

## **Meeting of NASSPDA Board on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

### **MINUTES:**

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012, at ~4:05 PM EST.

In attendance: Lee Fox (Treasurer), Christopher Kelleher (Vice-President), Benjamin Soencksen (Secretary & FGG Delegate) & Barbara Zoloth (President)

Apologies: Sonja Furiya (Membership Chair), Pat Hogan (GLISA Representative & Communications Director) & Mario Spenard

The President posted the following agenda on November 9<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
  - a. Do we want to require that judges be retired from active same-sex competing?
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. Reconciliation of team rules between IAGLCWDC and NASSPDA?
    - vii. Coordination of CW competition with Rodeo organizers
    - viii. 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)
  - c. Dancing In The River City, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013
  - d. Philadelphia Liberty Dance Challenge, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 (?)
  - e. April Follies, Oakland, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013
  - f. Boston Open, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013
7. Non-Board committees
  - a. Dance Camp committee

- b. Queer Youth Outreach committee
- 8. Newsletter classified ads
- 9. Request for additional rules/regulations for Argentine Tango
- 10. Report from Scholarship Committee
  - a. Application Procedures: Committee vs. Board approval?
  - b. Criteria suggestions: specifics from Board for Committee?

**C. New Business**

- 1. Request for history of same-sex ballroom dance and explanations of rules and procedures
- 2. World Championship vs. North American Championship in 2014?

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

**A. Standing Items**

**to A.1.:** Not-Approved

Scholarship Application procedures and application form as amended on October 7, 2012

**to A.2.:** Approved

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**to A.3.:**

NASSPDA's current account balance: \$6,409.04

**B. Old Business**

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

**to B.2.:** Approved

The Board decided to dismiss requiring applicants to be retired from actively competing, because establishing rules about this is involved and isn't warranted as of yet, based on the small numbers this currently might apply to. It's also preferable having judges that had the experience of competing at same-sex dance competitions, even though they might have only retired temporarily.

The Board approved the first three applications of adjudicators, more applications have been received and a list will be posted on NASSPDA's website shortly.

**to B.3.a.i. and iii.:**

Another e-mail inquiry sent to the organizers of an annual mainstream competition held in September in Cleveland, Lisa & Nicky Vegas, still didn't trigger a response. A similar inquiry sent to William Wimmer from "All About Dancin" ([www.allaboutdancin.net](http://www.allaboutdancin.net)), a local dance studio, got a reply. But a continued dialogue hasn't yet taken place. No other contact has been made and the proposed venue not as yet confirmed.

**to B.3.a.ii. and iv. through vii.:**

The team rules are already listed on the Gay Games 2014 website and the Rodeo organizers weren't interested in coordinating their event with the Country Western section of DanceSport. Otherwise, no further updates had been available at the time of this meeting.

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

There had been no further updates available at the time of this meeting.

**to B.4.:**

After looking deeper into the functionality of "Big Tent," it is clear that certain features are missing, others are frustrating to work with and that the overall look isn't very appealing. Other solutions for updating NASSPDA's website will have to be explored.

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

Membership renewal for 2013 through NASSPDA's website has been implemented. The Membership Chair, Sonja Furiya, will resign at the end of this term and Board member Mario Spenard has resigned effective immediately, due to too many other commitments and a resulting lack of time to devote to the NASSPDA's affairs. The Board might appoint a successor for Mario prior to the elections in the Spring of 2013.

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

The newest edition of the eNewsletter was published at the end of October and contained two examples of classified ads by two NASSPDA members.

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

NASSPDA members' report about this competition was very favorable. Attendance was decent and the level of dancing seemed to be relatively high.

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

"The Quake" took place the weekend of this meeting.

**to B.6.c.:**

DITRC seems to be on track, and NASSPDA is monitoring the status of invited adjudicators and their applications for approval.

**to B.6.d.:**

PLDC hasn't confirmed a date and venue for March 2013, delayed by the effects of the recent storm damages inflicted upon New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

**to B.6.e.:**

Registration for "April Follies 2013" will be open by the beginning of February 2013. The applicable rules for this competition have been updated, posted on its website and include new separate rules for Argentine Tango.

**to B.6.f.:** Approved

The one-time sanctioning of the new "Boston Open 2013" has been approved. Details will be listed shortly on NASSPDA's website.

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

At the time of this meeting, no further updates on these committees were available.

**to B.8.:** Deleted

This agenda item had been addressed in the meeting from August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

**to B.9.:**

The Board's response to the request to establish competition rules for Argentine Tango has been finalized and will be forwarded to the inquiring member.

**to B.10.a.:**

The Board agreed to adopt for the approval of scholarships the same process established for approval of adjudicators.

**to B.10.b.:**

The Board decided to eliminate paragraphs 10. and 13. of the proposed procedure document and change the time reference in paragraph 3. to "6 month prior to the North American Championship." Scanned copies of the signed scholarship application forms will be accepted.

**C. New Business**

**to C.1. and 2.:** Postponed

Due to lack of time and updates, both of this agenda items of been postponed.

**D. Schedule next Board meeting**

The next conference call meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012, at 4:00 PM EST.