

Meeting of NASSPDA Board on May 7th, 2011

MINUTES:

Conference call meeting started on Saturday, May 7th, 2011, at ~6:32 PM EDT.

In attendance: Lee Fox (Treasurer), Sonja Furiya (Membership Chair), Pat Hogan (GLISA Representative & Communications Director), Christopher Kelleher (Vice-President), Benjamin Soencksen (Secretary & FGG Delegate) & Barbara Zoloth (President)

Apologies: Luc Richer (resigned)

The President initially posted the following agenda on May 2nd, 2011, and reposted a revised version on May 7th, 2011:

A. Standing Items

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

B. Old Business

1. Proposed changes in NASSPDA Competition Rules and Board Policies—remaining questions (committee Barbara, Benjamin, Sonja to work on it this summer)
 - a. Purpose of “Supplemental Rules”
 - b. Definition of quorum and “super majority”
 - c. Committee to review and “rationalize” policy and procedure documents
2. Update on coordination with FGG/ESSDA/GLISA/International Federation of Same-Sex Dance Associations (IFSSDA)
 - a. IFSSDA statement of intent
 - b. Oct 23-25 Toronto FGG meeting—is someone from NASSPDA going?
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.
 - d. How to stay in touch with webmaster
5. Update on membership initiatives
 - a. Newsletter report
 - b. Newsletter corrections process
6. Update on plans for NASSPDA Annual Meeting, Vancouver, July 30, 2011
7. Updates on upcoming competitions
 - a. April Follies, April 30, 2011 -- report on event; impact of registration discount (48 NASSPDA members registered as individual competitors for April Follies 2011)

- b. La Fiesta de Montreal, May 28, 2011
 - c. North America Outgames July 28-29, 2011
 - d. Dancing in the River City, January 15, 2012
8. Update on conversations re NDCA's restrictions on judges and scrutineers

C. New Business

- 1. Filling empty Board position
- 2. Defining qualifications for judges (committee Lee, Benjamin, Luc, Citabria).
Chair?
- 3. Report on community meeting following April Follies
 - a. Dance Camp committee--need Board liaison
 - b. Queer Youth Outreach committee—need Board liaison
- 4. Review of forwarding Board email addresses. Put “contact us” info on the website? Who will be the contact person?
- 5. Request from Dancing in the River City to host either the USA or the North American championships in 2012
- 6. NASSPDA ad in same-sex competition/event programs
 - a. Reimburse Chris for April Follies ad
 - b. Policy to purchase ads in future sanctioned competition programs
- 7. Boston “gaythering” proposal from Chris
- 8. Enforcing membership requirements for garnering NA and national titles

D. Schedule next Board meeting(s)

A. Standing Items

to A.1.: N/A

to A.2.: Approved

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to A.3.:

The Treasurer reported NASSPDA's account balance at the time of this meeting as \$4,586.14.

B. Old Business

to B.1.a., b. & c.:

All this year's amendments to NASSPDA's Competition Rules have been posted on its website, and there are currently no other amendments considered.

The document, called “Policies & Procedures” and containing excerpts of NASSPDA's by-laws as well as what is usually referred to as “Supplemental Rules,” which governs the Board, will be reviewed and presented to the Board by a already formed Board committee.

to B.2.a.:

No further progress on defining the structure of IFSSDA has been reported.

to B.2.b.:

An agenda for the FGG's annual General Meeting in October has not yet been posted, which will determine the importance of a delegate of NASSPDA attending this meeting in Toronto.

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

The Sports Committee of the FGG has officially confirmed receipt of and posted for its members to review the revised “Expanded Minimum Standards” for DanceSport by

NASSPDA's & ESSDA's joined "Red Book Committee." This will now insure the involvement of NASSPDA in forming and controlling "DanceSport" at the Gay Games 2014 in Cleveland/Akron. However, local involvement in the organization of the competition will be absolutely necessary, which was also discussed at the Community Meeting that was held on the following day after "April Follies 2011" (see "Notes of Community Meeting 110501").

to B.4.a., b., c. & d.:

(see notes under "to B.2.a.")

to B.5.a.:

