

## **Meeting of NASSPDA Board on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

### **MINUTES:**

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at ~6:35 PM EST.

In attendance: Lee Fox (Treasurer; joined ~6:37 PM EST), 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 January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011, and sub-topics to agenda item C.2.c. were added on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011:

### **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. Mechanism to add links to photos and videos from specific competitions: location for posting photos by event not yet created
  - b. Update on separate page for listing past Board members
  - c. Update on creating and posting timeline of NASSPDA history and history of same-sex ballroom
  - d. Update on changing Events page to display 3 different categories of events, which would 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). Who will be responsible for researching and maintaining?
4. Update on membership initiatives
  - a. Creating banner to display at sanctioned competitions—completed (2 of them) and displayed at Sacramento comp
  - b. Creating brochure to distribute at competitions—completed and displayed/distributed at Sacramento comp
  - c. Possible newsletter to members

### **C. New Business**

1. Competition rules items
  - a. How to implement rule changes going forward
2. Updates on upcoming competitions
  - a. Sacramento, January 16, 2011 - report
  - b. Philadelphia, March 26, 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. IFFSSDA statement of intent
- 4. 2014 Cleveland Gay Games
  - a. Red Book Committee report
  - b. NASSPDA's role
  - c. Planning committee

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

**A. Standing Items**

**to A.1.: All Approved**

- A.** Expense of approximately \$120 for the purchase of two NASSPDA banners to be displayed at NASSPDA sanctioned competitions;
- B.** A to be determined number of amendments to NASSPDA's Competition Rules shall be collected before issuing a newly revised version;
- C.** 1st Amendment to NASSPDA's Competition Rules related to which categories are required at which title authorized NASSPDA competitions.

**to A.2.: Approved**

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**to A.3.:**

The Treasurer reports the starting balance of NASSPDA's account at the beginning of the year at \$2,492.56, and at the time of this meeting at \$3,085.80.

**B. Old Business**

**to B.1.:**

NASSPDA's proposal for a \$10 discount to NASSPDA members at "April Follies" has been accepted and will be implemented.

**to B.2.:**

The first announcement of the upcoming elections will go out on Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011, soliciting nominations in addition to the Board members that are running for re-election. The nomination deadline is set for February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011. In view of the upcoming election, all Board will rework and update their bio.

**to B.3.:**

Canadian provinces are added as a selection in the registration process on NASSPDA's website.

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

An extension of the photo gallery function will be added, so that members can share photos and links to videos of one event they all attended.

**to B.3.b.:**

Former Board members will be listed separately by name, term period served, position held, location (state, province, etc.) represented and with a photo on NASSPDA's website.

**to B.3.c.:**

A timeline and history of NASSPDA along with the timeline and history of "gay dancing" in general for posting on NASSPDA's website has not yet been produced.

**to B.3.d.:**

Currently, the event page sorts competitions by 3 regions, "United States," "Canada," and "Other Countries," and indicates sanctioning by NASSPDA. Future competitions will be displayed in the order of "immediately upcoming to further away in the future," and past competitions in the order of "most recent to oldest dates," and this list will be updated and monitored by NASSPDA.

**to B.4.a.:**

NASSPDA's banner (design by Kieren Jameson) was displayed on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011, in Sacramento at "Dancing in the River City," which will be followed by the "Philadelphia Liberty dance Challenge" on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

**to B.4.b.:**

A promotional brochure of NASSPDA (design by Sonja Furiya) was distributed at the competition in Sacramento, which will be followed by distribution in Philadelphia.

**to B.4.c.:**

The request during last year's membership meetings for better communication by NASSPDA created the idea of an e-mail newsletter. The desired frequency and content is not yet determined, but for starters a list of topics will be compiled.

**C. New Business**

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

The number of amendments to NASSPDA's Competition Rules, which would trigger a new version, will be assessed as these are formulated, since the importance of the contents, the range of alteration to the existing rules and/or length of such amendment(s) should be considered. NASSPDA's website will only display any current versions of the rules and its amendments.

**to C.2.a.:**

"Dancing in the River City," a competition that took place on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011, in Sacramento, which hosted this year's California State Championships, ran smoothly and was attended by approx. 60 participants. Scores are posted on NASSPDA's website.

**to C.2.b.:**

The organizers of the "Philadelphia Liberty Dance Challenge," which will take place on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011, and hosts the Pennsylvania State Championships, and NASSPDA are working together on ensuring compliance with NASSPDA's Competition Rules.

**to C.2.c.:**

Following "April Follies," this year's first US National Championships held in Oakland, CA, on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011, NASSPDA will host a Community Meeting on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

**to C.2.d.:**

The competition at the North American Outgames, this year's NASSPDA's Annual Championships held in Vancouver on July 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011, will in accordance to NASSPDA's by-laws also host NASSPDA's General Membership Meeting for 2011.

**to C.2.e.:**

It remains unclear whether "California Dreaming," a competition usually held in the fall each year in San Francisco, will take place this year after having taken a hiatus last year.

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

ESSDA, IAGLCWDC and NASSPDA published its joined "letter of intent," announcing the formation of IFSSDA (International Federation of Same-Sex Dance Associations; [www.ifssda.org](http://www.ifssda.org)). The next proposed steps are to formulate a constitution, by-laws and establish a licensing process for judges, which has been identified, based on developments in the mainstream dance world, as an issue of immediate importance.

**to C.4.a., b. & c.: Postponed**

However, it was noted that the Red Book Committee has time sensitive news, which the Secretary will share with the Board via its yahoo group shortly after this meeting.

**D. Schedule next Board meeting**

The next conference call meeting has been scheduled for March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at 6:30 PM EST. This meeting adjourned at approx. 8:10 PM