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# Letter from the President

Sunday, August 6th, 2017

Dear friends and honored guests,

It is with pleasure and pride that I welcome all of you in celebrating the United States Dragon & Lion Dance Federation's official inauguration. This momentous occasion could not have happened without the hard work and dedication of the founding members and our officers.

This weekend we hosted the first official event of the USDLDF, the US National Judges Course and Certification Exam, where we have prepared our first group of fully trained judges and referees to be able to perform their duties in upcoming events including the First National Dragon & Lion Dance Championships, to be held in 2018!

Finally, my heartfelt thank you goes out to all of our members, sponsors, donors, and volunteers for your outstanding support and contributions. Your donations and hard work have ensured that we laid a firm foundation for our future successes in promoting the Dragon & Lion arts throughout the US. I wish you all much success and prosperity in the future.

Sincerely,



Nelson Ferreira

President, USDLDF



# About the USDLDF

The United States Dragon & Lion Dance Federation ([USDLDF](https://usdlf.org)) is recognized by the IRS as a [501\(C\)\(3\)](https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/charitable-organizations) non-profit corporation and was created to preserve and promote the arts of Dragon and Lion Dance, among other traditional Chinese folk performing arts, within the United States. Our aim is to foster friendship, courtesy, harmony, ethics and goodwill among practitioners in the US as well as abroad. Any Dragon or Lion Dance practitioner or team in the United States may join the USDLDF as a member.

## Mission

"To preserve and promote the arts of dragon and lion dance as a cultural tradition and sport throughout the United States and abroad."

## Vision

"To create opportunities for all styles of dragon and lion dance teams to express and develop themselves, through friendly regional, national, and international training & exchanges, enrichment programs, and quality tournaments with the highest standards."



# Creating an Organization



Organization is fundamental to the development of an art, or sport, as well as that of its participants. Over many years much has been said and discussed about the development of the Dragon and Lion arts in the United States. There has been increasing interest in seminars, workshops and tournaments across the nation. With this current environment it seems natural to develop an organization to help the different schools and practitioners pursue greater knowledge and shared experiences.

The formation of the United States Dragon & Lion Dance Federation (USDLDF) came about after two members of the Executive Board

(Phong Vo and Nelson Ferreira) were attending the 2016 Genting World Lion Dance Championships, held in Malaysia. There Mr. Vo and Mr. Ferreira had a meeting with the First Vice President of the International Dragon & Lion Dance Federation (IDLDF), Mr. Leong Lik Thong and Secretary Ms. Lee Wai Mun where they explained the details of forming, organizing and running a Dragon & Lion Dance Federation that would be eligible for membership with the IDLDF.

Upon returning to the US, a group of fellow Dragon and Lion Dance coaches, team leaders and school owners, from across the nation, was formed into a preparatory committee that began meeting to discuss the information gathered at the meeting, with Mr. Leong, to form a national organization focused on the development of Dragon and Lion Dance in the United States. Members of the preparatory committee approached coaches, team leaders and masters from all over the country to seek their advice, insights and opinions on how this proposed national organization should function and help develop these arts and its practitioners.

With the insights gained through these contacts and discussions of the preparatory committee, the organization was registered as a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Corporation registered in the state of Wisconsin and with the IRS. Many meetings of this committee were held to discuss organization structure, membership, fundraising, certification of judges, competitions and rankings, among other topics. Through these meetings, and the submission of the articles of incorporation, an eventual election was held to form a seven member executive board.

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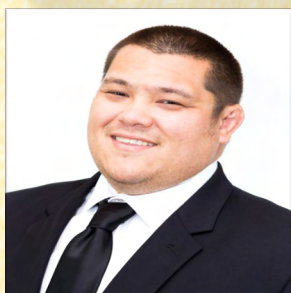
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## Leong Lik Thong

International Honorary Advisor, USDLDF

1st Vice President, International Dragon & Lion Dance Federation

Secretary General, Asean Dragon & Lion Dance Federation

President, Persatuan Peminat Tarian Naga Dan Singa Malaysia

President, Federation of Selangor & Federal Territory Dragon & Lion Dance Association

Congratulations to the President and Members of the United States Dragon and Lion Dance Federation for the Formation and Chartering of your Federation. As the Chinese proverb said, "A Thousand Miles Begin With the First Step."

