

Meeting of NASSPDA Board on July 19th, 2009

MINUTES:

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, July 19th, 2009, at ~6:32 PM EDT.

In attendance: Sonja Furiya (membership chair) -- until ~7:05 PM EDT, Winter Held (chair of "board governance" committee), Richard Lamberty (co-chair), Citabria Phillips (chair of election committee) – until ~7:40 PM EDT, Benjamin Soencksen (secretary), & Barbara Zoloth (co-chair & treasurer)

Apologies: Pat Hogan

The following agenda was posted on July 12th, 2009:

A. Standing Items

1. Record polls since last meeting
2. Approve minutes from last meeting
3. Financial Report

B. Old Business

1. Create mechanism that allows Board to send e-mails to members and possibly also non- members
2. Create a unified rules and structure requirements for NASSPDA sanctioned competitions (issues include MC vs. Comp Director, Pro/Am, rules for graded and non-graded)
 - a. Other issues regarding competition structure: Proficiency level vs. syllabus-restricted events, age divisions, Newcomer events, gender, and point system
 - b. Process for contesting organizers' and/or judges' decisions during competition will be included. Under what conditions is a chairman of judges, who would decide all judging queries and resolve disputes, required?
 - c. Unifying registration process across competitions would not be included at this time
 - d. Reference materials for this effort would include Equality dance rules created for the 1998 Gay Games in Amsterdam, ESSDA rules first applied at Eurogames 2008, and April Follies 2009 rules
3. Election Committee: updates
4. Clarification of the procedure to be used for identifying the recipient of a Rainbow Ballroom award

C. New Business

D. Schedule next Board meeting

A. Standing Items

to **A.1. & 2.:** Minutes & Notes 090607: Approved

to **A.3.:** NASSPDA's bank account balance is \$584.38; no outstanding bills; NASSPDA's non-profit status approved by State of California.

B. Old Business

to B.1.:

Code writing license needed to update NASSPDA's website has been renewed. Therefore, after fixing some of the known problems with the current website (anyone finding faults is encouraged to bring those to the attention of the webmaster), a mechanism that will make it possible to send e-mails to all NASSPDA members from its website directly can and will be created within due time.

to B.2.a. through d.:

Medical problems and time constraints made it impossible to deliver planned outline of competition rules. Since the Board identified this issue as important to its constituency (see previous Minutes), it was agreed to accept the Secretary's offer to take this on.

to B.3.:

No further updates by the Election Committee. Potential additional members for the committee have been approached and invited to serve, but haven't all responded yet.

to B.4.:

"Rainbow Ballroom" is still in the process of formulating a suggested procedure to be presented to the Board, with which a recipient for the proposed award can be chosen.

C. New Business

to C.:

Three additional items, which were not on the agenda, were discussed, and the following proposals were made:

1. It was agreed that, in order to maintain sanctioning by NASSPDA of an established event, "new" organizers of such an event will have to join NASSPDA as an organizational member, if "they" are not already an organizational member. A notification of this view by the Board of NASSPDA will be sent to the "new" organizers of "California Dreaming."
2. After a lengthy discussion, two separate votes will be solicited from the Board via poll after this meeting (based on voting rules):
 - A. NASSPDA will have an added level of membership called "Team Membership," which is only available for formation teams, who wish to compete for the annual NASSPDA Championship title; which will grant the member one vote at the general assembly of NASSPDA; and which shall cost \$100.00 per team and calendar year. All other membership rules shall equally apply to this level of membership.
 - B. "Organizational Membership" shall have added to its description/explanation the sentence that "Organizational membership can not be used to determine eligibility to win any NASSPDA title."
3. Two separate polls will be posted to solicit a votes from the Board (based on voting rules) to "approve application for membership with ESSDA," and "approve the Secretary to formulate an invitation to ESSDA for affiliate membership with NASSPDA."

to D.: The next meeting is scheduled as a conference call for Sunday, August 30th, 2009, at 6:30 PM EDT.

This meeting adjourned at ~7:55 PM EDT.