

Meeting of NASSPDA Board on April 20th, 2013

MINUTES:

Conference call meeting started on Saturday, April 20th, 2013, at ~4:03 PM EDT.

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

The President posted the following agenda on April 16th, 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
4. **Welcome new Board member**

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
 - a. **Approve change of 6th Amendment**
3. Coordination with other organizations
 - a. Gay Games 2014: FGG/ESSDA/GLISA
 - i. Report on **organizing committee meeting on March 31st, 2013**
 - 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. **Election of 2013 Board officers and committee chairs**
6. Membership initiatives
 - a. Membership Committee Chair: Pat Hogan after February 2013?
 - b. Newsletter report
 - c. Membership renewal: **update on renewal e-mails**
7. Upcoming/recent competitions
 - a. April Follies, Oakland, April 27th, 2013
 - i. **Introduction of Board members present?**

- ii. **Agenda for NASSPDA's Annual Membership Meeting on April 28th, 2013**
 - iii. **How, when and who to present scholarship award**
 - b. Boston Open, September 21st, 2013
 - c. 2014 Titles: US to April Follies, CA State to DITRC, NA to Boston Open
- 8. Competition Rules
 - a. **Add reverse-role couples to the list of authorized titles**
 - b. **Requirement for judges to be active members**
 - i. **New language for adjudicator application**
 - ii. **New language for competition rules**
- 9. Non-Board committees
 - a. Dance Camp committee
 - b. Queer Youth Outreach committee
- 10. Scholarship Committee
 - a. **2013 Scholarship award at April Follies 2013 – who to present, public or private?**

C. New Business

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: \$8,578.60

to A.3.:

Garret Gerritsen was welcomed as the newest member of the Board.

B. Old Business

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

to B.2.: Approved

The Board unanimously approved to change point 1. of "Rule 4.3 NASSPDA Approved" in the "6th Amendment to NASSPDA's Competition Rules, Version 111030," as follows: *"Starting in 2013, only NASSPDA approved adjudicators may judge at NASSPDA-sanctioned competitions and must carry an active Individual Membership with NASSPDA at the time of the event."* A new version of NASSPDA's Competition Rules will be published soon, which will incorporate the 5th and the amended 6th Amendments. Since a full Board attended, the President brought forth an urgent request from the organizers of April Follies, BASSDA, to pre-approve Dale Neal's forthcoming adjudicator application. Based on the recommendation of several Board members and contingent upon the submission of said application as well as the acquisition of an Individual Membership with NASSPDA for 2013 by the applicant, the Board provisionally and unanimously approved the application.

to B.3.a.i. & ii:

The Organizing Committee for GG9 in Cleveland, consisting of Board members and members of the Bay Area Same-Sex Dance Association (BASSDA), organizers of April Follies, had its first conference call meeting on Sunday, March 31st, 2013. Topics of that

meeting were the pricing for admission to the various events, the question of adding Argentine Tango, the extent to which IAGLCWDC will be involved in organizing the CW portion and the creation of various sub-committees. The next meeting of the Organizing Committee for GG9 has been scheduled for Sunday, May 5th, 2013.

to B.3.a.iii.:

A contract with DanceSport's elected venue, Cleveland's Public Hall hasn't been received yet, but should happen soon, at which point the Organizing Committee will be informed. One of the next steps seems to be working out a budget in collaboration with the Sports Director.

to B.3.a.iv.:

(see "to B.3.a.i. & ii.")

to B.3.a.v.:

Confirmation hadn't been received whether Rob Smitherman from GG9 will attend April Follies.

to B.3.a.vi.:

Offers from and recommendations for officials to be invited for GG9 had been received. No invitation or selections have been made, since much also depends on the budget and the final scope of the event. It was agreed though, as much as possible, to ensure adequate geographical and gender representation, and that for this particular event NASSPDA won't enforce its newly established rules for adjudicators judging at NASSPDA sanctioned competitions (enforced since January 1st, 2013), who don't reside in North America.

to B.3.b.

ESSDA's response to NASSPDA's inquiry about referring to the GLISA's 2013 World Outgames in Antwerp as the first World Championships and it being sanctioned by IFSSDA, which isn't yet a legally formed entity, pointed out that ESSDA is still awaiting NASSPDA's comments on the proposed constitution and reiterated that all three founding associations (ESSDA, IAGLCWDC and NASSPDA) had agreed to authorize these World Champion titles, which hasn't been questioned by NASSPDA. The draft of the constitution had been reviewed by the Board and edited by NASSPDA's Delegate to IFSSDA, but not been send back yet. It is envisioned by ESSDA to finalize all necessary steps to legalize IFSSDA prior to August 2013. However, IFSSDA will still have to formulate its By-Laws, Sanctioning Policy, Competition Rules which will address differences between the association's rules, etc.

to B.4.:

Due to lack of time no update.

to B.5.:

The Board reaffirmed unanimously the following officers for 2013:

President - Barbara Zoloth
Vice-President - Chris Kelleher
Treasurer - Lee Fox
Secretary - Benjamin Soencksen

The Membership Chair is now co-chaired by Garrett Gerritsen and Pat Hogan, all committees, chairs and all liaisons to NASSPDA's sanctioned competitions are reaffirmed, except the liaisons to the Queer Outreach and the Dance Camp Committees. A new editor of NASSPDA's eNewsletter is sought.

to B.6.a.:

(see “to B.5.”)

to B.6.b.: Postponed

to B.6.c.:

(see “to B.5.”) The number of current all active memberships is 71, which is comprised of Individual, Organizational and Affiliate members.

to B.7.a.:

The discount received by registrants to April Follies, if the registrant is a NASSPDA member, is in place and advertised.

to B.7.a.i.:

Five Board members will be present at April Follies and the Annual Membership Meeting.

to B.7.a.iii.:

NASSPDA’s new annual scholarship program will be announced at April Follies without identifying this year’s recipient, but acknowledging its initiator, Meredith Stead. Along with the Board’s consideration not to authorize the North American Championship titles for next year in view of that year’s Gay Games 9 in Cleveland, also the 2014 World Championships, the Board considers offering next year’s scholarship to members of NASSPDA that plan to participate.

to B.7.b.:

There had been no further updates on the Boston Open at the time of this meeting.

to B.8.a.: Postponed until 2014

to B.8.b.i. & ii.: Approved

(see notes under “to B.2.”)

to B.7.a.ii. & c.:

The Board plans to ask at NASSPDA’s Annual Membership Meeting, to be held on April 28th, 2013, at 10:30 AM PDT, in San Francisco, at the Vima Dance Studio, for help on website design and upkeep, graphic design, marketing and communication through social media, finding funding resources, identifying potential committee and/or future Board members, and whether the North American Championships should be held next year, when that year features the World Championships at GG9 in Cleveland.

to B.9.a. & b.: Postponed

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

to B.10.a.:

(see notes under “to B.7.iii.”)

C. New Business

There hadn’t been any new agenda items listed for this meeting.

D. Schedule next Board meeting

The next conference call meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, May 19th, 2013, at 4:00 PM EDT.