With the Formation of the Federation, you have sowed the seeds as the first step in the right direction towards promoting better international understanding and development through the cultural sport of dragon and lion dance activities.

This Federation will also be the stepping stone for the development in uniting all other dragon and lion dance associations around the World under one big umbrella, with a united spirit of understanding and goal.

We believe that whatever we do today will predict the future, just like what President Abraham Lincoln said, "The Best Way to Predict the future is to create it." Well done to the United States Dragon and Lion Dance Federation members especially the President Mr. Nelson J. Ferreira. Once again Congratulations.

### 献词

#### 【唤起世界龙狮一家、发扬中华国粹精神】

欣逢美国龙狮联合总会庆祝成立典礼，我谨代表国际龙狮运动联合会、亚细安龙狮运动联合会和马来西亚龙狮运动协会及雪龙龙狮联合总会致以热烈的祝贺，衷心祝愿总会会务更上一层楼。

美国龙狮联合总会的成立，乃是一大创举，千里之行，起于跨步，肩负起发扬及推广龙狮运动的任务，将与国际龙狮运动联合总会密切联系，共同实现龙狮运动的目标，希望彼此携手努力开花结果，做出好成绩。希望龙狮运动在美国蓬勃发展，积极参与世界的龙狮比赛，联系世界龙狮团体，【唤起世界龙狮一家，发扬中华国粹精神】。

让我在美国龙狮联合总会成立典礼的良辰吉日，祝愿总会能把龙狮文化艺术带入更广阔的天地。





## Chan Siew Kee

International Honorary Advisor, USDLDF

Founder, World Sar Ping Lion Dance Federation

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Heartiest congratulations to the inauguration of the United States Dragon and Lion Dance Federation. I take this opportunity to wish every success to unify Dragon and Lion Dance communities in the United States of America.

*Congratulations!*

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## Albert Fong Kong Yip

International Honorary Advisor, USDLDF

Vice- Secretary General, World Sar Ping Lion Dance Federation.

5TH Generation, Disciple of Sar Ping Lui Pai Lion Dance Art.

Certified Judge, International Dragon & Lion Dance Federation.

Deputy Director, Dragon & Lion Dance of Selangor & FT Dragon & Lion Dance Federation.

Deputy Director, Dragon & Lion Dance of Kuala Lumpur Wushu Federation.

### 2015 TOYM (Ten Outstanding Young Malaysians Award – Cultural Achievement)

Congratulations to the United States Dragon & Lion Dance Federation (USDLDF) for successfully forming a Dragon and Lion Dance Federation in the United States. This is an exciting time for teams in the US and I am humble to be a part of this journey with you.

In 2013, at my first Lion Dance Seminar in Seattle, we only discussed the possibilities of forming a federation to unite teams within the US.

In 2016, Master Nelson Ferreira (Madison, Wisconsin) and Master Phong Vo (Denver, Colorado) attended the 12th Genting World Lion Dance Championship in Malaysia. I introduced them to Mr. Leong Lik Thong PJK, 1st Vice President of International Dragon & Lion Dance Federation. We discussed about forming the federation and how to become an official member of the International Dragon & Lion Dance Federation (IDLDF).

Today, August 6th, 2017 is the Official Inauguration of the United States Dragon & Lion Dance Federation in Denver, Colorado. History is made! Thanks to all the Directors & Committee members for making it happen. Uniting all the Dragon and Lion Dancers in the United States to preserve and promote the dragon & lion dance cultural sports for future generations. And, raising the standards for all teams in the US where dragon & lion dance quality of performance is at par with the IDLDF.

Next step, I look forward to attending your bi-annual **United States National Dragon & Lion Dance Championship** to push for higher standards of performance. With this team of dedicated and passionate officers and the newly created Website, Facebook and Instagram I believe the USDLDF will thrive.

**“UNITY THROUGH DRAGON & LION DANCE”**

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# Nelson Ferreira

President, USDLDF

North Region Director, US Kuoshu Federation

Owner and Founder, Zhong Yi Kung Fu Association



It is both an honor and a privilege to serve as the United States Dragon & Lion Dance Federation's president. I am grateful for the opportunity and humbled in the trust you have placed in me to lead this organization. I am looking forward to working with the Executive Board, as well as our members, to bring the highest quality events and educational opportunities to our community.

