

Meeting of NASSPDA Board on December 12th, 2010

MINUTES:

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, December 12th, 2010, at ~6:34 PM EST.

In attendance: Lee Fox (Treasurer), Sonja Furiya (Membership Chair), Christopher Kelleher, Benjamin Soencksen (Secretary & FGG Delegate) & Barbara Zoloth (President)

Apologies: Richard Lamberty (Vice-President) & Pat Hogan (GLISA Representative & Communications Director)

The agenda was posted on December 6th:

A. Standing Items

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

B. Old Business

1. Report on competition discount for 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. What to do with former Board members info
 - d. Creating a page listing of North American competitions
4. Update on distribution of competition rules
5. Update on membership initiatives
 - a. Sending e-mails regarding competition rules
 - b. Approving banner to display at sanctioned competitions, and maximum expenditure contingent on approval of banner design
 - c. Creating brochure to distribute at competitions
 - d. Other communications with members

C. New Business

1. Competition rules items
 - a. What events does NASSPDA want to require be offered by sanctioned competitions? Does this vary by level of championship (regional, state, national)?
2. Updates on 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
3. Update on coordination with FGG/ESSDA/GLISA/International Federation of Same-Sex Dance Associations (IFSSDA)
 - a. IFSSDA statement of intent
4. 2014 Cleveland Gay Games
 - a. NASSPDA's role

b. Planning committee

D. Schedule next Board meeting(s)

A. Standing Items

to A.1.: N/A

to A.2.: Approved: Minutes & Notes 101114

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

B. Old Business

to B.1.:

The proposal of NASSPDA's Board to the organizers of "April Follies" regarding a discount to NASSPDA members is expected to be answered favorably.

to B.2.:

Preparations of the Election Committee for the upcoming Board election are continuing and are on schedule.

to B.3.a.:

A process for updating the "Links" page of NASSPDA's website has been established.

to B.3.b.:

The mechanism that would allow for posting photos and links to videos for one event by multiple contributors is still in process. However, members can post a gallery of their photos at any time already.

to B.3.c.:

Former Board members should be listed on NASSPDA's website in honor of their service to the community. This will be done along with posting a timeline and history of NASSPDA and "gay dancing" in general.

to B.3.a.:

After having changed the current mechanism and the functionality of the current "Events" page, that page shall display 3 different categories of events, which will be continuously researched by NASSPDA: 1) NASSPDA sanctioned competitions, 2) Non-sanctioned competitions, and 3) Competitions outside of North America (possibly just as a link to ESSDA's website).

to B.4.:

It seemed that aside from the organizers of the Philadelphia Liberty Dance Challenge (PLDC) all other organizers of NASSPDA sanctioned competitions had received directly through their Board liaison a copy of the new competition rules. PLDC organizers had just recently been able to confirm that PLDC will take place on March 26th, 2011.

to B.5.a.:

see above "to B.4."

to B.5.b.: Approved

The design for a vinyl banner to be displayed at NASSPDA sanctioned competitions found unanimous approval, as well as the expected production expense of up to \$150.

to B.5.c.:

The design for a brochure, advertising NASSPDA and available at events, is almost finished. More photos of male couples are desired, but the selection of available digital material is limited. Additionally, it was concluded to include the snail mail application form.

to B.5.d.:

Continued communication to NASSPDA's members is important, even though the recent publishing of the draft of the new competition rules for comments didn't receive any response. Therefore, publishing a newsletter on a regular basis is desirable, but it was unclear at this point whether any progress in this direction had been made.

C. New Business

to C.1.:

The following outlines a requirement of offered categories for NASSPDA authorized titled events, which will be added to the competition rules:

- **North American Championships –**
 1. Women's & Men's Int'l Latin & Standard Graded Multi-Dance Categories
 2. Women's & Men's 10-Dance Categories
 3. Formation Team Category (minimum of 3 entries rule not applicable)
 4. Showdance Category
- **National Championships –** as North American Championships plus
 1. US only: Women's & Men's Am. Rhythm & Smooth Graded Multi-Dance Categories
 2. US only: Women's & Men's Am. 9-Dance Categories
- **Regional, State & Province Championships –**
 1. Women's & Men's Int'l Latin & Standard Graded Multi-Dance Categories

New language to this effect will be formulated, and the Board will decide on a preferred procedure to implement changes to its competition rules.

to C.2.a.:

Dancing in the River City (California State Championships), held in Sacramento on January 16th, 2011, seems to be on track.

to C.2.b.:

Philadelphia Liberty Dance Challenge (Philadelphia State Championships), held on March 26th, 2011, is now confirmed (see "to B.4").

to C.2.c.:

April Follies (first US National Championships), held in Oakland on April 30, 2011, seems to be on track (also see "to B.1").

to C.2.d.:

The DanceSport competition at the North American Outgames (North American Championships), held in Vancouver on July 28th to 29th, 2011, seems to be on track.

to C.2.e.:

Since California Dreaming did not take place this year and no further communication from the former organizers has been received, it is unclear whether California Dreaming will take place in 2011.

to C.3.a.:

The statement of intent by NASSPDA and ESSDA still needs to be changed to include IAGLCWDC, since that organization consented to be part of this move. The set deadline for publishing the statement is January 1st, 2011.

to C.3.:

The Red Book Committee working on the FGG's Minimum Standards and Expanded Minimum Standards for DanceSport reports progress. A completed draft is currently still under discussion.

The FGG runs currently an election to select members to a joined committee of the FGG and GLISA working out details for the proposed joined event in 2018. This election has produced many candidates, and emotions seem to run high.

D. Schedule next Board meeting

The next conference call meeting has already been scheduled via e-mail consent through the Board's Yahoo group and set-up for January 30th, 2010, at 6:30 PM EST.

This meeting adjourned at approx. 8:10 PM EST.