

## **Meeting of NASSPDA Board on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

### **MINUTES:**

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at ~6:30 PM EST.  
In attendance: Sonja Furiya (membership chair), Richard Lamberty (co-chair), Winter Held (joined at ~6:45 PM EST), Benjamin Soencksen (secretary), & Barbara Zoloth (co-chair & treasurer)  
Apologies: Pat Hogan & Citabria Phillips

The following agenda was posted and edited on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009:

#### **A. Standing Items**

1. Approve minutes from last Board meeting
2. Register results of any online votes/polls since last Board meeting

#### **B. Old Business**

1. Status of website
  - a. Current members report
  - b. Discussion and actions relating to free memberships granted by the board
  - c. Policies related to website usage
    - i. Should organizers of sanctioned events be required to be NASSPDA members (individual or organizational?)
2. Membership issues
  - a. Do restrictions on the NA title and membership apply for 2009?
  - b. Details and Announcement for General Meeting on April 26th?
3. Governance issues tabled from last meeting
4. Non-profit status and filing
  - a. Report
  - b. Proposed draft of by-laws
5. What support/information, etc. do the organizers of “April Follies” need for authorized North American Championships’ event?
6. Tabled issue from Sept. '08 meeting:  
What is the scope of data that NASSPDA will (1) require and (2) 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?
  - d. Should NASSPDA require that event organizers send NASSPDA a copy of competition results for our archives?
7. Establish date and time for the Board of NASSPDA’s next meeting

**A. Standing Items:**

to **A.1.:** Minutes & Notes 090104: Approved

to **A.2.:**

1. Online Registration “New Member Welcome” Letter: Approved

2. Logo Proposal “3G” or “3H:” Approved “3G”

Design version “3G” features the two parallel lines through the bottom of the “p” perpendicular to the vertical line of the “p,” unlike the current version feature on the new website.

**B. Old Business**

to **B.1.a.:**

1. Treasurer Report

Account Balance: \$535.80 (based on 15 individual and 1 organizational memberships, minus Google’s fees)

Account Debit: \$214.20 3 Year Subscription for Web-Hosting

2. Membership Chair Report

Active Membership: 19 Individual  
1 Organization

Pending Memberships: 2 Individual

Gift Memberships: 2 Affiliate, to be changed to “Individual”

to **B.1.b.:**

The initial two ad-hoc committee members, who contributed so much to lead up to the formation of NASSPDA and the election of its first Board, were offered two years of complimentary membership, once membership policies and a fee schedule had been established. The members of those dissolved committees, who have received this notification will have to initially apply for an “Affiliate Membership,” in order to receive this “gift membership,” which will then be switch to an “Individual Membership” internally by our Webmaster.

to **B.1.c.:**

Organizational Membership in good standing of NASSPDA is a requirement for organizers of NASSPDA sanctioned competitions. Approved

to **B.2.a.:**

North American Same-Sex Partner Dance Championship title eligibility requires a confirmed and active Individual Membership with NASSPDA of at least one partner of the awarded couple. Approved

to **B.2.b.:**

A “General Meeting Committee” has been formed regarding the details for NASSPDA’s General Meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009, in the Bay Area, California, which will look into venue, agenda and other things needed for this meeting.

to **B.3. & 4.:** Postponed

A special meeting will be held limited to these issues on Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at 6:30 EST via conference call.

to **B.5.:**

The Board deems it time to look into acquiring bronze, silver and gold medals for the first 3 placed in each year’s NASSPDA Championship titled event, since a logo has now been approved.

to **B.6.a., b., c. & d.:**

Data Collecting Policy on NASSPDA Sanctioned Competitions: Approved

The organizer of each NASSPDA sanctioned competition shall submit the following data no later than 60 days after the date of the competition to the secretary of NASSPDA:

1. Competition's Name
2. Date of Competition
3. Location of Competition
4. Contact Information of Organizer
5. List of the Judging Panel
6. All Scores & Results of all Events

**to B.7.:** see "to B.3. & 4."

After adjournment the Board expressed its gratitude to the Webmaster!