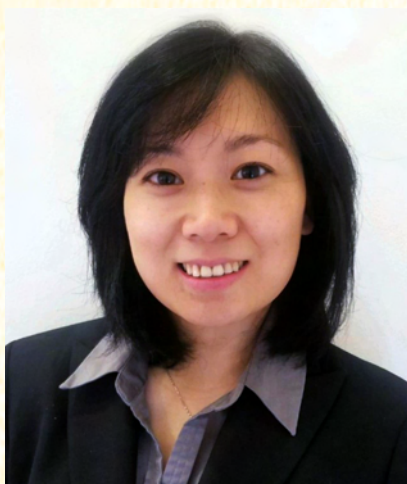
With a nationwide network of practitioners, teams and teachers encouraged by the support of many individuals, businesses and organizations, my hope is to bring a greater awareness of these arts to the general public by showcasing the hard work and talent of our member teams. This can only be achieved through the process of developing practitioners, coaches and judges through quality training, guided growth and standardized rulesets for competitions.

Dragon and Lion Dancing has the ability to captivate and mesmerize observers of all ages with pageantry, storytelling and powerful music. Filled with a rich cultural background and long history, these arts have been studied, practiced and performed in the United States for over a century. They are physically demanding and require performers to have courage, determination and perseverance while working in harmony with a team. By promoting the USDLDF's key concepts of friendship, courtesy, harmony, ethics and goodwill among all practitioners we endeavor to facilitate a healthy and prosperous growth for our beloved arts.

These lofty goals cannot be achieved by oneself, as the Chinese saying goes "One bee cannot produce honey; one grain of rice cannot produce a meal" in other words a joint effort will be necessary for us to realize our mission of preserving and promoting the arts of dragon and lion dance throughout the United States and abroad. I hope you will join us in our efforts and support us in our goals.

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## Mai Du

Vice President, USDLDF

Owner & Chief Instructor, Wah Lum Kung Fu and Tai Chi Academy

8th Generation Wah Lum Tam Tui Northern Praying Mantis Kung Fu

Advisor, Eastern United Kung Fu Federation

As recent as July 1, 2017, W. Kamau Bell wrote on CNN's Story Highlights that "The integration of Chinese culture into everyday American life proves that immigration makes the US great" and "Chinatown is as American as fireworks on the Fourth of July, Rice Krispies, The New York Times, and iPhone."

Similar to many news media's choice to relate to Chinese culture and references to Chinatown, the video and photo selected to highlight the article were of lion dancing.

Dragon and lion dances across the United States make up a strong fabric of the American culture. What mainstream media, most of the times, failed to point out is that dragon and lion dancing take place NOT only in American Chinatowns, but in martial art schools, temples, churches, youth centers, community organizations, merchant associations, family associations and athletic clubs.

The powerful and spiritual traditions of dragon and lion dances are not only cultural but they are as athletic and competitive as any other sport, requiring unwavering hard work, unchallenged perseverance, committed athleticism, deep courage, unquestionable teamwork, immense creativity, passionate instruction and learning, and respectful professionalism.

Through dragon and lion dancing, the arts build the body, mind, and spirit, but they also empower characters and diverse communities. Collectively, these elements have given birth to an American dragon and lion dance lineage over decades. Thus, it is more than timely that the establishment of the United States Dragon & Lion Dance Federation (USDLDF) is here to stay and we welcome and thank you for your participation and support on making American history together and celebrating cultural, traditional, and athletic pride.



# Phong Hoai Vo

Vice President, USDLDF

Founder & Chief Instructor, Colorado Asian  
Cultural Heritage Center Dragon & Lion Dance  
Association



My Asian heritage is very important to me. Practicing the strong values embedded in Martial Arts plus Dragon and Lion Dancing has helped me become a civic leader in my community. I began to learn the art of Dragon & Lion Dancing with Dong Tay Hoa (East West Together) Seven Mountain Northern Southern Shaolin Kung Fu in Denver in the early '90s. This fostered a desire to become a role model for the Colorado area Asian youth by teaching them their historical heritage and culture with the dancing.

It is a great honor for me to be part of the USDLDF and to be working with many hard working, dedicated & professional masters of the Dragon & Lion Dance Arts to preserve the art and sport of Dragon and Lion Dancing throughout the United States.

