

## **Meeting of NASSPDA Board on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

### **MINUTES:**

Conference call meeting started on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at ~3:05 PM EDT.

In attendance: Lee Fox (Treasurer), Sonja Furiya (Membership Chair), Pat Hogan (GLISA Representative & Communications Director; joined from ~3:09 to 4:37 PM EDT), Christopher Kelleher, Richard Lamberty (Vice-President), Benjamin Soencksen (Secretary & FGG Delegate) & Barbara Zoloth (President)

The agenda was posted on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010:

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

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

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

1. Rules and structure requirements for sanctioned competitions and authorized titles
  - a. Value statement re pro-am
  - b. What else is needed before we can publish?
  - c. What is the ETA for publishing these and requesting comments/feedback from members? From others?
2. Create a mechanism that allows Board to send emails to members and possibly also non-members -- update
3. Update on Membership renewal
4. Having Affiliate Memberships expire annually -- update
5. Communication with competition organizers:
  - a. Update on communications with Oakland competition.

#### **C. New Business**

1. Community meeting in Oakland, April 25, 2010, report and follow-up items
2. Website needs updating
  - a. Board membership (remove Kieren, add Christopher)
  - b. Event and meeting announcements and info
  - c. How to access documents and forms (e.g., competition results, application forms for sanctioning, etc.)
  - d. How to ensure timeliness of website contents going forward
3. "California Dreaming" next competition
4. Scholarship fund for new memberships
5. Update on coordination with FGG/ESSDA/GLISA
  - a. Dörte/ESSDA's requests for a meeting at the Gay Games discussing the possible formation of some world organization or alliance of all same-sex dancers
  - b. Dörte/ESSDA's request for our presence at a promotional table during the days of competition at the Hotel Maritim

#### **D. Schedule next Board meeting**

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

to A.1.: Approved: Notes of Community Meeting 100425

**to A.2.:** Approved: Minutes & Notes 100418

**to A.3.:**

Account balance at \$2,354.13. 6 new and/or renewing members.

## **B. Old Business**

**to B.1.:**

The “NASSPDA Competition Rules Committee” presented a revised draft to the Board for this meeting. Questions, concerns and edits by Board members were received prior to this meeting. It was decided to address at this meeting the main issues raised.

- “Background,” first page under “Introduction” Added
- “Table of Contents” Pages 2 & 3 Confirmed
- “Definition of Category” A.2.3. Confirmed & Added
- “Eligibility to Garner Title” A.3.6.3.-7. Confirmed
- “Pro-Am Couple Definition” A.2.6.2., “Eligibility to Garner Title” A.3.6.2. & “Value Statement” under “Participation of Pro-Am Couples” D.1.2.7. Altered
- “Separate Grading Requirement” D.2.1.4. & “Compliance Requirements for Authorized Titles” B.3. Undecided
- “Qualifications of Adjudicators/Judges” C.2.4.2.1.a. Altered
- “Judging Criteria” C.2.4.3. Altered
- “Distinction by Age” D.1.2.3. Confirmed
- “Distinction for Multi-Dance Graded Levels” D.1.2.5. Confirmed
- “Grading System” D.2.2.1. Added

**to B.2., 3., 4. & 5.:** Postponed

Due to the prolonged discussions of the presented current draft of “NASSPDA’s Competition Rules,” these agenda items had to be postponed.

## **C. New Business**

**to C.1.:**

See approved “Notes of Community Meeting 100425;” no further discussion.

**to C.2.:**

Measures have been taken to ensure the consistent update of NASSPDA’s website.

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

Due to the prolonged discussions of the presented current draft of “NASSPDA’s Competition Rules,” these agenda items had to be postponed.

**to C.5.:**

NASSPDA’s delegate to the FGG reported on an informational teleconference meeting of the Sports Committee, to which all leaders of city teams and sport groups that plan to participate in the upcoming Gay Games in Cologne were invited.

**to C.5.a.:**

ESSDA’s proposal for a meeting and possible formation of a world organization of all same-sex partner dancers at this year’s Gay Games was welcomed by all Board members, which had already been communicated to ESSDA.

**to C.5.b.:**

ESSDA’s proposal to share a promotional table during the days of competition at the Hotel Maritim in Cologne was also welcomed by the Board, and details were discussed.

## **D. Schedule next Board meeting**

The next conference call meeting is scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at 6:30 PM EDT.

This meeting adjourned at approx. 5:05 PM EDT.