

## Meeting of NASSPDA Board on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013

### MINUTES:

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013, at ~4:02 PM EDT.

In attendance: Lee Fox (Treasurer), Pat Hogan (GLISA Representative & Communications Director), Benjamin Soencksen (Secretary & FGG Delegate), Kathy Wildman & Barbara Zoloth (President)

Apologies: Christopher Kelleher (Vice-President)

The President posted the following agenda on March 20<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. Items temporarily on hold –
  - a. Proposed changes in NASSPDA Board Policies and Procedures — remaining questions
    - i. Definition of quorum and “super majority”
    - ii. Committee to review and “rationalize” policy and procedure documents
    - iii. Election of Board members/officers
  2. Adjudicator Application Committee’s report
  3. Coordination with other organizations
    - a. Gay Games 2014: FGG/ESSDA/GLISA
      - i. Report on **competition organizers: Committee formed and meeting scheduled**
      - ii. Coordination with Rob Smitherman, Sports Director for Gay Games 9
      - iii. Cleveland Public Hall will be the 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: **report on contact with other website managers/designers**
  5. Membership initiatives
    - a. Membership Committee Chair: Pat Hogan after February 2013?
    - b. Newsletter report
    - c. Membership renewal: **update on renewal e-mails**
  6. Upcoming/recent competitions
    - a. Dancing In The River City, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013
      - i. **Payment for NASSPDA members registering with entry**
      - ii. **Request to host 2014 North American Championship**
    - b. Philadelphia Liberty Dance Challenge, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 (?)

- c. April Follies, Oakland, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013
- d. Boston Open, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013
- 7. Competition Rules
  - a. Add eligibility of reverse-role couples to NASSPDA's authorized titles?
- 8. Non-Board committees
  - a. Dance Camp committee
  - b. Queer Youth Outreach committee
- 9. Scholarship Committee
  - a. 2013 Scholarship to be awarded at April Follies 2013
- 10. 2013 Board Elections
  - a. Up for re-election: Benjamin Soencksen, Kathy Wildman & Barbra Zoloth
  - b. Also Running: Garrett Gerritson from San Francisco
  - c. Election Committee: Going forward, the election committee will consist of all Board members who are not up for re-election plus one non-Board member.

**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

**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: \$8,373.53 (\$1,650 earmarked for scholarships, but only one application had been received – see below)

**B. Old Business**

to B.1.a.i. through iii.: Postponed

to B.2.: Approved

The Board approved the Adjudicator Application from Diana Masarsky pending upgrade of an Affiliate Membership to an active Individual membership.

The Board decided to amend the “6<sup>th</sup> Amendment to NASSPDA's Competition Rules, Version 111030” by adding the requirement that an invited adjudicator to a NASSPDA sanctioned event must carry an active Individual Membership at that time as well as at the time of application, and to continue listing approved adjudicators on NASSPDA's website, even if the Individual Membership has expired.

to B.3.a.i. through vi.:

The President initiated an Organizing Committee for GG9 in Cleveland, consisting of Board members and members of the BASSDA, organizers of April Follies. The first conference call meeting will be on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013, at 3:00 PM EDT discussing issues such as addressing registration, possibly adding Argentine Tango, commitment of IAGLCWDC to organize Country Western, pricing for spectator admission, engaging officials and, in general, the overall organization. Rob Smitherman, Sports Director of

GG9, is invited to attend this year's April Follies and observe how same-sex dance competitions are run.

**to B.3.b.**

The organizers of GLISA's World Outgames 2013, held in Antwerp, asked April Follies to promote their event. ESSDA, IAGLCWDC and NASSPDA agreed to recognize this event as the 2013 World Championships, because IFSSDA has yet to be legally formed and establish sanctioning rules, even though the community unofficially for years considered GLISA's World Outgames and the FGG's Gay Games as their World Championships, and previous events officially claimed that title as well. ESSDA indicated on their website as well as to the organizers in Antwerp that this year's are the very first World Championships to be held and are sanctioned by IFSSDA. The Board decided to contact ESSDA clearing those misconceptions.

**to B.4.:**

No updates, but further research is in the process.

**to B.5.a. & c.:**

Due to the pending election of officers by the Board, the position of the Membership Chair hasn't been filled, but various Board members currently fulfill its tasks and duties.

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

Time constraints of the Vice President have delayed a new issue of the eNewsletter.

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

A reimbursement check was sent to the organizers of DITRC for entries received that took advantage of a fee reduction due to having an active Individual Membership with NASSPDA.

**to B.6.a.ii.:** Postponed

DITRC requested to be awarded next year's North American Championships. A decision has been postponed, since it is considered to skip 2014, due to GG9, or to award the Boston Open for better geographical spread. Pending this year's Boston Open, it is considered for 2014 to award DITRC the California State, April Follies the US and Boston Open the North American Championships.

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

PLDC is taking a hiatus for this year.

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

April Follies reported a good number of entries (not though for CW), including from Europe.

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

No further updates for this competition were available at the time of this meeting.

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

A request to include reverse-role couple events in NASSPDA's list of awarded titles, since mainstream competition rules doesn't allow this definition, will be revisited for 2014 at a later point, due to the still very low numbers at NASSPDA's sanctioned competitions.

**to B.8.a. & b.:** Postponed

There were no further updates on these committees at the time of this meeting.

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

Scholarship was approved for Kalin Mitov, who will be reimbursed for the registration fee at April Follies and receive a check in the amount of \$200 on the day of the competition.

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

Results of 57 ballots sent out: Barbara Zoloth, - 26 votes; Garrett Gerritson and Benjamin Soencksen – each 25 votes; Kathy Wildman – 24 votes. Election of officers was postponed to next meeting due to time constraint and the absence of two directors. The Chair of the Election, Lee Fox, was thanked by a grateful Board, which now has again 7 directors.

**C. New Business**

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

These two agenda items have been postponed until some undefined time this year.

**to C.3.:**

The Board approved a copy of NASSPDA's ad in April Follies' program with some edits.

**D. Schedule next Board meeting**

The next conference call meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013, at 4:00 PM EDT.