

Meeting of NASSPDA Board on May 19th, 2013

MINUTES:

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, May 19th, 2013, at ~4:02 PM EDT.

In attendance: Lee Fox (Treasurer), Garret Gerritsen (left with apologies at 5:10 PM EDT), 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 May 14th, 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
 - b. Request for history of same-sex ballroom dance (for website) and explanations of rules and procedures (for eNewsletter)
2. Adjudicator Application Committee’s report
 - a. **Elena Lyashenko’s application status**
 - b. **Other applications**
3. Coordination with other organizations
 - a. Gay Games 2014: FGG/ESSDA/GLISA
 - i. Report on **organizing committee meeting on May 5th, 2013**
 - ii. Coordination with Rob Smitherman, Sports Director for Gay Games 9
 - iii. **Considering Cleveland Public Hall or Renaissance Hotel as venue**
 - iv. Scope of competition: **Argentine Tango considered**
 - v. MC, scrutineer, judges
 - b. IFSSDA update: NASSPDA Board to discuss draft of Constitution with Delegate
 - i. **Status of IFSSDA organizing efforts**
 - ii. **Status of authorizing 2013 Outgames as 2013 World Championships**
4. Website: **report on contact with other website managers/designers**
5. Membership initiatives
 - a. Membership Committee: **Status report from Co-Chairs**
 - b. Newsletter report: **Who will take this on?**
 - c. **Affiliate members: Required to renew membership annually?**
6. Upcoming/recent competitions
 - a. April Follies, Oakland, April 27th, 2013
 - i. **Report on Annual General Membership Meeting on April 28th, 2013**
 - b. Boston Open, September 21st, 2013

- i. **Discount to NASSPDA members?**
 - c. 2014 Titles: US to April Follies, CA State to DITRC, NA to Boston Open?
- 7. Competition Rules
 - a. **Add reverse-role couples to the list of authorized titles?**
- 8. Non-Board committees
 - a. Dance Camp committee
 - b. Queer Youth Outreach committee
- 9. Scholarship Committee
 - a. **Proposed added language**

C. New Business

- 1. **Creation of Finance Committee**

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: \$8,313.55 (\$1,320 remaining in scholarship fund)

B. Old Business

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

to B.2.a. & b.: Approved

Adjudicator applications by Elena Lyashenko and Nancy Brown

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

GG9 is now considering as a venue for DanceSport either Cleveland's Public Hall or the Renaissance Hotel. A local dance studio offered support in promotion and site selection.

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

GG9 Organizing Committee met on Sunday, May 5th, 2013, at 4:00 PM EDT discussing admission pricing for spectators, inclusion of the Argentine Tango and Reverse Role categories. It was decided that inclusion of Reverse Role categories due to lack of interest and numbers at GG9 isn't warranted.

to B.3.a.v.:

No invitations to any potential officials for GG9 or selections have been made yet.

to B.3.b.

NASSPDA's response to ESSDA regarding the proposed draft of IFSSDA's Constitution and the request to rephrase the incorrect labeling of the 2013 World Championships, held at the 2013 Outgames in Antwerp, as the first of its kind hadn't generated any further communication yet.

to B.5.a.:

Duties for the new Co-Chairs of the Membership Committee have been identified.

to B.4. & 5.b.:

The Membership Co-Chairs volunteered to include in those duties producing NASSPDA's eNewsletter, which will include in the next issue an appeal for finding a pro-bono web designer to help redesign NASSPDA's website and data maintenance issues.

to B.5.c.:

The Membership Co-Chairs have been asked to review the expiration and renewal process.

to B.6.a.i.:

NASSPDA's Annual General Membership Meeting was held at Vima Dance Studio in San Francisco on Sunday, April 28th, 2013. Notes of this meeting will be published soon.

to B.6.b.i.:

Entry fees for the Boston Open, held on September 21st, 2013, are set per couple at \$150 ("all you can dance") and \$130 for NASSPDA members.

to B.6.c.: Postponed

to B.7.a.: Postponed

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

to B.9.a.: Approved

The Scholarship Committee proposed the following language to be added to paragraph #3 of "NASSPDA Scholarship Fund Application and Approval Procedures," and to change any related language accordingly:

"(a) NASSPDA will offer scholarship for the North American Championship each year they are held. (b) NASSPDA will offer scholarships for the Gay Games any year they are held in North America. (c) NASSPDA will offer scholarships for the Outgames any year they are held in North America."

C. New Business

to C.1.: Postponed

D. Schedule next Board meeting

The next conference call meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 23rd, 2013, at 4:00 PM EDT.