

Meeting of NASSPDA Board on December 1st, 2012

MINUTES:

Conference call meeting started on Saturday, December 1st, 2012, at ~4:03 PM EST. In attendance: Lee Fox (Treasurer), Sonja Furiya (Membership Chair), Pat Hogan (GLISA Representative & Communications Director), Christopher Kelleher (Vice-President), Benjamin Soencksen (Secretary & FGG Delegate) & Barbara Zoloth (President)

The President posted the following agenda on November 26th, 2012, with important sections to address highlighted in red:

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. Election of Board members/officers
2. Adjudicator application process update
 - a. Do we want to require that judges be retired from active same-sex competing?
3. Coordination with other organizations
 - a. Gay Games 2014: FGG/ESSDA/GLISA
 - i. Report on **searching for local organizers**
 - ii. Coordination with Rob Smitherman, Sports Director for Gay Games 9 Cleveland + Akron
 - iii. Confirmation of Renaissance Hotel in Cleveland as venue
 - iv. Scope of competition (Country Western will be included; Argentine Tango?)
 - v. Invitation of GG 9 organizers to April Follies 2013?
 - vi. MC, scrutineer, judges
 - b. IFSSDA update: Board **to review draft document and respond to ESSDA**
4. Website: **switch to which website software?**
5. Membership initiatives
 - a. Membership Committee Chair: **sub/replacement?**
 - b. Newsletter report
 - c. Membership renewal
6. Upcoming/recent competitions
 - a. The Quake, San Francisco, November 11th, 2012 (not NASSPDA sanctioned)
 - b. Dancing In The River City, January 20th, 2013
 - c. Philadelphia Liberty Dance Challenge, March 30th, 2013 (?)
 - d. April Follies, Oakland, April 27th, 2013
 - e. Boston Open, September 21st, 2013

7. Non-Board committees
 - a. Dance Camp committee
 - b. Queer Youth Outreach committee
8. Scholarship Committee
 - a. **Announcement of 2013 Scholarship**
 - b. **Allotted funds for 2013 Scholarship?**
9. 2013 Board Elections
 - a. Board members up for re-election?
 - b. Board members whose term doesn't expire?
 - c. Nominations: **minimum of 2 more candidates needed**; one already received, including candidate's statement (Kathy Wildman)
 - d. 2013 Election Committee: **Board members?**

C. New Business

1. Request for history of same-sex ballroom dance and explanations of rules and procedures
2. World Championship **vs. North American Championship in 2014?**
3. Due 12/5/12, **ad in DITRC's program for \$60?**

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.:

NASSPDA's current account balance: \$6,610.85

B. Old Business

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

Departing Membership Chair will have to be replaced on that committee.

to B.2.: Approved

Based on the Judges Committee's recommendation, the Board approved the following judges to judge at NASSPDA sanctioned competitions: Eddie Alba, Jeff Chandler, Michael Babineaux, Michel Guimond, Diane Jarmalow, Denise Jourdain, Elizabeth Knoll and Robert Tristan Szelei.

to B.3.a.i.:

Lisa Vegas, organizer of an annual mainstream competition held in September in Cleveland, responded with interest to an inquiry from the Secretary and FGG's Sports Coordinator for DanceSport, which is hoped to lead to a further dialog about the organization of DanceSport at the Gay Games 2014 in Cleveland.

to B.3.a.ii. and iii.:

The venue in Cleveland hasn't been confirmed yet.

to B.3.a. iv. through vii.: Postponed

to B.3.b.:

A rough draft of a constitution for IFSSDA has been shared with the Board for comment. It was decided to invite NASSPDA's Delegate to IFFSDA to the next Board meeting.

to B.4.:

Management of NASSPDA's membership through its website is one of the more difficult issues in switching service to improve functionality of NASSPDA's website. The Board decided to explore how other membership-based organizations solve this issue.

to B.5.a.:

Due to the resignation of the Membership Chair and the upcoming process of membership renewals, the Communications Director and President have volunteered to step in for the immediate future to take on those duties.

to B.5.b. through to B.7.b.: Postponed

to B.8.a. and b.:

Based on the "NASSPDA Scholarship Fund Application and Approval Procedures" (see <http://www.nasspda.org/documents/ApplicationApprovalProcedures.pdf>) and the most current report on NASSPDA's account balance from the Treasurer, the Board determined and agreed to allocate \$1,650 to NASSPDA's 2013 scholarship fund. This means that approximately 5 scholarships are to be awarded for 2013 to attend the North American Championships at April Follies in April 2013, giving \$200 to each recipients plus the necessary competition entry fee(s) and NASSPDA's 2013 membership fee.

to B.9.a.:

The following Board members' terms will expire: Sonja Furiya, Benjamin Soencksen, Mario Spenard, Barbara Zoloth. Therefore 4 positions are to be filled in 2013.

to B.9.b.:

The following Board members had been re-elected this year and have one more year remaining on their term: Lee Fox, Christopher Kelleher, Pat Hogan.

to B.9.c.: Approved

Kathy Wildman, who had been nominated by Sonja Furiya as a successor, has been appointed to fill one of the vacancy on the Board immediately, prior to the 2013 election.

to B.9.d.:

The Board instituted a new rule that automatically appoints those Board members, whose term isn't expiring, to take on the task of forming the election committee each year.

C. New Business

to C.1. and 2.: Postponed

to C.3.: Approved

The Board approved the placement of an ad in the program of the upcoming DITRC, which hosts the 2013 US Championships.

D. Schedule next Board meeting

The next conference call meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, January 6th, 2013, at 4:00 PM EST.