

Meeting of NASSPDA Board on May 20th, 2012

MINUTES:

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, May 20th, 2012, at ~2:11 PM EDT.

In attendance: Lee Fox (Treasurer), Pat Hogan (GLISA Representative & Communications Director), Benjamin Soencksen (Secretary & FGG Delegate), Mario Spenard (joined ~2:33 PM EDT) & Barbara Zoloth (President)

Apologies: Sonja Furiya (Membership Chair) & Christopher Kelleher (Vice-President)

The President posted the following agenda on May 16th, 2012:

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. Creating application process and criteria for judges
 - a. Additional non-Board member for the committee
 - b. Process to be implemented starting with 2013
 - c. Contacting judges and organizers from past competitions
 - d. Approve 6th amendment.
3. Coordination with other organizations
 - a. Gay Games 2014: FGG/ESSDA/GLISA
 - i. Report on searching for local organizers
 - ii. Have Gay Games organizers contacted anyone in Cleveland about venue or organizing the DanceSport competition?
 - iii. Scope of competition (Country Western?; Argentine Tango?)
 - b. IFSSDA
4. Website
5. Membership initiatives
 - a. Newsletter report
 - b. Membership renewal
6. Upcoming/recent competitions
 - a. Philadelphia Liberty Dance Challenge (PLDC), March 31st, 2012, US & PA Championships
 - b. April Follies, April 28, 2012, CA Championship
7. Non-Board committees
 - a. Dance Camp committee
 - b. Queer Youth Outreach committee

C. New Business

1. Stickers for NASSPDA medals
2. Request for written history of same-sex ballroom dance; judging rules; grading criteria; how judges are selected; why are men and women judged separately; what is equality dance; how are formation team and show dance judged; etc.

3. Request for additional rules/regulations for Argentine Tango
4. Sell ads in our Newsletter to studios, coaches, etc?

D. Schedule next Board meeting(s)

A. Standing Items

to A.1.: Approved

6th Amendment to NASSPDA Competition Rules Version 111030

to A.2.: Approved

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to A.3.:

Account balance at the time of this meeting: \$5,482.24.

B. Old Business

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

to B.2.a. & b.:

Those 2 agenda items had been addressed previously and got dismissed.

to B.2.c. & d.:

NASSPDA's Competition Rules Version 111030 including the 6th Amendment will be posted on NASSPDA's website, and an e-mail will be drafted informing all organizers and judges known to the community that this amendment goes into effect on 1/1/2013.

to B.3.a.:

Efforts from GLISA and the FGG to organize a joined event in the year 2018 have failed. Early registration for Gay Games 2014 opened with an initial discount for early registrants.

to B.3.a.1.:

A continued effort of outreach by the Board is being made, in order to identify possible resources and people to help organize DanceSport at the Gay Games 2014 in Cleveland.

to B.3.a.2.:

Contact with Steven Oppenheim, an intern working under Thomas Nobbe, who is part of the Cleveland organizing team of the Gay Games 2014, had last been made on 10/20/2011.

to B.3.a.3.: Postponed

to B.3.b.:

Due to the Eurogames in Budapest, from June 27th to July 1st, it is not expected to see much progress on incorporating and further formalizing IFSSDA.

to B.4.:

NASSPDA's website is currently in the process to be transferred to a new host and format.

to B.5.a.:

The next e-Newsletter is planned to be published around the middle of June.

to B.5.b.:

There had been a delay in processing new membership applications received during the PLDC at the end of March, which has been resolved.

to B.6.a.:

A reminder will be sent to the organizers of the PLDC to forward the judges' scores.

to B.6.b.:

April Follies went well and was a success. A \$1,000 scholarship sponsored by Ava Kaye was awarded to the winners of the A-Class. Starting next year, 5 judges will be employed for each category and all levels.

to B.7.a.:

News on Dance Camp: A same-sex dance camp, the Rainbow Dance Festival in Palm Springs, held last year, showed a small turnout, which is having the organizers rethink their approach. Organizers in Vancouver are thinking about a possible dance camp in conjunction with a Lesbian Arts Center outside of the city. A location for a dance camp might be a reasonable priced resort outside of Houston, TX. A person from San Diego showed interest in the idea of a dance camp; an annual “OUTdancing weekend” is held in the Poconos.

to B.7.b.:

Patti Restino now chairs the Queer Youth Outreach Committee.

C. New Business

to C.1.: Postponed

to C.2.: Postponed

to C.3.: Postponed

to C.4.:

Selling ads for NASSPDA’s e-Newsletter might suggest an endorsement of offered services. Instead the Board considers, as a membership benefit, to allow active NASSPDA members to post a brief "classified" ad, which could include listing related same-sex activities and would be free of charge for the time being.

D. Schedule next Board meeting

The next conference call meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 7th, 2012, at 3:30 PM EDT.

A new Dance Calendar website, www.outdance.org, featuring initially only Bay Area events and activities will be up soon, and maintained by the organizers of April Follies, BASSDA.