

Meeting of NASSPDA Board on December 18th, 2011

MINUTES:

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, December 18th, 2011, at ~3:05 PM EDT.

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

Apologies: Pat Hogan (GLISA Representative & Communications Director)

Absent: Mario Spenard

The President posted the following agenda on December 15th, 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
2. Committee to create application process and criteria for judges
3. Coordination with other organizations
 - a. Gay Games 2014: FGG/ESSDA/GLISA
 - i. Report on searching for local organizers (Report on contact with Cleveland organizers)
 - b. IFSSDA
4. Website
 - a. Mechanism to add links to photos and videos from specific competitions: location for posting photos by event not yet created
 - b. Separate page for former Board members
 - c. Separate page for competition rules
 - d. Update on creating and posting timeline of NASSPDA history and history of same-sex ballroom
 - e. Donate button
 - f. Approval process for posted events on website
5. Membership initiatives
 - a. Newsletter report
 - b. Membership renewal
6. Upcoming/recent competitions
 - a. Dancing in the River City (DITRC), January 15, 2012, NA Championships
 - b. Philadelphia Liberty Dance Challenge (PLDC), March 31st, 2012, US Championships
 - c. April Follies, April 28, 2012, CA Championship
 - d. Ordering additional NASSPDA medals
7. Non-Board committees
 - a. Dance Camp committee
 - b. Queer Youth Outreach committee
8. Social Dance: New e-mail address created (socialdance@nasspda.org)

C. New Business

1. 2012 Board Elections
2. NASSPDA ad in Sacramento program
3. NASSPDA Annual Meeting on Monday, January 16th, 2012, Sacramento

D. Schedule next Board meeting(s)

A. Standing Items

to A.1.: N/A

to A.2.: Approved

2nd Draft of Minutes & Notes 111120 (previous Board meeting)

to A.3.:

NASSPDA's account balance at the time of this meeting: \$3,892.94

B. Old Business

to B.1.a. & b.: Postponed

to B.2.:

The revised version of the Adjudicator Application Form will be formatted to be published, and the Judges Committee will establish a procedure for selecting and inviting judges as well as define on which grounds an application shall be accepted or rejected.

to B.3.a.:

The FGG's Sport Committee is fine combing all submitted revisions from each sport for the new Red Book, which will govern how the organizers will have to approach each sport at the 2014 Gay Games in Cleveland/Akron. No further communication occurred after an initial contact had been made with the organizers of the 2014 Gay Games. The Board will also contact the 2006 Gay Games' competition organizer from Chicago as well as the "Rainbow Wranglers," a gay Country Western dance group from Cleveland, for more background information.

to B.3.b.:

There has been no further update submitted to the Board prior to this meeting.

to B.4.a. to e.:

No further update was available on the progress of these website related items at the time of this meeting, except that these issues are being addressed.

Since NASSPDA's website is quite outdated, with the exception of the first news item under "Latest News," old news items will therefore be made inactive and the announcement of the upcoming election updated.

to B.4.f.:

NASSPDA's website will now notify the Board when an event has been posted for approval.

to B.5.a.:

NASSPDA's current eNewsletter got much praise and has been viewed by 7% of all recipients. The next issue will be posted around February 15th, 2012, featuring the 2012 North American NASSPDA Championships.

to B.5.b.:

A letter prompting members to renew their membership and help increase membership will be sent out in January 2012.

to B.6.a.:

No further updates were available for "DITRC" at the time of this meeting.

to B.6.b.:

No further updates were available for the “PLDC” at the time of this meeting. Their website hasn’t been updated, nor a response received regarding the “NASSPDA Discount.”

to B.6.c.:

No further updates were available for “April Follies” at the time of this meeting.

to B.6.d.:

New medals were received with 7/8 inches wide ribbons, which need to be exchanged with 1.5 inches wide ones, an increase of \$0.10 per ribbon on the overall cost. The design of certificates for the North American Formation Team Championships is in the works.

to B.7.a.:

No further updates from the Dance Camp Committee were available at the time of this meeting.

to B.7.b.:

No further updates from the Queer Youth Outreach Committee were available at the time of this meeting.

to B.8.:

Due to the absence of the Communications Director no further updates on the effects of the newly created e-mail contact for social dance were available at the time of this meeting.

C. New Business

to C.1.:

The Secretary, who isn’t up for election, and the Delegate to IFSSDA, currently not a Board member, have volunteered to take on organizing the 2012 Board elections and will work out a time line as well as simplified process.

to C.2.:

An ad has been placed in the program of the upcoming competition “Dancing in the River City,” including the announcement of NASSPDA’s Annual Membership Meeting, to be held each year in conjunction with this championship.

to C.3.:

The agenda for this Meeting in Sacramento on Monday, January 16th, 2012, shall address progress made by the Board in the past year and what the membership is prepared to do that will further NASSPDA’s mission.

A poll will be posted to the Board to decide where the North American, US and Canadian Championships will be hosted in 2013. Previous locations were:

North American NASSPDA Championships -

2008 New York; 2009 Oakland; 2010 Philadelphia; 2011 Vancouver; 2012 Sacramento

Canadian NASSPDA Championships -

2010 Montreal; 2011 Vancouver

US NASSPDA Championships -

2011 Oakland; 2012 Philadelphia

D. Schedule next Board meeting

The next conference call meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, January 22nd, 2012, at 6:00 PM EST.