

## **Meeting of NASSPDA Board on August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

### **MINUTES:**

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012, at ~3:35 PM EDT.

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

Apologies: Sonja Furiya (Membership Chair)

The President posted the following agenda on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 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
  - c. Election of Board members/officers
2. Adjudicator application process update
3. Coordination with other organizations
  - a. Gay Games 2014: FGG/ESSDA/GLISA
    - i. Report on searching for local organizers
    - ii. Coordination with Rob Smitherman, Sports Director for Gay Games 9 Cleveland + Akron
    - iii. Confirmation of Renaissance Hotel in Cleveland as venue
    - iv. Scope of competition (Country Western? Argentine Tango?)
    - v. Invitation of GG 9 organizers to April Follies 2013?
    - vi. Coordination of CW competition with Rodeo organizers
    - vii. MC, scrutineer, judges—who will be responsible for hiring them?
  - b. IFSSDA update
4. Website
5. Membership initiatives
  - a. Newsletter report
  - b. Membership renewal
6. Upcoming/recent competitions
  - a. Blackpool in October (not NASSPDA sanctioned)
  - b. The Quake, San Francisco, 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in November (not NASSPDA sanctioned)
7. Non-Board committees
  - a. Dance Camp committee
  - b. Queer Youth Outreach committee
8. Newsletter classified ads
  - a. How often can members post?
  - b. Maximum length?
  - c. Can affiliate members post or just dues paying members?
  - d. Can members advertise for dance partners?

- e. What do organizational members get to do? Can individuals post info about competitions or should it be just the organizational members who do this?
- f. How many different events can one member post?
9. Request for additional rules/regulations for Argentine Tango
10. Stickers for NASSPDA medals

### **C. New Business**

1. 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.
2. Place ad in the Sundance Stompede program again this year?
3. Role of social media for NASSPDA?

### **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.:**

Account balance at the time of this meeting: \$5,432.24, not including a \$1,000 donation from member Meredith Stead to start a scholarship fund and a \$20 semi-annual filing fee due to the state of CA. In response to this donation, the Board formed a committee to establish criteria, policies and procedures as well as seeking out and vetting candidates. NASSPDA has been nominated for the Chase Community Giving campaign, which awards up to \$5,000,000 to 501(3)(c) charities if elected by Chase customers and Facebook members until mid-September.

#### **B. Old Business**

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

**to B.2.:**

Two Adjudicator's Application Form are submitted to the Chairman of the Judges Committee, which will test the implemented new procedures and process.

**to B.3.a.i. to vii.:**

A the time of this meeting, no update on any progress had been received by the Sports Director for the 2014 Gay Games in Cleveland. But contact had been made with the IAGLCWDC establishing that Country Western dance events will be held at the same venue as all other dance styles and a single day shall be reserve for that event. The venue and an organizer of the actual competition are yet to be confirmed

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

Within ESSDA a costume restriction is being discussed for the lower level classes. NASSPDA is not prepared to follow suit, if that is implemented.

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

At the time of this meeting no further update had been received from NASSPDA's Delegate to IFSSDA, except that an in-person meeting is planned in Europe around September/October.

**to B.4.:**

The process of transferring NASSPDA's website to another host has been started.

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

The next e-Newsletter will be published the following week.

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

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

Several couples of the US will participate in October at a new competition in Blackpool, Great Britain (location of one of the most important mainstream competitions each year in May).

**to B.6.b.:**

“The Quake” on the second weekend in November held in San Francisco will once again feature same-sex couple events (not sanctioned by NASSPDA).

**to B.6.:**

Kalin Mitov, active NASSPDA member, is planning a new competition in 2013 downtown Boston. The Board recommends applying for Organizational Membership, submitting a request for sanctioning and a request for authorizing a State and/or Regional Championship, unless another title that doesn't contain the word “Championship” is created.

**to B.7.a. & b.:**

The Board's liaison to the Dance Camp Committee and the Board's liaison to the Queer Youth Outreach Committee had received no further updates from these committees.

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

The next e-Newsletter will outline the format and procedure for active/current NASSPDA members to post a classified ad in the e-Newsletter. A posted ad will not constitute an endorsement from NASSPDA of the ad's content.

**to B.9.:** Postponed

**to B.10.:** Approved

The medals for the North American NASSPDA Championships in 2013 will be individualized with a sticker on the back of the medal instead of by handwriting on the ribbons.

**C. New Business**

**to C.1.:** Postponed

This issue will be revisited once NASSPDA's website has been successfully transferred.

**to C.2.:** Approved

NASSPDA will place an ad in the program for this year's Sundance Stompede.

**to C.3.:**

It was agreed to be more proactive in posting items on NASSPDA's Facebook page and website.

**D. Schedule next Board meeting**

The next conference call meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012, at 4:00 PM EDT.