

Meeting of NASSPDA Board on June 7th, 2009

MINUTES:

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, June 7th, 2009, at ~6:35 PM EST.
In attendance: Sonja Furiya (membership chair), Winter Held (chair of “board governance” committee), Pat Hogan, Richard Lamberty (co-chair), Citabria Phillips (chair of election committee), Benjamin Soencksen (secretary), & Barbara Zoloth (co-chair & treasurer)

The following agenda was posted on June 1st, 2009:

A. Standing Items

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

B. Old Business

1. Annual meeting
 - a. Solicit feedback on priorities by e-mail from membership
 - i. Create mechanism that allows Board to send e-mails to members and possibly also non- members
 - b. Create a unified structure for NASSPDA sanctioned competitions (issues include MC vs. Comp Director, Pro/Am, rules for graded and non-graded)
 - i. Other issues regarding competition structure: Proficiency level vs. syllabus-restricted events, age divisions, Newcomer events, gender, and point system
 - ii. Formation Team title
 - iii. Process for contesting organizers’ and/or judges’ decisions
 - iv. Unifying registration process
 - c. Increase community through addressing issue of “competitive vs. social” dancing
2. Election Committee
 - a. Chair nomination
 - b. Summary of previous used election process

C. New Business

1. “Scholarship Fund” for new members (some time in the next 6 month)
2. “Rainbow Ballroom” gift and request for award
3. Letter to “So You Think You Can Dance”
4. Schedule next Board meeting

A. Standing Items

to A.1.: Election of Citabria Phillips as Chair of Election Committee: Approved;
Letter from NASSPDA to FoxTV & Nigel Lithgoe (“So You Think You Can Dance”): Approved

to A.2.: Minutes of General Annual Meeting 090426: Approved;
Minutes & Notes 090426: Approved

to **A.3.:** Current account balance: \$588.93

B. Old Business

to B.1.a.i.:

Website updates involving code writing, which is needed to establish a mechanism to send regular e-mails to all NASSPDA members, are delayed awaiting code writing licensing renewal.

Current membership report:

4 Organizational Members

49 Individual Members (some are pending)

14 Affiliate Members

to B.1.b.i., iii. & iv.:

Already crafted documents such as from Equality dance (created for the Gay Games 1998, Amsterdam), ESSDA (firstly applied at the Eurogames 2008, Barcelona) and “April Follies” will be looked at by the Board in addition to considering the particularities of the North American competition scene in order to formulate NASSPDA’s competition rules.

to B.1.b.ii.:

I. NASSPDA’s Formation Team Championship title: Approved

II. Exception for “Dancing In The River City 2010” to give 2009 title: Approved

III. Adoption of April Follies’ competition rules for formation teams: Approved

An exception was granted to “Dancing In The River City,” which stipulates that the 2009 NASSPDA’s Formation Team Championship may be held at their competition on January 17th, 2010, in Sacramento. Every successive year from then on this titled event will always be held combined with all other authorized NASSPDA championship titles. Therefore, the Philadelphia Liberty Dance Challenge in March 2010, which has been authorized to hold the 2010 NASSPDA Championships, will also include the 2010 NASSPDA Formation Team Championship.

to B.2.a. & b.:

A report on the previous election procedures will be created for the Chair of the Election Committee. The Chair is also actively seeking additional members for the committee.

C. New Business

to **C.1.:** NASSPDA memberships are non-transferable: Approved

Since NASSPDA is in no position yet to think in grander terms of a scholarship fund, such as helping competitors with travel expenses, it was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

to C.2.:

“Rainbow Ballroom” is asked to clarify or suggest the procedure with which a recipient for the proposed award is chosen. In theory, the Board would like to accept the gift from “Rainbow Ballroom,” and is grateful for the offer and suggestion.

to **C.3.:** see “to A.1., second paragraph”

to C.4.:

The next meeting is scheduled as a conference call for Sunday, July 19th, 2009, at 6:30 PM EDT (set-up by ?).

This meeting adjourned at ~7:45 PM EDT.