

Meeting of NASSPDA Board on March 6th, 2011

MINUTES:

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, March 6th, 2011, at ~6:32 PM EST.

In attendance: Lee Fox (Treasurer), Sonja Furiya (Membership Chair), Pat Hogan (GLISA Representative & Communications Director; joined ~6:35 PM EST), Christopher Kelleher, Richard Lamberty (Vice-President), Benjamin Soencksen (Secretary & FGG Delegate) & Barbara Zoloth (President)

The agenda was initially posted by the President on February 27th, revised on March 2nd, and revised again on March 3rd, 2011:

A. Standing Items

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

B. Old Business

1. 2011 Board Election progress
2. Update on coordination with FGG/ESSDA/GLISA/International Federation of Same-Sex Dance Associations (IFSSDA)
 - a. IFFSSDA statement of intent
3. 2014 Cleveland Gay Games
 - a. News from FGG and organizers of Cleveland 2014
 - b. NASSPDA's role
 - c. [Planning committee](#)
4. 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
5. Update on membership initiatives
 - a. Communicating what NASSPDA is doing to members and potential members
 - b. Update on Newsletter to members to be sent prior to April Follies
 - c. Agenda for [May 1](#) community meeting in [Oakland](#)
6. Updates on upcoming competitions
 - a. Philadelphia, [March 26, 2011](#)
 - b. April Follies, [April 30, 2011](#)
 - c. North American Outgames [July 28-29, 2011](#)
 1. Scheduling NASSPDA annual membership meeting
 - d. California Dreaming 2011—not happening

C. New Business

1. Update on communication with NDCA re their policies
2. Continued discussion of NASSPDA strategy with respect to NDCA
3. Add to NASSPDA policies:
 - a. NASSPDA's official language is English

- b. Eligibility to run for the NASSPDA Board includes an active individual membership in NASSPDA

D. Schedule next Board meeting(s)

A. Standing Items

to A.1.: Approved

2nd Draft of Notes of Special Meeting 110227

to A.2.: Approved

2nd Draft of Minutes & Notes 110130

to A.3.:

The Treasurer reports the starting balance of NASSPDA's account at \$3692.43 as of March 2nd, 2011, and the Membership Chair reported as of this meeting 14 new individual memberships, 23 renewed, 2 team memberships, and 4 organizational memberships. It seems evident that some registrations have been prompted by the NASSPDA members' discount at "April Follies" and by increasing the community's awareness of some of the issues NASSPDA is tackling.

Registration has been changed, so that the payee is now prompted to name the person, who is the recipient of the purchased membership.

B. Old Business

to B.1.:

Voting ballots went out to all members on March 4th, 2011. Voting will end by March 18th, and the results shall be published shortly thereafter. The elected new Board members will start their two-year term on April 1st, 2011.

to B.2.:

The Expanded Minimum Standard for Dancesport, which is part of the Red Book, has been finalized and submitted to the Sports Committee of the FGG. The deadline for presenting the organizers of the Gay Games 2014 in Cleveland with a finalized version of the Red Book had been set for June 2011, which will then set the parameters for each sport.

to B.2.a.:

The website for IFSSDA is set-up (www.ifssda.org). The Delegate of NASSPDA to the forming committee of IFSSDA, who has elected not to renew his term on NASSPDA's Board of Directors, shall be the Delegate of NASSPDA to IFSSDA, once the formation of IFSSDA has been finalized.

to B.3.a., b. & c.:

The Sports Committee of the FGG seeks to identify one person for each sport as a liaison to the organizing team of the Gay Games 2014. The NASSPDA Delegate has volunteered to take on that task. This will ensure that NASSPDA, and in the long run IFSSDA, will gain leverage with the organizers of the Gay Games in Cleveland for Dancesport.

to B.4.a.:

Creating a location for posting photos and links to videos by event on NASSPDA's website proves to be tricky, but has come closer to a solution.

to B.4.b.:

A separate page that lists past Board members is being created.

to B.4.c.:

Creating and posting a timeline of NASSPDA's history and the history of same-sex partner dancing has made some progress.

to B.5.:

The step of linking back from Google Checkout to NASSPDA's website, which is an important step to finalize registration, needs to have greater the visibility, which will be addressed.

to B.5.a. & b.:

NASSPDA's first E-News is scheduled to be published prior to this year's "April Follies."

to B.5.c.:

A community meeting hosted by NASSPDA will follow "April Follies" on Sunday, May 1st, 2011, at 10:00 AM, at a location still to be determined, and with the following agenda:

1. Report on NASSPDA's achievements, projects still in progress, and future plans
2. Feedback from Attendees
3. Promotion of Social Dancing by NASSPDA (Volunteers for "Dance Camp Committee")

to B.6.a.:

The "Philadelphia Liberty Dance Challenge" takes place on March 26th, 2011, hosts the Pennsylvania State Championships, and all required changes on the event's web page to be in alignment with NASSPDA's rules have been implemented.

to B.6.b.:

"April Follies," this year's first US National Championships held in Oakland, CA, on April 30th, 2011, had some problems with NDCA registered judges, which seems to be resolved.

to B.6.c.:

The North America Outgames in Vancouver on July 28th & 29th, 2011, hosts this year's NASSPDA's Annual Championships, and extended its "early bird" registration fee of CA\$75 to April 24th, 2011.

to B.6.c.1.:

NASSPDA's General Membership Meeting shall take place on Saturday, July 30th, 2011, in the morning at a to be determined location in Vancouver, Canada.

to B.6.d.:

"California Dreaming," a popular competition in the fall in San Francisco, won't take place.

C. New Business

to C.1.:

(see Notes of Special Meeting 110227).

The President and the Treasurer have a conference call scheduled for this Monday with the National Center for Lesbian Rights to discuss the legal implications of this matter.

to C.2.:

The issues with the NDCA focus on the rule change for registered NDCA officials and on the existing rule of the definition of a couple (see Notes of Special Meeting 110227). The Board decided to approach each concern consecutively.

to C.3.: Approved

Two new policies shall be added:

1. Official language used among NASSPDA's members is English.
2. A candidate running for a Board position has to be a member of NASSPDA.

D. Schedule next Board meeting

The next conference call meeting has been scheduled for April 3rd, 2011, at 6:30 PM EDT.

This meeting adjourned at approx. 7:55 PM EST.