

Brenda Bastable

Irish Dancing Teachers and Adjudicators Convention  
Bangor 24th-25th September, 1966.

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Dublin Agenda

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(8)

That this house should make a stand against interference from Television Personnel on matters outside the course of their duty. The choreography of dances or their adoption for viewing on technical grounds are understandable but the prevention of male dancers from wearing the School Costume or any other form of discrimination against the wearing of kilts by boys should not be tolerated.

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Belfast.  
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( 1 )

No parochial issues which can be solved locally by agreement between the members of the Association for that district should be discussed at the Convention.

( 2 )

Organisation of Feiseanna - Hall, stage, toilet facilities etc., should be subject to scrutiny by the Dance Commission who registers the event.

( 3 )

Areas - already well served by dancing teachers should not be the Mecca for newly qualified teachers, who should seek to establish themselves where there are no dancing schools.

( 4 )

Teachers should know who the current members of the Dance Commission are the names should be either publicised at the beginning of the year or should be circulated by post.

( 5 )

Transfers - whether there should be only one date per year or more when transfers can be made.

( 6 )

Points of discussion. Miss O'Moore, Derry.

Re- Weekly Feiseanna at Sligo during the summer, supported by registered teachers and adjudicated by unregistered adjudicators. The whole question of weekly Feiseanna generally should be examined and a tightening up of registration should be reviewed.

Cork Agenda.  
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( 1 )

That An Comisiun be requested to hold annually the election of representatives, in this way a constituency has the opportunity of changing their representative should she or he prove unsatisfactory. Also a request to have election papers distributed earlier in future as post is undependable and some papers arrived late this year.

( 2 )

Feiseanna to be requested to improve the standard of their prizes and to abolish under 7 and under 8 championships, as this title very often tends to give false impressions to a child and thereby ruin what might otherwise be an excellent dancer.

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Limerick  
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Strong representation to Minister O'Malley re dismissal of two established teachers in Limerick - Miss Halpin, Miss Crowe, in favour of graduates from the Ling College.

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Derry  
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( 1 )

Medals should be awarded for all three placings at important Feiseanna and particularly so at All Ireland and Ulster Championships, and medals presented immediately after the competitions.

( 2 )

There is a great lack of publicity leading up to, during and subsequent to many of our major dancing championships and our Association move that a P.R.O. should be appointed.

( 3 )

It is the opinion of the Derry Association that Northern Dancers should be permitted to participate competitively in the dancing festivals in Northern Ireland.

Delegation for file made  
12 Noon

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