

## Meeting of NASSPDA Board on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013

### MINUTES:

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013, at ~4:05 PM EDT.

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

Apologies: Kathy Wildman

The President posted the following agenda on October 15<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
  - 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
3. Coordination with other organizations
  - a. Gay Games 2014: FGG/ESSDA/GLISA
    - i. Coordination with Rob Smitherman, Sports Director for Gay Games 9
    - ii. **Report on venue**
    - iii. **Professional staff update**
    - iv. **NASSPDA’s 2014 scholarships: allocation between Gay Games and North American Championship (if there is one)?**
    - v. **Provide medal count to GG9**
    - vi. **Finalize competition schedule**
  - b. IFSSDA
4. Website: **Report on bid for website**
5. Membership initiatives
  - a. **Newsletter report (targeting September 2013)**
  - b. **Youth membership category**
6. Upcoming/recent competitions
  - a. Dancing in the River City, Sacramento, CA State Championship, January 19, 2014
  - b. Philadelphia Liberty Dance Challenge, PA State Championship, March 29, 2014 (?)
  - c. April Follies, Oakland, US National Championship, April 26, 2014
  - d. Gay Games 9, Cleveland, World Championship, August 12-15, 2014
  - e. Boston Open, North American Championship, Fall 2014

- f. North American Outgames, St. Louis, Memorial Day Weekend 2016
- g. World Outgames, Miami, Week of Memorial Day 2017 (incl. IAGLCWDC Conv.?)
- h. Gay Games 10, Orlando (?), 2018
- 7. Competition Rules
  - a. **Open judging at the GG9? (source for number plates?)**
- 8. Non-Board committees
  - a. Dance Camp committee
  - b. Queer Youth Outreach committee
- 9. Scholarship Committee

**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 balances:

operating account \$7,206.94; savings account earmarked for the scholarships fund \$1,286.18

**B. Old Business**

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

**to B.2.:**

The Judges Committee is considering for recommendation an application from Barnaly Pande from Sacramento, who has to upgrade from an Affiliate to an Individual Membership.

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

A team of Board and GG9 Organizing Committee members will travel to Cleveland to meet with the Sports Director of GG9 and other local entities including management of the venue.

**To B.3.iii.:**

For the purpose of creating a budget, a team of potential 13 judges and 5 alternates have been identified, of which 11 will be needed for the entire event and 2 judges specifically only for Argentine Tango on one day. Two scrutineers, two MC's and a DJ have been added to that list.

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

The 2014 North American Championships will be hosted by the newly established Boston Open despite that year's World Championships at the GG9 in Cleveland. The Board agreed to split any allocation of scholarship funds between both events. A determination on the number of scholarships and the allocated amounts is forthcoming, based on the established policies.

**to B.3.a.v.:**

The newly added non-graded, one-age "Mixed Gender" category for both styles, International and American, with three dances in each division, brings the final count to 181 Gay Games 9 medals for each, gold, silver and bronze.

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

This added category to the DanceSport requires another look at the proposed schedule, integrating it later in the schedule, since it is known that some participating couples form their partnership during the earlier part of the event for this category.

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

This agenda item was postponed due to lack of updates.

**to B.4.: Postponed**

This agenda item was postponed due to lack of updates.

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

The eNewsletter is slated to be published within a week from this meeting and will include links to score results of the Boston Open and the past 2013 World Championships as well as highlight the decision that for 2014 scholarships will be available for GG9 and the NA Championships.

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

The issue of offering a special Youth Membership has been brought up in connection with the Queer Youth Outreach Committee (see to B.8.b.) and has been tabled, since there hadn't been any movement for some time by that committee.

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

No further updates.

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

No further updates, except confirmation of date and location as the local Convention Center.

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

No further updates.

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

(see to B.3.a.i through vi.)

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

Boston Open set for October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at the Hynes Convention Center.

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

No further updates.

**to B.6.g.:**

No further updates.

**to B.6.h.:**

The 2018 Gay Games (GG10) have been awarded by the FFG to Paris, France.

**to B.7.a.: Approved**

The Competition Rules Committee, comprised of the entire Board, approved "open judging" (showing of the chosen rank in each dance for each couple after each dance) only for the A-Class/Grade, as allowed by NASSPDA's Competition Rules.

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

These agenda items were postponed due to lack of updates.

**to B.9.:**

(see to to B.3.a.iv.)

**C. New Business**

Board members up for re-election: Lee Fox, Pat Hogan and Christopher Kelleher

2014 Election Committee: Garret Gerritsen, Benjamin Soencksen, Barbara Zoloth and Kathy Wildman

**D. Schedule next Board meeting**

The next conference call meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013, at 4:00 PM EST.