

Meeting of NASSPDA Board on January 10th, 2010

MINUTES:

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, January 10th, 2010, at ~6:32 PM EST.
In attendance: Lee Fox, Sonja Furiya, Pat Hogan, Kieren Jameson, Richard Lamberty, Benjamin Soencksen & Barbara Zoloth

The following agenda was posted on January 3rd, 2010, and with edits again just prior to this meeting on January 10th, 2010:

A. Standing Items

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

B. Old Business

1. Creation of unified rules and structure requirements for sanctioned competitions
 - a. Argentine Tango and Country Western sections
 - b. Proposed re-organization of the rules
2. Create mechanism that allows Board to send e-mails to members and possibly also non-members
3. Update on FGG: joint committee with ESSDA to work on FGG rules (3 members from NASSPDA).
4. Update on NASSPDA Facebook page
5. Update on Membership renewal
 - a. Letter to members about expiring membership and dues payment needed.
 - b. Process on website for renewal
 1. Select all Active members (only those that are required to pay dues) and mark them "lapsed"
 2. Send renewal notice to all lapsed members
 3. Members renew on website which changes their status from lapsed to active.
6. Communication with competition organizers:
 - a. Update on communications with California Dreaming, River City, and Philly competitions.
 1. Philadelphia competition rules (which events are graded, awarding men and women separately, how pro-am couples are treated, etc.). Also no link to NASSPDA website on theirs.
 - b. Identify Board member to act as liaison with competition organizers
 - c. Consequences for violating NASSPDA Competition rules

C. New Business

1. Welcome new Board members
2. Election of officers for 2010
3. Scholarship fund for new memberships
4. Soliciting / receiving Donations
5. NASSPDA involvement in Gay Games 2014 in Cleveland
6. Identifying a person responsible for monitoring and updating website content.

7. Proposal to move Board election from December to Jan/Feb to avoid potential members having to pay dues to vote and then immediately have to re-join for the next year.
8. Collecting, storing, and making available competition results
 - a. Results for which events
 - b. What level of detail
 - c. Exclusive listing (meaning the comp website has a link to nasspda.org for the results)?
9. Clean up policy files in Yahoo group
 - a. By-law's file still exists in the Draft Policies folder, and needs to be moved to the "Approved Policies" folder
 - b. "Sanctioning Policy" (Work in Progress) needs to be updated with the new rules for Formation Team competitions
 - c. Update on "Board Governance Policies" (see Draft Policies folder) needed, and there are items that are in the "Sanctioning Policy" (Work in Progress), which are not in the "Draft of Board Governance Policies" and vice versa
10. Schedule and coordination of Annual Meeting in Philadelphia.

D. Schedule next Board meeting

A. Standing Items

to A.1.: None to Record

to A.2.: 1st Draft of Minutes & Notes 091213: Approved

to A.3.: NASSPDA's current checking account balance is \$1,004.09.

B. Old Business

to B.1. & B.3.: Postponed

A committee of 3 NASSPDA Board members was formed to tackle this issue as well as ESSDA's proposed committee of 6 members, 3 members of NASSPDA and 3 of ESSDA, to work on the minimal rules for "Dancing" established in the rules by the FGG, named "Red Book," which the FGG requested and ESSDA had suggested. NASSPDA's Red Book Committee members are: Lee Fox, Sonja Furiya and Benjamin Soencksen. The initial meeting of this group shall determine the Chair of this Committee.

to B.2. & B.5.a., b.1., b.2., & b3.:

All elements for the mechanism to e-mail members from the website as well as for the renewal process of membership are in place. However, another week is needed to tie together all those in a meaningful way. Once this is completed, the letter to NASSPDA's members about their expiring membership can be sent out, and members will be able to renew their membership on NASSPDA's website.

to B.4.:

NASSPDA's Facebook page is up and running. No further reports have been presented.

to B.6.a.:

- I. "California Dreaming"

Further talks with the organizers of "California Dreaming" resulted into a mutual understanding, and the Board therefore decided to no longer pursue this issue.
- II. "Dancing in the River City" (NASSPDA's 2009 Formation Team Championship)

Communication to the organizers regarding the requirements for NASSPDA sanctioned competitions and authorized titles has occurred multiple times. This

already resulted into the registration of one formation team with NASSPDA. However, it was noted that the organizers have yet to apply for an organizational membership with NASSPDA.

- III. “Philadelphia Liberty Dance Challenge” (NASSPDA’s Annual Championship)
The Board agreed that further communication with the organizers is necessary to address concerns regarding the organization, categories and fee schedule presented on this competition’s website, in addition to discuss getting help to find a location for the Annual Membership Meeting following the event on the next day at around 12:00 PM EST.

to B.6.b.:

At this point, the Board agrees that there is not yet a need for assigning one particular Board member to act as the liaison with the organizers of all NASSPDA sanctioned competitions, but rather to appoint different members to different competitions, based on location of and anticipated attendance to each competition by a member.

The appointed liaison for “April Follies” is the Vice-President of the Board.

to B.6.c.: Postponed

This agenda item will actually be part of the discussion and presentation of NASSPDA’s Competition Rules, which has been assigned to “NASSPDA’s Red Book Committee.”

C. New Business

to C.1.:

Since this meeting was the first meeting, after the Board elections held at the end of 2009, the remaining members of the previous Board of Directors welcomed and congratulated the newly elected members Kieren Jameson and Lee Fox as well as the reaffirmed member Sonja Furiya.

to C.2.:

Based on NASSPDA’s by-laws and to immediately establish a functioning Board, the following officers for 2010 were elected unanimously by acclamation:

Barbara Zoloth	President
Richard Lamberty	Vice-President
Kieren Jameson	Treasurer
Benjamin Soencksen	Secretary

The requirement of secret ballot was not applied, because each required position ended up with only one nomination. In addition, the Chair of the Membership Committee, Sonja Furiya, volunteered to continue serving in that position, which was in turn confirmed by the Board.

to C.3., 4., & 5.: Postponed

Due to time constraints, these agenda items have been postponed to some future meeting.

to C.6.:

Kieren Jameson, the new Member to the Board of Directors and elected Treasurer, designed prior to her position NASSPDA’s logo as well as furnished graphic elements for NASSPDA’s website. It was therefore proposed to add her skills to the “Webmaster” team, which she graciously accepted. It is hoped that this will help to address the need for more updated content and information on NASSPDA’s website.

to C.7.: All Appoved

In order to avoid potential new members having to join NASSPDA late in the year and pay their dues for the remainder of that year, just to be eligible to vote, it was agreed to

move the yearly election, starting with 2011, to the beginning of the year, with the voting to close no later than March 15th of each year.

Additionally, it was agreed to extend membership of those new members into the year 2010 who have joined and paid their dues at the end of 2009.

to C.8.a., b. & c.: Postponed

This agenda item will as well be part of the discussion and presentation of NASSPDA's Competition Rules, which has been assigned to "NASSPDA's Red Book Committee."

to C.9.a., b. & c.:

The Secretary volunteered to take on this task, which will take some time to accomplish.

to C.10.:

The question of location of the Annual Membership Meeting will be discussed with the organizers of the PLDC (see notes under B.6.a.III.), and the actual coordination and organization of the meeting will be tackled by a yet to be formed committee.

D. Schedule next Board meeting

The next conference call meeting is scheduled for February 7th, 2010, at 6:30 PM EST.

This meeting adjourned at approx. 8:05 PM EST.