

Meeting of NASSPDA Board on November 16th, 2008

MINUTES:

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, November 16th, 2008, at ~8:35 PM EST.
In attendance: Sonja Furiya, Richard Lamberty (co-chair), Winter Held, Citabria Phillips, Benjamin Soencksen (secretary), & Barbara Zoloth (co-chair & treasurer),
Apologies: Pat Hogan

The following agenda was posted on Sept. 16th, 2008, with additions on Sept. 17th:

A. Standing Items:

1. Approve minutes from last Board meeting
2. Log online polls taken since last Board meeting

B. Old Business:

1. Assign offices of Chair and Vice-Chair per new officer definitions approved at last meeting or wait until the next election?
2. Memberships:
 - a. Status and/or expected target launch date
 - b. Board electing Membership Chair
 - c. Create process for members to join and for us to capture their data
3. Board governance policy discussion (from August Board meeting):
 - a. Is there a limit to the number of consecutive Board terms?
 - b. How to fill a Board vacancy?
 - c. What Board positions are designated? (Regional, constituency, etc.)
 - d. Permanent committees?
4. Update on logo development

C. New Business:

1. Response to letter regarding authorized titles by Burnie Gipson
2. Response to letter regarding competitors' needs by Roke Noir
3. North American title event for 2009--where, when, and whether
4. What are Supplemental Rules for competitions, and what should they contain? [Co-chairs propose deferring this to a future meeting, especially since we haven't yet established the basic rules.]
5. Item from discussion following adjournment of Sep meeting:
What is the scope of data that NASSPDA will (A) require and (B) maintain from sanctioned events and titled events? Examples:
 - a. Should it be part of NASSPDA's Sanctioning Policies to require organizers of sanctioned events to submit copies of the resulting scores to NASSPDA after the event?
 - b. Should NASSPDA establish a list of judges who have judged same-sex events, and when and where?
 - c. Should NASSPDA require event organizers to publish competition results in accordance with standards?
6. Establish date and time for our next meeting

A. Standing Items:

to A. 1.: Minutes & Notes 080921: Approved

to A. 2.: Interim Report: Approved

This report had been send shortly after approval to NASSPDA's e-mail list.

B. Old Business:

to B. 1.:

Consensus was reached to continue acknowledging the established positions and titles until new elections have been held under the new policies, and after the draft of "Board Governance" has been finished and approved.

to B. 2.a.:

By December 7th, the Membership Chair has agreed to send out a letter announcing the start of membership registration and presenting the already approved Membership Policies. January 2nd, 2009, shall be the date to open registration for membership.

to B. 2.b.: Sonja Furiya as Membership Chair: Approved

Since NASSPDA has now Membership Policies in place, is registered with the State of California as a "Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation," has obtained a Federal ID number (EIN), and will soon have a bank account, it was suggested to move forward with membership registration. To that end, Sonja Furiya volunteered to be Membership Chair, and Co-Chair Richard Lamberty offered to join forces with her.

to B. 2.c.:

The on-line process by which new members may join NASSPDA, and by which NASSPDA will collect data from those members is partially already created. More formatting in regards to design and layout is still needed. Therefore, two members of the community were mentioned, who might volunteer their time to help with this aspect, and who will be contacted.

to B. 3.a.:

This subject was discussed and decided in the previous meeting on June 1st, 2008.

to B. 3.b.:

This is handed back to the sub-committee on "Board Governance."

to B. 3.c. & d.:

These two items on the agenda were as well handed back to the sub-committee. As a reminder, the sub-committee members were listed again: Winter Held (Committee Chair), Richard Lamberty, Benjamin Soencksen, and Barbara Zoloth.

to B. 4.:

Robert Soencksen won't be able to continue working on this project. It was agreed that Winter Held and Benjamin Soencksen are encouraged to present their ideas to the Board.

C. New Business:

to C.1.: Response letter to Queer Ballroom: Approved

to C.2.:

Roke Noir, a same-sex partner dance competitor from the Bay Area, sent a letter about a community initiative to all Board Members. A meeting of the initiative resulted in 3 possible projects. A detailed response letter will be drafted with the Boards conclusions.

to C.3.: Postponed

to C.4., 5.a., 5.b., 5.c., & 5.d.: Postponed

to C.6.: Sunday, December 21st, 2008, at 6:30 PM EST.