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As a result of representations made by the Irish Dancing Teachers Association (Dublin Area) to the Irish Dancing Commission, it has been indicated that they are preparing to receive a deputation from us to discuss the many perplexed problems confronting Dancing Teachers in the conduct of their classes and the question of pupils transferring from one class to another.

We understand the new Constitution and Rules of the Commission are at many points at variance with the wishes of the Teachers, particularly the new Rule requiring the Teacher to make annual application for re-registration, it being within their power to refuse without giving a reason. I am sure the significance of this Rule will not be lost on the members of your Body who, we are sure, are anxious to have this matter discussed and clarified.

We have appointed a delegation from our Association to attend this very important conference and have invited the Munster, Co. Derry and Co. Down Area Associations to elect a delegation to join us. I am now instructed to ask you to arrange a delegation from your Area to support us so that we may present a united front at the discussions.

Any changes in the present Rules of the Commission or any amendment such as the re-insertion of the six months suspension must be made before the end of this year, otherwise no action can be taken until 1963. There is no need, I think, to impress upon you the urgency and the gravity of the situation.

We would like to have a prior meeting with your delegation at a central venue, preferably Dublin, where the Munster, Co. Derry and Co. Down representatives could also attend to exchange views and prepare an Agenda for the Conference. We are, of course, quite prepared to travel to a provincial venue to meet you but we can combine all meetings in one, i.e. with all Area representatives, if you can come to Dublin. If you can facilitate us in this matter, it may be possible to arrange for delegates from all Areas to meet immediately preceding our conference with the Irish Dancing Commission and so as you might say, "kill two birds with the one stone".

If you are desirous of having representatives of your Association at the Conference, and I am sure you are, please write to me immediately or if you wish, you can telephone 51820. We should be most grateful if you would indicate by telephone or letter your intentions before Friday next, as we are having a meeting of the Irish Dancing Association (Dublin Area) on Sunday 6th November, 1960.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.