

## **Meeting of NASSPDA Board on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

### **MINUTES:**

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at ~1:09 PM EDT.

In attendance: Lee Fox (Treasurer), Christopher Kelleher (Vice-President), Benjamin Soencksen (Secretary & FGG Delegate) & Barbara Zoloth (President)

Joined at ~1:39 PM EDT: Pat Hogan (GLISA Representative & Communications Director)

Joined at ~2:07 PM EDT: Mario Spenard

Apologies (on hiatus): Sonja Furiya (Membership Chair)

The President posted the following agenda on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011:

### **A. Standing Items**

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

### **B. Old Business**

1. Proposed changes in NASSPDA Board Policies and Procedures —remaining questions
  - a. Definition of quorum and “super majority”
  - b. Committee to review and “rationalize” policy and procedure documents
  - c. Committee to define qualifications for judge
2. Coordination with other organizations
  - a. Gay Games 2014: FGG/ESSDA/GLISA
    - i. Oct 23-25 Toronto FGG meeting—has the agenda been posted? Do we know enough to decide whether a NASSPDA Board member should attend?
  - b. IFSSDA
3. Website
  - a. Mechanism to add links to photos and videos from specific competitions: location for posting photos by event not yet created
  - b. Update on separate page for listing past Board members
  - c. Update on creating and posting timeline of NASSPDA history and history of same-sex ballroom
  - d. How to remove events that have already happened
4. Membership initiatives
  - a. Newsletter report
5. Plans for NASSPDA Annual Meeting, Vancouver, July 30, 2011, 11:00AM – 12:30 PM at the Wall Center
  - a. How to advertise this meeting to Games participants?
  - b. Suggested agenda items
6. Upcoming/recent competitions (including placement of NASSPDA ads)
  - a. North America Outgames July 28-29, 2011
  - b. Manatee Madness, September 17, 2011
  - c. Dancing in the River City, January 15, 2012, NASSPDA Championship
  - d. Philadelphia Liberty Challenge, March ??, 2012: USA Championship?
  - e. April Follies, April 28, 2012: USA Championship?

7. Status of NDCA's restrictions on judges and scrutineers; impact of USA Dance membership with NDCA suspended
8. Non-Board committees
  - a. Dance Camp committee
  - b. Queer Youth Outreach committee

**C. New Business**

1. Board to consider creating Chair of Social Dance & ask for input in next newsletter
2. Enforcing membership requirements for garnering NA and national titles
  - a. Provide list of active members for Vancouver comp
3. Establishing mirror website links with other same-sex dance organizations
4. Should the annual "NASSPDA Championship" be called the "NASSPDA North American Championship"?
5. Donate button on the website

**D. Schedule next Board meeting(s)**

**A. Standing Items**

to A.1.: N/A

to A.2.: Approved

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to A.3.:

The Treasurer reported NASSPDA's account balance at \$4,407.74, which includes renewal dues for FGG membership and 2 renewals/dues for membership with NASSPDA.

**B. Old Business**

to B.1.a. & b.:

This committee will take up work within the next few months and report to the Board.

to B.1.c.:

The Chair of this committee suggested to seek out new members, and to resend the initial e-mail to all committee members restarting the discussion on establishing criteria, which should be applied to judges' selection for same-sex dance competitions.

to B.2.a.:

An agenda of the Annual General Assembly Meeting of the FGG, held in Toronto in October, has yet to be obtained, in order to decide whether representation at that meeting is desirable.

to B.2.b.:

The organizers of the Dancesport section of the 2013 World Outgames held in Antwerp requested via e-mail for NASSPDA to authorize this event as the World Championships. NASSPDA turned this request over to IFSSDA.

to B.3.a.:

No further update on this item was available at the time of this meeting.

to B.3.b.:

On NASSPDA's website, under "About Us," current and former Board members are now listed in accordance to their status. It was agreed to distinctly separate those two listings.

**to B.3.c.:**

No further update on this item was available at the time of this meeting.

**to B.3.d.:**

This issue has been resolved, and it is planned to implement a separate listing of past events.

**to B.4.a.:**

The next E-Newsletter is scheduled to be published by mid-August.

**to B.5.a. & b.:**

The Annual Membership Meeting following NASSPDA's North American Championships, on July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011, in Vancouver is all set.

**to B.6.a.:** Approved

The expense of 100 CAD for a ½ page ad in the program of the Dancesport event at the North America Outgames, NASSPDA's North American Championships, has been approved.

**to B.6.b.:**

No further update was available regarding the competition "Manatee Madness" in Florida that will allow participation of same-sex couples.

**to B.6.c.:**

No further update on this item was available at the time of this meeting.

**to B.6.d.:** Approved

The organizers of the Philadelphia Liberty Dance Challenge (PLDC) have agreed to host NASSPDA's 2012 US Championships, which are presumably held on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

**to B.6.e.:**

No further update on this item was available at the time of this meeting.

**to B.7.:**

USA Dance has been suspended by the NDCA. The suspension was due to USA Dance sponsoring a WDSF Adjudicator Congress and will not have any direct impact on NASSPDA. This issue somewhat relates to NASSPDA's and other organizations' concern about having NDCA registered officials work at their competitions, which are not NDCA sanctioned. However, the NDCA unanimously approved during their recent meeting that "specialty dance events," which are not covered by the rules of the NDCA, are exempt from that rule, since these competitions don't fall under their purview. This means that judges, scrutineers, and any other officials registered with NDCA are not prohibited from working at same-sex competitions

**to B.8.a. & b.:**

No further update on this item was available at the time of this meeting.

**C. New Business**

**to C.1.:** Postponed

This issue had been discussed at length without any resolution at the previous meeting, and will be presented as a topic at the Annual Membership Meeting in Vancouver.

**to C.2.:**

The residency requirement will be monitored by the organizers, and the membership requirement will be overseen by the President of NASSPDA.

**to C.3.:**

Other organizations linked to NASSPDA's website will be asked to implement a link as well.

**to C.4.:** Approved

Starting in 2012 the title will be “NASSPDA’s North American Championships.”

**to C.5.:**

A button for donations will be added on NASSPDA’s homepage.

**D. Schedule next Board meeting**

The next conference call meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at 1:00 PM EDT.

This meeting adjourned at approx. 2:30 PM EDT.