

## Meeting of NASSPDA Board on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013

### **MINUTES:**

Conference call meeting started on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013, at ~4:01 PM EST.  
In attendance: Lee Fox (Treasurer), Christopher Kelleher (Vice-President), Benjamin Soencksen (Secretary & FGG Delegate; joined at ~4:12 PM EST), Kathy Wildman (newly appointed Board member; took initial notes for this meeting) & Barbara Zoloth (President)

Apologies: Pat Hogan (GLISA Representative & Communications Director)

Guest: Richard Lamberty (IFSSDA Delegate & Webmaster)

The President posted the following agenda on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013, with important sections to address highlighted in red:

### **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. **Judges for Sacramento competition**
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 will be included; Argentine Tango?)
    - v. Invitation of GG 9 organizers to April Follies 2013?
    - vi. MC, scrutineer, judges
  - b. IFSSDA update: NASSPDA Board to discuss draft of Constitution with Delegate
4. Website: **switch to which website software? (IAGLCWDC’s website?)**
5. Membership initiatives
  - a. Membership Committee Chair: Pat Hogan after February 2013
  - b. Newsletter report
  - c. Membership renewal: **send out renewal e-mails**
6. Upcoming/recent competitions
  - a. Dancing In The River City, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013
  - b. Philadelphia Liberty Dance Challenge, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 (?)
  - c. April Follies, Oakland, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013

- i. **Need medals/ribbons for North American Championship**
  - d. Boston Open, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013
- 7. Non-Board committees
  - a. Dance Camp committee
  - b. Queer Youth Outreach committee
- 8. Scholarship Committee
  - a. **Update on announcement and responses**
- 9. 2013 Board Elections
  - a. Up for re-election: Benjamin Soencksen, Kathy Wildman & Barbra Zoloth
  - b. Board members whose term doesn't expire: Lee Fox, Chris Kelleher & Pat Hogan
  - c. Nominations: Garrett Gerritson from San Francisco is interested in running
  - d. Election Committee: Board members who are not up for re-election (new policy)

**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?**
- 3. **Ad in program of April Follies?**
- 4. **Outgames bid by Miami Beach for 2017: role of 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.:

NASSPDA's current account balance: \$7,207.50 (\$1,650 earmarked for scholarships)

**B. Old Business**

*Due to time constraints many agenda items had to be postponed to the next meeting.*

to B.1.a. to c.: Postponed

to B.2.a.: Approved

NASSPDA approved the applications of 8 more adjudicators: Chad & Marie Burson, Jeffrey Chandler, Ian Folker, Grace Kato, Ken Lo, Murray Schellenberg & Robbie Tristan.

The requirement for judges to be an active member at the time of the event had been suspended for US Championships at DITRC on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013, but will be reinforced thereafter.

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

The Event & Operations Director of Gay Games 9 proposed, in addition to the general registration, a \$130 event fee for DanceSport per person based on a preliminary budget, figuring in current known expenses. Those fees (see <http://www.gg9cle.com/registration/>) per event and person range currently for other sports from \$40 (Aquatics Open Water Swim) to \$300 (Golf). The proposed fee seems high in comparison to previous Games and definitely to current NASSPDA sanctioned competitions. It was suggested that ads in a program and selling space to vendors for the

event might change the budget parameters, but apparently income derived from those sources and admission fees for spectators go directly into the overall budget of the Games. There also hasn't been any progress in securing a local organizing team, which might have an impact on that preliminary assessment.

**to B.3.a.iv. to vi.:** Postponed

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

Just prior to this meeting, NASSPDA's Delegate to IFSSDA had posted some revisions of first draft of IFSSDA's Constitution and summarized those for the Board during this meeting. Main issues are concerning membership levels and attached voting rights, missing or debatable definitions of used terminology, redundancies of certain paragraphs and overall numerical structure of the document. It was reiterated that the main intent to form this federation is to sanction an annual world title and establish worldwide governing principles.

**to B.4.:**

At the time of this meeting, there had been no further development or decision on how to proceed with switching NASSPDA's website to a new format.

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

**to B.5.c.:**

The President will post a draft of a membership renewal letter to the Board for comments.

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

The Treasurer reported that the organizational memberships for DITRC as well as all others haven't been renewed yet for 2013 (Barbara to follow-up with DITRC).

**to B.6.b. & d.:** Postponed

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

Medals, additional ribbons and stickers (as approved by the Board last year) for the North American Championships will be delivered to April Follies by the Secretary.

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

**to B.8.a.:** Postponed (also see "to A.3.;" no applications have been received as of yet)

**to B.9.a. to c.:** Postponed

**C. New Business**

**to C.1. to 3.:** Postponed

**to C.4.:** Approved

The Board approved the request to write a letter to the Miami Beach bidding team for the 2017 Outgames in support of the inclusion of DanceSport (similar as IAGLCWDC).

**D. Schedule next Board meeting**

The next conference call meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013, at 4:00 PM EST.