

Meeting of NASSPDA Board on March 22nd, 2009

MINUTES:

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, March 22nd, 2009, at ~6:33 PM EST.
In attendance: Sonja Furiya (membership chair), Winter Held (chair of “board governance” committee), Pat Hogan, Richard Lamberty (co-chair), Citabria Phillips, Benjamin Soencksen (secretary), & Barbara Zoloth (co-chair & treasurer)

The following agenda was posted on March 18th, 2009, and amended by an unanimous vote (7 “yes” votes) at the beginning of this meeting to include B.4. & 5.:

A. Standing Items

1. Record polls since last meeting
2. Approve minutes from last meeting
3. Schedule next meeting

B. Old Business

1. Annual meeting
2. “Scholarship Fund” for new members
3. “Rainbow Ballroom” gift and request for award
4. Postcard development
5. Award medals

C. New Business

1. 2010 NASSPDA Championship in Philadelphia
 - a. Pricing
 - b. Compliance
 - c. Other issues
2. Competition rules
3. Updates to website

A. Standing Items

to A.1.: No additional polls had been posted since the last meeting.

to A.2.: Minutes & Notes 090301: Approved

to A.3.: The next meeting is scheduled to be a conference call on Sunday, April 19th, 2009 at 6:30 PM EDT.

B. Old Business

to B.1.:

A venue has been secured for the general meeting on April 26th, 2009. The “Allegro” in Emeryville has generously offered their space free of charge. An e-mail invitation will be sent to all current NASSPDA members, all registered “April Follies” participants and to the existing general mailing list of NASSPDA. This e-mail will include a brief agenda formulated by the Organizing Committee and the time frame as 10:00 AM to 11:45 AM.

A renewed discussion about the need to ratify NASSPDA's By-laws and Mission Statement by the membership ensued, and it was concluded, since this non-profit organization is not registered as a membership based organization with the State of California, and therefore, even though NASSPDA has and will always be based on having members, these documents cannot be ratified or even changed legally by the membership. Therefore, both documents shall be accessible via NASSPDA's website. If members of NASSPDA are not in agreement with the sentiments and/or rules laid out in these documents, these members can take action by getting involved within the organizations to work towards change by either volunteering to work in a committee or even to run for an office to become a member of the Board of Directors. In order to explain to NASSPDA's membership the seemingly contradiction between being registered as a non-profit organization, which is not based on membership, yet commits itself to always having members, who will have the right and obligation to elect its leadership, two new paragraphs will be added to the By-laws, which are based on California state laws, and which will legally clarify this conundrum.

to B.2. & B.3.: Postponed

to B.4.: Approved

The Board unanimously (7 "yes" votes) approved postcards, which will inform the general public of NASSPDA's existence and solicit participation, as presented and to be ready by the date of "April Follies" (April 25th, 2009).

to B.5.: Approved

The Board unanimously (by 7 "yes" votes) approved the continuation of the acquisition of award medals as presented.

C. New Business

to C.1.a., b. & c.: Approved

Based on assurance of the organizers to comply with all NASSPDA rules and take into consideration its concerns regarding prizing, the Board approved unanimously (by 7 "yes" votes) the organizers' request to authorize NASSPDA's championship to be held at the "Philadelphia Liberty Dance Challenge" in 2010.

to C.2.: Postponed

It has now become clear that the issue of establishing rules for NASSPDA sanctioned and title authorized competitions has a greater urgency. However, since this subject is undoubtedly of a larger dimension, this issue was postponed to a later meeting.

to C.2.: Postponed

to C.4.:

The displayed logo version on NASSPDA's website is not the approved "3G" version, which will be rectified. NASSPDA's minutes of the Board of Directors meetings and all other organizational documents of NASSPDA, such as "Policies & Procedures," will be posted in the future in PDF format. A procedure will be set-up and communicated to all administrators of the site.

This meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM EST.