

Meeting of NASSPDA Board on February 16th, 2014

MINUTES:

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, February 16th, 2014, at ~3:36 PM EST.

In attendance: Lee Fox (Treasurer, Finance Committee Co-Chair & Judges Committee Chair), Garret Gerritsen (Membership Co-Chair & Finance Committee Co-Chair), Christopher Kelleher (Vice-President), Benjamin Soencksen (Secretary & FGG Delegate), Kathy Wildman & Barbara Zoloth (President)

Apologies: Pat Hogan (GLISA Representative, Membership Co-Chair & Communications Director)

The President posted the following agenda on February 10th, 2014, 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. Items temporarily on hold –
 - a. Proposed changes in NASSPDA Board Policies and Procedures —remaining questions
 - i. Definition of quorum and “super majority”
 - ii. Committee to review and “rationalize” policy and procedure documents
 - iii. Election of Board members/officers
 - b. Request for history of same-sex ballroom dance (for website) and explanations of rules and procedures (for eNewsletter)
2. Adjudicator Application Committee’s report
3. Coordination with other organizations
 - a. Gay Games 2014: FGG/ESSDA/GLISA
 - i. **Report on venue: cost of floor, risers, AV, lights**
 - ii. **Professional staff update**
 - iii. **Detailed competition schedule**
 - iv. **Designing certificates**
 - b. IFSSDA
4. Website
 - a. **Report from Website Redesigning Committee**
 - b. **Bids from web designers**
 - c. **Addition of student membership to website**
5. Membership initiatives
 - a. Newsletter report
 - b. Membership renewal process
 - i. **Timing for renewal notices**
 - ii. **Reminder e-mails for individual, organizational and affiliate members**
 - c. Youth membership category
6. Upcoming/recent competitions
 - a. Dancing in the River City, Sacramento, CA State Championship, January 19, 2014
 - b. Philadelphia Liberty Dance Challenge, PA State Championship, March 29, 2014
 - c. April Follies, Oakland, US National Championship, April 26, 2014
 - d. Rainbow Dance Championship, Montreal, Canada, June 14, 2014

- e. Gay Games 9, Cleveland, World Championship, August 12-15, 2014
- f. Boston Open, MA State & North American Championship, October 11, 2014
- g. North American Outgames, St. Louis, Memorial Day Weekend 2016:
Requested for 2016 NA Championships
- h. World Outgames, Miami, Week of Memorial Day 2017 (incl. IAGLCWDC Conv.?)
- i. Gay Games 10, Paris, 2018
- 7. Competition Rules
- 8. Non-Board committees
 - a. Dance Camp committee
 - b. Queer Youth Outreach committee
- 9. Scholarship Committee
 - a. **Announcements of 2014 scholarship opportunities**
 - b. **Amounts and numbers of 2014 scholarships**
- 10. 2014 Board election
 - a. **Nominations deadline January 31st, 2014**

C. New Business

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 balances:

operating account \$6,907.37; savings account earmarked for the scholarships fund \$3,296.77, includes the additional allocated amount for 2014

B. Old Business

to B.1.a.i. through iii. & b.: Postponed

These agenda items are temporarily on hold until after GG9.

to B.2.: Approved

Applications by Sarah Billings and Richard Jones, who have extensive experience and officiated at the PLDC for several years, have been approved.

An invitation to officiate at GG9 will be extended to all on NASSPDA's list of approved judges.

to B.3.a.i.:

A final, revised budget has been submitted to the GG9 Organizers for approval.

to B.3.a.ii.:

Several judges already agreed to officiate at GG9 without compensation and for a small stipend towards meals, and more are being asked.

to B.3.a.iii.: Postponed

Further discussion on the competition schedule of DanceSport at GG9 has been postponed until a final number of judges and a conclusive number of participants have been determined.

to B.3.a.iv.:

No one has yet been found to design the certificates for the placed couples in each final.

to B.3.b.: Postponed

There had been no update about IFSSDA at the time of this meeting.

to B.4.a.:

New bidders for the redesign of NASSPDA's website, improving its functionality, had not been found at the time of this meeting.

to B.4.b.:

A web designer, who was interested in the project of redesigning NASSPDA's website, withdrew at this point due to the life partner's recent passing.

to B.4.c.:

Implementation of this new level of membership is imminent.

to B.5.a.:

The next issue of the eNewsletter will be published by the weekend following this meeting.

to B.5.b.i. & ii.:

Renewal notices had been e-mailed to all individual and associate members of NASSPDA. Organizational members will receive their renewal notices by the end of the day of this meeting. A report on membership levels will be available by the next meeting.

to B.5.c.:

(see above "to B.4.c.")

to B.6.a.:

The organizers of DITRC announced that this was the last event and that there are currently no plans for any further same-sex competitions in Sacramento.

to B.6.b.:

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

to B.6.c.:

Registration for April Follies is now open, and the list of invited judges has been finalized.

to B.6.d.:

(see above "B.3.a.i." through "B.3.a.iv.")

to B.6.f.:

Instead of "Championship," the event will be called "Montreal Rainbow Dance Challenge" and held on June 21st, 2014, instead of June 14th, 2014.

to B.6.e.:

In accordance to NASSPDA's By-Laws, the annual membership meeting shall be held for Sunday, October 12th, 2014, in Boston following the North American Championship. On Sunday, April 27th, following April Follies 2014, will be an informational meeting about the Games, hosted by BASSDA, the main component of the organizing team for the DanceSport event, and just prior to workshops at Vima Dance Studio in San Francisco.

to B.6.g. to i.:

There were no updates at the time of this meeting for these events.

to B.7.a.:

This agenda item had been resolved at the previous meeting (see "Minutes & Notes 140118").

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

There had been no updates on these committees at the time of this meeting.

to B.9.a. & b.:

The number of scholarships to be awarded for GG9 and the NA Championships had been determined at the previous meeting (see "Minutes & Notes 140118"). An updated application form has been reposted on NASSPDA's website. An announcement will go out soon and be included in the upcoming eNewsletter.

to B.10.a.:

In addition to Board members Lee Fox and Pat Hogan, up for reelection, Michael Winward and Eddie Alba have been nominated. Eligible members will be asked for a maximum of three votes. Results will be announced by mid-March.

C. New Business

There was no new business brought forward.

D. Schedule next Board meeting

The next conference call meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, March 16th, 2014, at 3:00 PM EST.