Nowadays, dragon and lion dance is becoming a fun, popular, and competitive sport not only in Asia, but, around the world. This fabulous sport is a good conditioning and aerobic workout, and is not only for males and adults, but also for females and children. As one of the founding officers and a Vice President of the United States Dragon & Lion Dance Federation (USDLDF), I look forward to working together with everyone in the Dragon & Lion Dance community in the nation to help introduce, promote & improve the quality and performance of dragon and lion dance through excellence in training, education, judging, competition, and recognition.

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## Kevin Lau

Treasurer, USDLDF

Head Instructor, Sing Yung Dragon and Lion Dance Association

It was an honor for me to be asked and given the role of Treasurer for the United States Dragon & Lion Dance Federation (USDLDF). As an active learner of the Chinese Lion and Dragon dance for nearly all my life, I understand and see the importance of having a Federation in the United States binding and joining all practitioners and groups together for the common goal of perpetuating the Chinese Culture, regardless of background, style or experience.

As the appointed treasurer for the USDLDF, the Board of Directors and myself strive for transparency in regards to all issues, especially monetary issues, and strive to ensure that funding for the Federation is plentiful, and it is used in the most beneficial and impactful way possible, being that the United States lion dance community is unique, with some teams being 3,556 miles away from each other!

The USDLDF founding members consists of Instructors from not only different styles of Lion Dancing, but different walks of life, each bringing to the Federation years of experience, knowledge and the will and ideology of ensuring the Chinese arts will be forever practiced, admired, and celebrated within the United States and subsequently have teams within the United States represented and acknowledged worldwide.

I am excited for all that the USDLDF has in store for all of its members to participate in, and be a part of history as we not only strive to connect Martial Arts and Lion/Dragon dance groups together in the United States, but the Lion and Dragon dance community throughout the world.



# Duc Cash Vo

Secretary, USDLDF

Director, LQLionDance Team

Director, RADLionDance



What an honor it has been to be surrounded by professional and passionate practitioners of the Dragon and Lion Dance arts. For an art that's been around for over 2000 years, not only has it survived the test of time, it's actually thriving. The inception and inauguration of the USDLDF is living proof of that.

Since inception, the officers have worked tirelessly to ensure that the federation is set up for success. We have incorporated and obtained IRS's 501(c)(3) status. We have defined a clear vision and mission for the federation. We have set up the necessary channels to communicate and interact with our members. And, we have connected ourselves with strong supporters.

Education is a major part of what we do. That is why our first order of business is to host the first Judges Course and Examination. With certified judges, we can start to have standardized judging and hosting competitions around the country. This will help to raise the standards, foster friendships, and unite the community of Dragon and Lion Dancers within the United States.

The journey to forming the federation has been fun and filled with anticipations. I am excited for what's coming. I look forward to the future and the journey ahead.

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## Mark Vuong

Director of Media & Marketing, USDLDF

Head Coach, Teo Chew Association: Unicorn Dragon and Lion Dance Team

Founder, No Limit Arts and Gifts

Welcome to our inauguration. I am thrilled to share this moment with friends from all over. I would like to thank all the guests for attending and especially for all the support we have been receiving from our members, volunteers, donors and sponsors.

As the Director of Media and Marketing, I will continue to strive for new ways to promote the art of Dragon and Lion Dance. It is important that this art survives and continues to be passed on to the younger generations. As fast as technology is changing, we must learn to incorporate modern ways to preserve these traditional arts.

I look forward to working with everyone and making sure our art flourishes in America. It is an honor and pleasure to be working with so many fine individuals.

Thank you for the opportunity!



# Ray Petersen

Director of Membership, USDLDF

Director, Jing Mo Tong Athletic Association

Technical Advisor, Omaha Kung Fu Academy



Upon being selected as the Director of Membership for our organization, I must say I was a bit speechless. What faith my seniors had in me! With the help of my lovely wife Danelle, I have been doing my best to fulfill the duties of this position. We are truly honored to be a part of the family that is the United States Dragon & Lion Dance Federation.

Going forward I wholeheartedly believe that the Federation will uplift our arts and culture, as well as standardizing the competitive platform for Dragon and Lion Dance in the United States.

My hopes are that all of our Dragon and Lion Dance brothers and sisters, across the country, show their support and appreciation of these arts by strengthening our community through their membership and participation in this organization.

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Congratulations to  
United States Dragon & Lion Dance Federation being  
inaugurated in 2017. Our best wishes for the federation  
and the ongoing exchange of knowledge, skills and  
friendship not only in the US, but across the wider dragon  
and lion dance community throughout the world.

