

Meeting of NASSPDA Board on December 21st, 2008

MINUTES:

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, December 21st, 2008, at ~6:45 PM EST. In attendance: Sonja Furiya (joined at ~7:25 PM EST), Richard Lamberty (co-chair; departed at ~7:30 PM EST), Winter Held, Citabria Phillips, Benjamin Soencksen (secretary), & Barbara Zoloth (co-chair & treasurer),
Apologies: Pat Hogan

The following agenda was posted on December 18th, 2008:

A. Standing Items

1. Approve minutes from last Board meeting
2. Log online polls taken since last Board meeting
 - a. Switch website provider to Host Monster
 - b. Response letter to Roke Noir

B. Old Business

1. Memberships Committee:
Update on membership launch project:
 - a. Letter to prospective members
 - b. Website status
2. Board Governance Committee:
Board governance policy discussion:
 - a. How to fill a Board vacancy?
 - b. What Board positions are we designating? (Regional, constituency, etc.)
 - c. Permanent committees: Membership, Board Governance, Resources?
3. Update on logo development

C. New Business

1. North American title event for 2009
 - a. Where, when, and whether
 - b. Possibility of a 2-day event
2. Annual membership meeting for 2009
3. Clarification of language requiring residency or passport from a country in North America
4. How NASSPDA can be involved in creating more members?
5. Items from discussion following adjournment of Sept. '08 meeting:
What is the scope of data that NASSPDA will (1) require and (2) maintain from sanctioned events and titled events? Examples:
 - a. Should it be part of NASSPDA's Sanctioning Policies to require organizers of sanctioned events to submit copies of the resulting scores to NASSPDA after the event?
 - b. Should NASSPDA establish a list of judges who have judged same-sex events, and when and where?

- c. Should NASSPDA require event organizers to publish competition results in accordance with standards?
 - d. Should NASSPDA require that event organizers send NASSPDA a copy of competition results for our archives?
6. Establish date and time for our next meeting.

A. Standing Items:

to A. 1.: Minutes & Notes 081116: Approved

to A.2.a.: Switch website provider to Host Monster: Approved

to A.2.b.: Response letter to Roke Noir: Approved

B. Old Business:

to B.1.a.: Letter to prospective members: Approved with Adjustments

to B.1.b.:

90% of the new website has been completed. The company that graciously consented to the use of their website development will receive a letter of thanks from the Board of NASSPDA.

to B.2.a., b. & c.:

The Board Governance Committee has had a fruitful discussion online about the listed items. Aside from the question of geographical pre-destined Board positions, all other points have been clarified. The results will be presented to the Board in the near future for further and broader discussion.

to B.3.:

The person helping with the overall look of the new website has consented to work with two design ideas for the logo, which have found some positive responses from the Board. Some Board members had already seen some results in this direction, and voiced approval. It was agreed to wait for further results and comments from the Board, in order to complete the website.

C. New Business

to C.1.a.:

A lengthy discussion ensued on whether NASSPDA should authorize any competition in 2009 for the North American Championships. Competitors' point of view, NASSPDA's first membership drive, and economical factors for organizers as well as competitors were cited. "April Follies," "California Dreaming," "Vancouver Queer Dance Classics," and a possibly new competition in the Los Angeles area are under consideration. No final decision has been made.

to C.1.b.:

This possibility wasn't discussed nor considered.

to C.2.: Date for first Annual Membership Meeting – Sunday, April 26th, 2009, following the "April Follies" competition in the Bay Area: Approved

to C.3.:

It was agreed that for clarity of language used, the terms "permanent residency" and "citizenship" shall be used, as supposed to "residency" and "passport."

to C.4., 5.a., b., c. & d.: Postponed

to C.6.:

An abbreviated conference call meeting will be held on Sunday, January 4th, 2009, at 6:30PM EST, with a limited agenda, and a “full” conference call meeting on Sunday, January 25th, 2009 at the same time.