

**Minutes from the Board Meeting:** March 2, 2008

**Meeting Location:** Conference Call

**Minutes prepared by:** Barbara Zoloth

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

**Attending**

- Richard Lamberty (co-chair)
- Barbara Zoloth (co-chair)
- Sonja Furiya
- Winter Held
- Pat Hogan
- Citabria Phillips
- Benjamin Soencksen

**Absent:**

- None

**Next Conference Call:**

- Sat, April 5, 1 PM PDT.
- Barbara will set up the call and notify the Board of call-in details.

**The following items were agreed on:**

1. Minutes of the Feb 17 meeting were approved unanimously
2. The Board will use Yahoo group polling for all voting by the Board done via email. The results of such votes will be included in the minutes of the next meeting including any relevant discussion. Approved unanimously.
3. Authorize the purchase of web hosting and domain registration ([www.nasspda.org](http://www.nasspda.org)) with 1&1 Internet at the less expensive option knowing that we can upgrade in the future when and as we need to. Approved unanimously.
4. Yahoo polls will not, as a regular matter, be used for voting on financial matters unless they are

a matter of urgency and need to be decided before the next scheduled board meeting. Votes to spend more than the lesser of \$100 or 25% of our liquid assets require approval by at least 5 Board members. Approved unanimously.

5. Definition of North America for NASSPDA purposes: any political or geographical region that is identified as part of the North American continent by an official public source. If an individual lives in a geographic region that could be considered part of another continent as well as North America, we would expect individuals to belong to only one regionally defined membership organization of same-sex partner dancing. Approved unanimously.
6. As a matter of policy, NASSPDA will never give out our mailing list, including any list of members that is created. We will consider sending information to our members under conditions yet to be determined, but we will not share membership lists with other individuals or organizations. Approved unanimously.
  - o A new subcommittee was created to draft language specifying the circumstances under which we are willing to use our email list to send out information at the request of either our members or others. Draft policy language will be presented to the Board within one month.
2. Any item announcing specific Board policy should include the names of all Board members. This would include letters offering to sanction competitions. Approved unanimously.

**Ongoing business:**

3. The 5 Boros comp will be held in NY the weekend of August 23-24, and the organizers have agreed that it will be the North American title event. They also expressed interest in having it be the New York State Championship. The issuing of the North American Championship title will have to conform to NASSPDA's policy of eligibility, namely an open event in which the highest ranking qualified couple (meaning at least one of the dancers must be either a citizen or a permanent resident of one of the countries that is within the definition of North America accepted by NASSPDA). The 5 Boros organizers may also include a Show Dance category as a North American title event.
4. Subcommittee updates were provided by the following 3 subcommittees:
  - a) Membership: membership categories and benefits are being discussed, and the committee is preparing a proposal for the Board to consider.
  - b) Board terms and election of officers: the subcommittee is discussing length of term, # of consecutive terms allowed, when terms expire, distribution of Board seats, permanent subcommittees.

Mission: subcommittee is reviewing different versions of the mission statement including the possible introduction of partner dancing into its language.