

Minutes from the Board Meeting

February 3, 2008

Meeting Location: Conference Call

Minutes prepared by: Barbara Zoloth

Approved by unanimous vote of the board on: ???, 2008

Attending:

Richard Lamberty (co-chair)

Barbara Zoloth (co-chair)

Winter Held

Pat Hogan

Citabria Phillips

Benjamin Soencksen

Absent:

Sonja Furiya (provided notice by email.)

Next Conference Call:

Sunday, Feb 17, 3 PM PST, 5 PM CST, 6 PM EST

Barbara will set up the call and notify the Board of call-in details.

The agenda was not published at least four days in advance of the meeting as required. Because all seven members of the board were not available, the Board agreed that we could conduct the meeting, discuss agenda items, cast straw votes, and submit email or Yahoo Group votes for any matters which required formal action by the Board. Items that were later ratified by polling all Board members are so indicated.

1. The name of organization shall be the North American Same-Sex Partner Dance Association to be abbreviated NASSPDA. *Ratified by online poll of all Board members.*
2. NASSPDA will maintain a calendar of North American competitions. Richard and Barbara will create and maintain such a calendar on the organizational website.
3. The following subcommittees were formed to work on organizational bylaws and structure:
 - Membership and dues structure: Richard, Winter, and Barbara volunteered. (Sonja will assist)
 - Mission statement: Pat, Benjamin, and Citabria volunteered. (Sonja will join this sub-committee)
 - Board terms and how Board officers are chosen: Richard, Winter, Benjamin, and Barbara volunteered
 - The attending members hoped that Sonja would offer to assist on one or more of the sub-committees.
4. Future issues of bylaws and structure:
 - Defining benefits of membership
 - Voting procedures, including how to define voting members and what items the membership votes on
 - Committee structure.

- Reference to www.lectlaw.com/forms/f162.htm as a useful site that contains forms for not-for-profit organizations.
- 5. Social Dancing:
 - The Board reaffirmed the importance of supporting social dancing and the needs of social dancers.
- 6. North American Same-Sex Championship:
 - The Board will proposed to the organizers of the 5-Boros Same-Sex Competition to be held in NY in August 2008 that this event be designated the North American title event and that the winners of the men's and women's Standard and Latin (and possibly show dance) events be award the title of 2008 North American Champions. Benjamin will pursue discussions with the organizers of this event next week.
 - We expect future North American Championships to be held in different geographic locations throughout North America and hopefully within a specified time frame during the calendar year.

Participation by NASSPDA Board members in these championship events in any capacity is not considered to be a conflict of interest.