

## **Meeting of NASSPDA Board on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

### **MINUTES:**

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at ~6:03 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), Mario Spenard & Barbara Zoloth (President)

The President posted the following agenda on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011, and revised again on November 17<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
6. Competition Rules
  - a. Report on offering \$5/competitor discount compensation for active NASSPDA members.
7. Upcoming/recent competitions
  - a. Ava Kaye’s competition (The Quake) in SF Bay Area, Nov 12, 2011
  - b. Dancing in the River City (DITRC), January 15, 2012, NA Championships
  - c. Philadelphia Liberty Dance Challenge (PLDC), March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012, US Championships
  - d. April Follies, April 28, 2012, CA Championship

- e. Ordering additional NASSPDA medals
- 8. Non-Board committees
  - a. Dance Camp committee
  - b. Queer Youth Outreach committee
- 9. Social Dance: New e-mail address created ([socialdance@nasspda.org](mailto:socialdance@nasspda.org))

**C. New Business**

- 1. Inquiry about adding DanceSport to annual queer sporting event in Las Vegas
- 1. 2012 Board Elections:
  - a. Whose terms are expiring
  - b. Who is running
  - c. Who will be in charge of the election
- 2. Trophies vs. Certificates for NA Formation Team Championship
- 3. NASSPDA ad in Sacramento program:
  - \$60 for ½ page, \$30 for business card size, \$15 for booster ad 5"x1"
- 4. NASSPDA Annual Meeting on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012, Sacramento

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

**A. Standing Items**

**to A.1.:** Approved

Expenditure for reordering of NA Championship medals & ribbons

**to A.2.:** Approved

2nd Draft of Minutes & Notes 111023 (previous Board meeting)

**to A.3.:**

NASSPDA's account balance at the time of this meeting: \$4,323.32

**B. Old Business**

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

**to B.2.:**

For the proposed and revised application form for judges, who seek approval by NASSPDA to judge at NASSPDA sanctioned events, the Board agreed to separate the question on the applicant's same-sex dance experience from asking for experience within the GBLTQ community, both considered relevant, and to list these questions in that order followed by the inquiry about the applicant's sexual preference/orientation, making it optional to answer, not mandatory. In addition, a process will have to be established that includes a procedure of reviewing and approving an application; establishing a data base of approved judges; soliciting, receiving and recording reviews on the judges' merits from competition organizers of NASSPDA sanctioned competitions and participants; defining a grievance process and its consequences; etc.

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

NASSPDA's logo was submitted to the FGG for display on the FGG's website.

**to B.3.a.1.:**

The organizers of the 9<sup>th</sup> Gay Games in 2014 in Cleveland are still in the beginning stages of its organization. However, contact has been made, and further efforts are on hold.

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

Specific issues of the first draft of IFSSDA's constitution related to legal requirements by filing this entity in Europe still need to be presented to and discussed by the Board.

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

No further updates had been available on these agenda items.

However, the revised process for renewing memberships seems to be working now, and a process for posted events, but yet pending approval, needs to be established.

**to B.5.b.:**

As of this meeting, about 13 memberships for 2012 have been renewed, and 1 renewal is pending. For members that wish to register or renew via snail mail, NASSPDA has a downloadable membership application, which needs to be updated.

**to B.5.a.:**

NASSPDA's eNewsletters get continuously revisited, and is a sign of improved communication with NASSPDA's constituency. The next issue is scheduled to be posted on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

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

An inquiry has been made with the organizers of the Philadelphia Liberty Dance Challenge and hosts of the US Championships, to offer the previously approved NASSPDA registration discount arrangement, but a response has not been received yet.

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

"The Quake," a mainstream dance competition organized by Ava Kaye, featured for the first time on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011, same-sex dance categories, which were well received, but not well attended. Still, the organizer pledges to repeat this part of the event next year.

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

"DIRTC" is offering the discount arrangement for NASSPDA's members at registration (see above "to B.6.a."). Since the following day, Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011, is Martin Luther King Day, NASSPDA's Annual Meeting will take place that day from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

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

The newly issued version of NASSPDA's Competition Rules has been sent to the organizers of the "PLDC," along with the request to offer the NASSPDA members' discount.

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

There had been no further updates available for "April Follies" at the time of this meeting.

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

The order for NA Championship medals has been placed. Each member of a winning Formation Team will receive a certificate signed by two or three Board members.

**to B.8.a.:**

Some members of the Dance Camp Committee unsuccessfully tried to establish a date and time for a conference call meeting. No further updates are available.

**to B.8.b.:**

The Queer Youth Outreach Committee did recently meet, and reported that the committee is planning to create a prototype of an event with performances in cooperation and at the San Jose State University.

**to B.9.:** (from Minutes 111023)

**C. New Business**

**to C.1.:**

Las Vegas features each year a queer sports event. A NASSPDA member suggested to the Board to possibly add and organize a DanceSport event. But not only is the event schedule to take place around the same time as “DITRC,” but the Board agreed that, unless NASSPDA finds any connection to a local and interested same-sex dance community, NASSPDA is currently not equipped to put on such an event itself.

**to C.2.:**

Three members of NASSPDA’s Board are up for re-election at the end of 2011: Lee Fox (Treasurer), Pat Hogan (GLISA Representative & Communications Director), and Christopher Kelleher (Vice-President). An election committee needs to be formed.

**to C.3.:** (see above “to B.7.e.”)

**to C.4.:** Approved

The Board approved unanimously the placement and expenditure of a half page ad in the program for “DITRC.”

**D. Schedule next Board meeting**

The next conference call meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at 3:00 PM EST.