

## **Meeting of NASSPDA Board on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011**

### **MINUTES:**

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011, at ~4:04 PM EDT.

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

Apologies: Pat Hogan (GLISA Representative & Communications Director)

The President posted the following agenda on October 18<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. Proposed changes in NASSPDA Board Policies and Procedures —remaining questions
  - a. Definition of quorum and “super majority”
  - b. Committee to review and “rationalize” policy and procedure documents
2. Committee to create application process and criteria for judges
3. Coordination with other organizations
  - a. Gay Games 2014: FGG/ESSDA/GLISA
    - i. Report on searching for local organizers (Report on contact with Cleveland organizers)
  - b. IFSSDA
4. Website
  - a. Mechanism to add links to photos and videos from specific competitions: location for posting photos by event not yet created
  - b. Separate page for former Board members
  - c. Separate page for competition rules
  - d. Update on creating and posting timeline of NASSPDA history and history of same-sex ballroom
  - e. Donate button
5. Membership initiatives
  - a. Newsletter report
  - b. Membership renewal, including possibility of renewing and/or joining for 2012 early so that discount for Sacramento competitors (registration closes 1/3/12) can be effectively processed
6. Competition Rules
  - a. New language clearly defining category and prohibiting dancing with more than one partner in any one category of a competition.
  - b. Report on offering \$5/competitor discount compensation for active NASSPDA members.
7. Upcoming/recent competitions (including placement of NASSPDA ads)
  - a. Ava Kaye’s competition in SF Bay Area, Nov 12, 2011

- b. Dancing in the River City (DITRC), January 15, 2012, North American Championships
  - c. Philadelphia Liberty Dance Challenge (PLDC), March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012, United States Championships
  - d. April Follies, April 28, 2012, California Championship
  - e. Ordering additional NASSPDA medals: Same design? How many to order? Possibility of ordering additional white/green ribbons?
8. Non-Board committees
- a. Dance Camp committee
  - b. Queer Youth Outreach committee
9. Social Dancing: New e-mail address created ([socialdance@nasspda.org](mailto:socialdance@nasspda.org)). How to let dance organizers know? Listing all events?

**C. New Business**

- 1. New same-sex dance competition event in LA on Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011

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

**A. Standing Items**

to A.1.: N/A

to A.2.: Approved

2nd Draft of Minutes & Notes 110918 (previous Board meeting)

to A.3.:

NASSPDA's account balance at the time of this meeting: \$4,314.05

**B. Old Business**

to B.1.a. & b.: Postponed

to B.2.:

An application form for judges, who seek approval to judge at a NASSPDA sanctioned event, has been drafted and presented to the committee for review.

to B.3.a.:

Prior to this weekend's FGG's annual meeting, many appeals regarding the planned joined event of the FGG and GLISA in 2018 had been posted by FGG members expressing strong feelings towards ensuring the continuation of the brand and mission of "Gay Games."

to B.3.a.1.:

Initial contact via e-mail with the organizers in Cleveland of the 9<sup>th</sup> Gay Games in 2014 has been made, but apparently the organization is still in its beginning stages.

to B.3.b.:

A meeting between two representatives of ESSDA and NASSPDA's Delegate to IFSSDA took place at the beginning of October in Brussels, which resulted into a first draft of IFSSDA's constitution. After ratification by ESSDA, IAGLCWDC and NASSPDA, the document shall be filed with the appropriate authorities in Great Britain.

to B.4.a. - e.: Postponed

However, the renewal process for membership has been updated, so that membership with NASSPDA can now be renewed prior to expiration.

to B.5.a.:

NASSPDA's eNewsletter had been sent out on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011, to about 294 recipients, and by the time of this meeting 37% had opened and assumably read it.

The next eNewsletter will be published in mid-December, and will include an announcement for the 2012 Annual Membership Meeting taking place in conjunction with the North American Championships, held on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012, in Sacramento.

**to B.5.b.:** (see also “to B.4.a.-e.”)

Since DITRC offers a discount for members of NASSPDA at registration, as was done at April Follies this year, members shall be informed through the organizers of DITRC as well as NASSPDA (through eNewsletter for example). Organizers of authorized titled and sanctioned events will also be asked to encourage participants to familiarize themselves with the rules of eligibility, in particular, and with the entirety of NASSPDA’s Competition Rules, in general.

**to B.6.a.:** Approved

A 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment to NASSPDA’s Competition Rules, Version 101114, has been approved, and a new version of NASSPDA’s Competition Rules shall be issued. Questions regarding NASSPDA’s gender policy were raised, but after careful consideration, it was decided not to revise the policy, since the cited possible scenarios have never occurred, and NASSPDA’s rules allow for the head judge to make ad-hoc decisions.

**to B.6.b.:** (see also “to B.5.b.”)

DITRC has accepted NASSPDA’s request to offer a discount to its members. It is the intention to request all organizers of NASSPDA sanctioned competitions to offer this discount.

**to B.7.a.:**

Aside from “The Quake,” the “Holiday Ball,” another mainstream event, offers same-sex dance categories on December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Both events shall be listed on NASSPDA’s website (already in eNewsletter) as non-sanctioned events, which means they might not follow NASSPDA rules.

**to B.7.b.:**

DIRTC is apparently in compliance with all requirements of NASSPDA sanctioned events (website displays the sanction). No further updates!

**to B.7.c.:**

PLDC will be asked to consider offering NASSPDA members a discount at registration, based on the same model as for April Follies and DITRC.

**to B.7.d.:**

April Follies is in the process to redesign its website. Otherwise, no further updates!

**to B.7.e.:**

New medals with the added “North American” are being ordered.

**to B.8.a. & b.:**

At the time of this meeting no further updates were available from either committee!

**to B.9.:**

The e-mail address [socialdance@nasspda.org](mailto:socialdance@nasspda.org) will to be added to NASSPDA’s website, in order to solicit questions, concerns and ideas regarding social dancing.

**C. New Business**

**to C.1.:** (see “to B.7.a.”)

**D. Schedule next Board meeting**

Next meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at 6:00 PM EST.