar
Greece
Italy
Republic of Macedonia
Malta
Montenegro
Portugal
San Marino
Serbia
Slovenia
Spain
Vatican City

4. EUROPE - WESTERN

Austria
Belgium
France
Germany
Liechtenstein
Luxembourg
Monaco
Netherlands
Switzerland

4.3 Asia Regions

1. ASIA - NORTHERN

Russia

2. ASIA - CENTRAL

Armenia
Azerbaijan
Georgia
Kazakhstan
Kyrgyzstan
Tajikistan
Turkmenistan
Uzbekistan



3. ASIA - EASTERN

China
Hong Kong SAR
Japan
Macau SAR
Mongolia
North Korea
South Korea
Taiwan

4. ASIA - SOUTHERN

Bangladesh
Bhutan
India
Maldives
Nepal
Pakistan
Sri Lanka

5. ASIA - SOUTHEAST

Brunei
Cambodia
Indonesia
Laos
Malaysia
Myanmar
Philippines
Singapore
Thailand
Timor Lester
Vietnam
Christmas Island
Cocos Islands



6. ASIA - WESTERN

Afghanistan
Bahrain
Cyprus
Iran
Iraq
Israel
Jordan
Kuwait
Lebanon
Oman
Palestine
Qatar
Saudi Arabia
Syria
Turkey
United Arab Emirates
Yemen

4.4 Africa Regions

1. AFRICA - NORTH

Egypt
Libya
Tunisia
Algeria
Morocco
Western Sahara

2. AFRICA - WEST

Burkina Faso
Cameroon
Cape Verde
Chad
Côte d'Ivoire
Gambia
Ghana
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Liberia
Mali
Mauritania
Niger
Nigeria
Senegal
Sierra Leone
Togo



3. AFRICA - CENTRAL

Central African Republic
Congo
Democratic Republic of Congo
Equatorial Guinea
Gabon
São Tomé and Príncipe

4. AFRICA - EAST

Eritrea
Ethiopia
Somalia
Djibouti
Sudan
Uganda
Kenya
Tanzania
Rwanda
Burundi
The Comoros
Mauritius
The Seychelles
South Sudan
Madagascar

5. AFRICA - SOUTH

Angola
Botswana
Lesotho
Malawi
Mozambique
Namibia
South Africa
Swaziland
Zambia
Zimbabwe



4.5 South America Region

Argentina
Bolivia
Brazil
Chile
Colombia
Ecuador
Falkland Islands
French Guiana
Guyana
Paraguay
Peru
Suriname
Dutch Antilles
Trinidad and Tobago
Uruguay
Venezuela

4.6 Oceanic / Australia Region

Australia
Fiji
Kiribati
Marshall Islands
Micronesia
Nauru
New Zealand
Palau
Papua New Guinea
Samoa
Solomon Islands
Tonga
Tuvalu
Vanuatu

4.7 Antarctic Region



5. CURRENT REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE POSITIONS

Below is a list of the current Regional Representative positions inside the UCWDC. If the Regional Rep is listed for the 'Major' Region they are responsible for all the sub-regions listed within. (e.g. The Asia Rep is responsible for overseeing the Northern, Central, Eastern, Southern, Southeast and Western Asia Regions)

- a. Canada - Western
- b. Canada - Eastern
- c. United States - Northeast
- d. United States - Southeast
- e. United States - South Central
- f. United States - North Central (Midwest)
- g. United States - Pacific / Rocky Mountain
- h. Europe - Northern
- i. Europe - Southern
- j. Europe - Western
- k. Asia

The President may appoint more Regional Reps in conformance with this Policy as more areas of the World are developed within the UCWDC.

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