

Meeting of NASSPDA Board on April 26th, 2009

MINUTES:

In-person meeting started on Sunday, April 26th, 2009, at ~12:00 PM PST.

In attendance: Winter Held (chair of “board governance” committee), Pat Hogan, Richard Lamberty (co-chair), Citabria Phillips, Benjamin Soencksen (secretary), & Barbara Zoloth (co-chair & treasurer)

Apologies: Sonja Furiya (membership chair)

Location: Allegro Ballroom, Emeryville, CA

The following agenda was posted on April 19th, 2009:

A. Standing Items

1. Record polls since last meeting
2. Approve minutes from last meeting
3. Financial Report

B. Old Business

None

C. New Business

1. Review prior annual meeting, and create next steps
2. “Scholarship Fund” for new members (some time in the next 6 month)
3. “Rainbow Ballroom” gift and request for award

A. Standing Items

to A.1.: None

to A.2.: Minutes & Notes 090419: Approved

to A.3.:

Current numbers weren’t available at the time of this meeting. However, several paid dues of newly joined members are expected (3 at “April Follies” on April 25th, 2009) as well as the expenses for the annual meeting (~\$66.00) and the approved NASSPDA postcards (~\$130.00).

B. Old Business

Since this meeting had a time limit of an hour, and was primarily called to recap the preceding annual general meeting of NASSPDA that same day, no old business was brought forth or was listed on the agenda.

C. New Business

to C.1.:

Before reviewing the annual general meeting of NASSPDA members and non-members, which took place directly prior to this meeting, the non-Californian Board members expressed their thanks to the three Board members that were responsible for putting this general meeting together. Additionally, the Board noted that the organizers of “April Follies” put together a very successful event on the day prior, and extended their congratulations.

Aside from the 7 Directors of the Board, 12 members of NASSPDA and approx. 12 – 15 non-members attended the general meeting.

It seemed to be quite clear that two main issues were on everybody's agenda, and should be the Board's priority:

A. Create a unified structure for NASSPDA sanctioned competitions

B. Increase community through addressing issue of "competitive vs. social dancing"

Most of the issues relating to these two topics and suggested resolutions are summarized in the minutes of the general meeting.

to A.: In addition, the Board discussed the need for also having some guidelines on how to run a competition (i.e.: Master of Ceremony vs. Competition Director).

to B.: It was suggested to address this issue along with the responses at this general meeting on NASSPDA's website in some form to be determined.

Since an upcoming election of the Board of Directors (at the end of 2009) was mentioned at the general meeting, and volunteers for an election committee were solicited, it was agreed that the Board should have some document that reiterates the election process as it happened in the initial election to form NASSPDA's Board of Directors. Additionally, a Board member was nominated to head the Elections Committee, since that member announced not to seek reelection. However, a poll will have to be issued to vote on this nomination, since it was not posted with the agenda prior to this meeting.

to C.2. & 3.: Postponed

The next meeting had already been scheduled at the previous meeting for a conference call on Sunday, June 7th, 2009, at 6:30 PM EDT.

This meeting adjourned at ~1:00 PM PST.