

## **Meeting of NASSPDA Board on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010**

### **MINUTES:**

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010, at ~6:35 PM EDT.

In attendance: Lee Fox (Treasurer; joined at ~6:40 PM EDT), Sonja Furiya (Membership Chair), Pat Hogan (GLISA Representative & Communications Director), Christopher Kelleher, Richard Lamberty (Vice-President), Benjamin Soencksen (Secretary & FGG Delegate) & Barbara Zoloth (President)

The agenda was posted on August 14<sup>th</sup>, and a revised version again on August, 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010:

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

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

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

1. Update on a mechanism that allows Board to send emails to members and possibly also non-members
2. Update on Membership renewal
3. Communication with competition organizers
  - a. California Dreaming

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

1. Updates on website
  - a. Links to other organizations, events
  - b. Mechanism to add links to photos and videos from competitions
2. Information about Nings
3. Upcoming competitions
  - a. California Dreaming next competition
  - b. Proposal to make authorization of U.S. Championship to April Follies recurring
  - c. North American Outgames, Vancouver 2011
4. Update on coordination with FGG/ESSDA/GLISA
5. Report on Cologne 2010 Gay Games
  - a. ESSDA Annual General Meeting
  - b. Survey and Meeting re World Same-Sex Championship
    1. Action items for NASSPDA
    - c. Posting links to photos and videos on [nasspda.org](http://nasspda.org)
    - d. Other reports
6. 2014 Cleveland Gay Games
  - a. NASSPDA's role
  - b. Planning committee
7. 2011 Board Election
8. Membership solicitation email/brochure

#### **D. Schedule next Board meeting(s)**

## **A. Standing Items**

**to A.1.:** N/A

**to A.2.:** Approved: Minutes & Notes 100613

**to A.3.:** Account balance at \$2,456.66.

## **B. Old Business**

**to B.1.:**

It was decided to make the mechanism that allows sending e-mails directly from NASSPDA's website to members available to all Board members.

**to B.2.:**

The Membership Chair had no updates to report on membership issues. Affiliate Memberships will start to expire on a yearly basis and will have to be renewed starting with next year.

**to B.3.a.:**

Whether "California Dreaming" will take place this year in Los Angeles hasn't so far been confirm.

## **C. New Business**

**to C.1.a.:** Approved

NASSPDA's website doesn't as of yet feature links to other websites, therefore the following steps were agreed upon:

- I. Create a static page on NASSPDA's website, which will feature NASSPDA approved links.
- II. Share a proposed list with all Board members for comments, selection and recommendations.
- III. Establish poll on those selections and recommendations.
- IV. Post Board approved links on newly created "link webpage."

Links to the FGG and NAGLISA, since NASSPDA is now affiliated, as well as a link to the NA Outgames 2011 in Vancouver are already approved.

**to C.1.b.:**

In order to include posting of video and/or a link to video footage, more research will have to be done in finding some kind of "sample mechanism." However, a public photo gallery to be viewed by all will be implemented immediately, so that anyone could post their photos of recent events, such as the Outgames 2009 in Copenhagen and the Gay Games 2010 in Cologne. Those postings will be monitored, in order to avoid misuse of this feature.

**to C.2.:**

Since updating the current website has made tremendous progress and other projects are in the works, the Board decided to not revisit this issue.

**to C.3.a.:**

(see agenda item B.3.a. above)

**to C.3.b.:** Tabled

The conclusion after some discussion was that this issue shall be decided from year to year anew.

**to C.3.c.:**

The dance competition portion of the NA Outgames 2011 in Vancouver has been authorized to hold NASSPDA's Annual Championships as well as NASSPDA's

Canadian Championships. The event will take place in the last week of July 2011, and registration is planned to open sometime in September of this year.

**to C.4.:**

The President and Vice-President of NASSPDA attended in Cologne the Annual General Meeting of ESSDA, and presented notes along with the agenda for this meeting. Since there was no mention of the previously by ESSDA and NASSPDA formed and currently defunct joined "Red Book Committee," it was decided to request the nomination of new delegates to this committee. The final version of the FGG's "Red Book" will be given to the organizers in Cleveland by the end of this year. If ESSDA is not responsive in this matter, the Board agreed that it will have no other choice but to move forward without the cooperation of ESSDA.

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

(see agenda item C.4. above)

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

ESSDA and NASSPDA initiated during the Gay Games 2010 in Cologne through a survey and a meeting the formation of a same-sex dance organization. Richard Lamberty and Dave Brocatus were nominated by their respective organizations to formulate the first proclamation of the forming of such an organization. This proclamation will be shared with known same-sex dance organizations and individuals, who have yet to form any kind of organization, such as in Australia, and shall start this formation.

**to C.5.c.:**

(see agenda item B.1.b. above)

**to C.5.d.:**

Since 3 Board members participated at the Gay Games in Cologne, two competing and one judging, some observations had been made. These observations might have an impact on the final draft of NASSPDA's proposed competition rules, and will therefore be formulated and presented at the next upcoming Board meeting. It was further observed that competitors from North America "made a good showing at the Games."

**to C.6.a. & b.:**

NASSPDA feels it is necessary to play a dominant role in the organization of "Dancesport" or "Dancing" at these Games, and will work towards that goal.

**to C.7.:**

The term of 4 members serving on the Board will end at the end of this year. But all agreed to be up for re-election. Therefore an "Election Committee" was formed. The deadline of the voting to close will be no later than March 15<sup>th</sup> of the following year.

**to C.8.:**

The Membership Chair noticed that many participants in same-sex dance competitions are not registered members with NASSPDA, or have failed to renew, in particular some of the more higher ranked competitors. Personal contact and possible discount for competition entry were considered as remedies.

**D. Schedule next Board meeting**

The next conference call meeting is scheduled for Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at 6:30 PM EDT. This meeting adjourned at approx. 8:15 PM EDT.