As long as the passion is alive,  
the art will flourish.

All the best,

**Henry Lo** - Co-Leader

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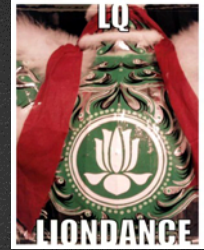


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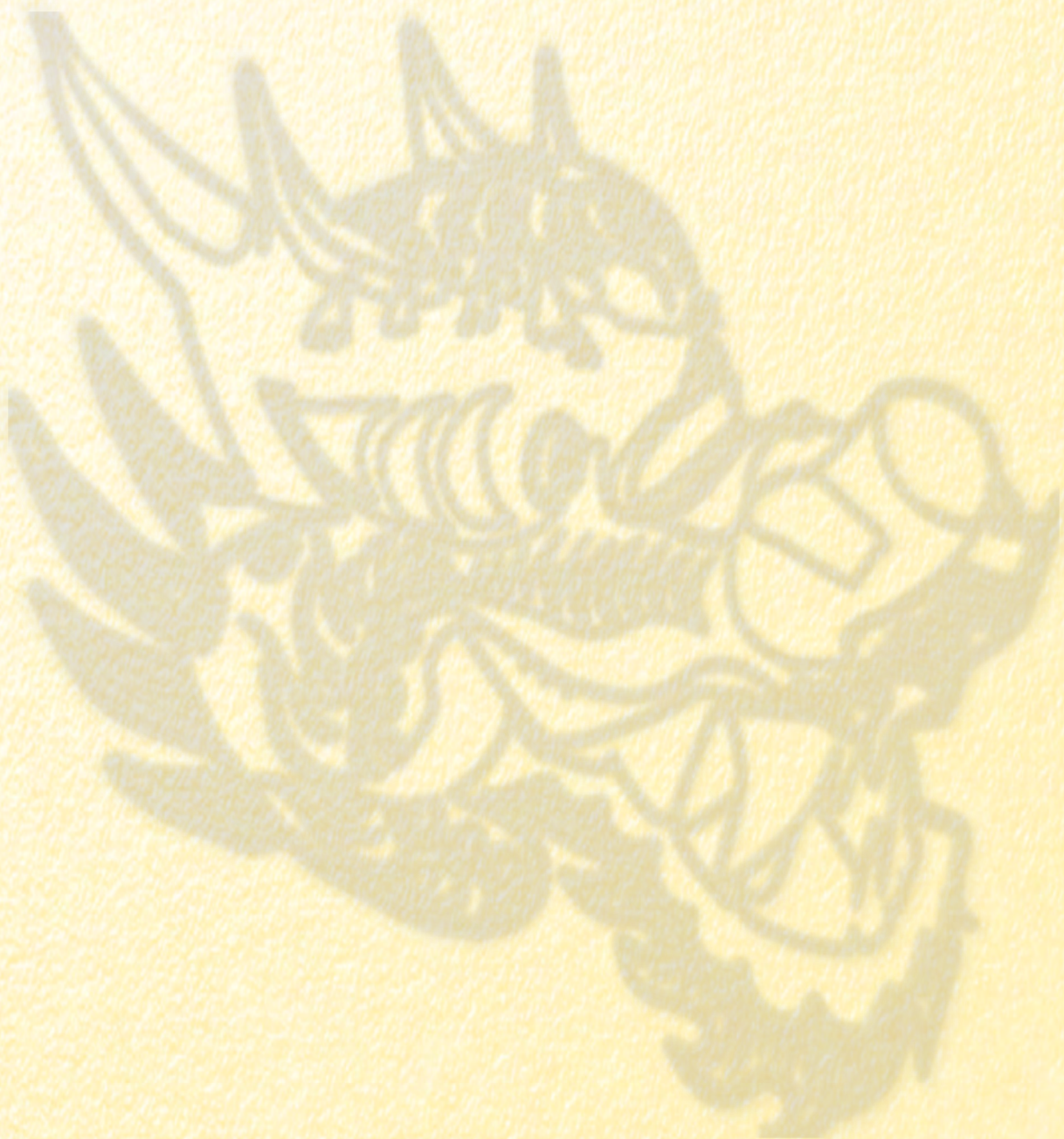
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