

## **Meeting of NASSPDA Board on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

### **MINUTES:**

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at ~7:04 PM EDT.  
In attendance: Lee Fox (Treasurer; joined ~7:05PM 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 October 11<sup>th</sup>, and revised again on October, 16<sup>th</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 to allow Board members to send emails from [nasspda.org](http://nasspda.org)
2. Final Board approval of NASSPDA competition rules

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

1. Membership growth initiatives
  - a. Possible messages to send to members/non-members/Facebook fans
    1. When new events are posted on website
    2. When new website capabilities become available
    3. Finalization of/changes in competition rules
  - b. Consider asking comp organizers to offer discount to NASSPDA members
2. 2011 Board Election schedule and plans
3. Updates on website
  - a. Additional links to other organizations, events
  - b. Mechanism to add links to photos and videos from competitions
  - c. How to post notice of same-sex competitions that are held outside of North America
4. Upcoming competitions
  - a. Sacramento, January 16, 2011
  - b. Philadelphia, March ??, 2011
  - c. April Follies, April 30, 2011
  - d. North American Outgames July 28-29, 2011
  - e. California Dreaming 2011
5. Update on coordination with FGG/ESSDA/GLISA/IFSSDA
  - a. IFSSDA statement of intent
6. 2014 Cleveland Gay Games
  - a. NASSPDA's role
    - a. b. Planning committee

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

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

to A.1.: N/A

to A.2.: Approved: Minutes & Notes 101017

**to A.3.:** Account balance unchanged at \$2,492.66

**B. Old Business**

**to B.1.:** Unchanged

**to B.2.:** Approved

With the additions to the “Glossary of Definitions,” defining “heat” and “round,” adding a definition for and the requirement of “revolving heats,” and the substitution of the term “competition” with the term “category,” as defined in the “Glossary of Definitions,” in the first sentence of Section B, Rule 4.1, Point 4., the Board has in principle unanimously approved NASSPDA’s Competition Rules, which will be published and in effect starting with the year 2011 as soon as these changes have been finalized and implemented.

**C. New Business**

**to C.1. (all):**

Quite a few competitors and/or activists within the same-sex dance community are currently not members with NASSPDA, even though some used to be. Since it is deemed important that those individuals are kept as active members, it was suggested to seek direct contact. Since the community at large asked for the formation of this organization to establish an overall standard for same-sex dance competition, it seems only fair to ask that community in return for its continued support. In addition, a reminder to all current active members shall be send out for membership renewal, and the organizers of “April Follies” will be asked to consider a discounted entry fee for NASSPDA members.

**to C.2.:**

The “Election Committee” reviewed all necessary material for the upcoming Board election, and a timeline will be presented by the November meeting. It is also planned to form a consulting group of former election committee members.

**to C.3. (all):**

NASSPDA’s website features now a “links” page, a mechanism to post a gallery of photos, which though does not yet allows “shared galleries,” and organizers of events held outside of North America may now post their event under “Other Countries.”

**to C.4. (all):**

The Board’s liaisons to upcoming competitions had nothing to report at this time.

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

A statement of intent to form IFSSDA (International Federation of Same-Sex Dance Associations) had been presented to the Board for review, which will be published to the community at large by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. The Board approved unanimously this declaration as long as “gender identity” shall be included. Aside from ESSDA and individuals in Australia, IAGLCWDC has been part of this discussion, which is why it was suggested to possible contact and include the community of gay Square Dancing.

**to C.5.:**

The forming of the “Red Book Committee” has finally been achieved, and rules as to how this committee shall function and achieve results shall be established.

**to C.6. (all):**

Due to time constraints this agenda item had not been discussed.

**D. Schedule next Board meeting**

The next conference call meeting is scheduled for November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 7:00 PM EDT. This meeting adjourned at approx. 8:30 PM EDT.