NASSPDA's first e-newsletter had been distributed to members and non-members through ConstantContact, which was viewed by 89 people, generated no "opt-outs" or "spam" reports, and will be published approx. every other month.

to B.5.b.:

Corrections will be posted in each following "E-News."

to B.6.:

NASSPDA's annual General Membership Meeting will take place after the two days of competitions during the North American Outgames on Saturday July 30th, 2011, at the "Wall Center" in Vancouver, which is the hotel that will also host during those games the Human Rights Conference. The meeting is scheduled from 11:00 AM until 12:30 PM PDT, and it is planned to provide coffee and something to eat. Details of the meeting and location will be posted on NASSPDA's website.

to B.7.a.:

"April Follies 2011" was a very successful event (see also "Notes of Community Meeting 110501"). This competition was the first time that NASSPDA worked out a discount for its members for their registration fees, which is carried equally by NASSPDA and BASSDA. 48 NASSPDA members took advantage of this discount. This contributed to an increase in the overall number of individual memberships of NASSPDA for this year.

to B.7.b.:

"La Fiesta de Montreal" held on May 28th, 2011, has currently no liaison assign by the Board.

to B.7.c.:

The pages for DanceSport on the website of the North America Outgames 2011, held in Vancouver from July 28 to 29th, 2011, have been corrected to be in alignment with NASSPDA's Competition Rules. Entries are starting to come in, and so far already approx. 30 couples are registered -- more are expected. A promotional code to receive a discounts for team registration will be available for a limited time, which will be publicized as soon as the details are known.

to B.7.d.: Approved

"Dancing in the River," held in Sacramento, CA, on January 15th, 2012, has been authorized to host the 2012 Annual NASSPDA Championships.

to B.8.:

NASSPDA's request to the NDCA to formulize in writing its verbally agreed upon exception for NASSPDA sanctioned competition related to the participation of its registered officials has not yet shown results, since the next meeting, at which a consensus amongst the Board of the NDCA could be reached, will not be until sometime in the summer.

C. New Business

to C.1.:

One member of NASSPDA's newly elected Board of Directors has resigned just before this meeting. Luc Richer regrets to take this step, but his work schedule has gotten increasingly demanding, which leaves little room to volunteer his time to NASSPDA's mission.

The Board discussed the necessary steps to implement this resignation and to find a new candidate. If the past election's nomination process would have produced more candidates than had been elected, the next not-elected candidate with the most votes would be in line for this position. However, in the absence of this instance, the Board is in the position, according to the by-laws, to appoint any current member to finish the term of the resigning director, or to leave the position vacant. The Board though would like to see this position to be possibly filled by a candidate that can represent the same geographic area as the resigning director, who, it was decided, will be asked to make a recommendation.

to C.2.:

Due to time constraints, "Judges Committee" won't start its work until the summer.

to C.3.a. & b.:

During a community meeting following "April Follies 2011," 2 non-Board committees have formed (see "Notes of Community Meeting 110501"). The Membership Chair volunteered as liaison to the "Dance Camp Committee" and the Treasurer to the "Queer Youth Outreach Committee."

to C.4.:

E-mail addresses to reach NASSPDA shall be accessible on the home page of its website.

to C.5.:

NASSPDA's US Championships will still have to be authorized for 2012. It was proposed to keep this title with "April Follies," but that would create an exception to NASSPDA's Competition Rules (see above). Therefore, further discussion and research is needed.

to C.6.a.: Approved

The Vice-President placed and paid out of his own pocket for an ad for NASSPDA in this year's "April Follies" program. The Board voted unanimously to reimburse the cost of that ad.

to C.6.b.:

Consequently, it was decided to look also into advertising at the next upcoming event of IAGLCWDC and the North America Outgames.

to C.7.:

NASSPDA will look into taking on a more active role in initiating, promoting and/or offering tools for an exchange of information within locally based same-sex dance communities.

to C.8.:

The Membership Chair will furnish organizers that host the annual North American and National Championships just prior to such an event an up-to-date membership list.

D. Schedule next Board meeting

The next meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, June 19th, 2011, at 6:30 PM EDT. This meeting adjourned at approx. 7:55 PM EDT.