

Meeting of NASSPDA Board on December 15th, 2013

MINUTES:

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, December 15th, 2013, at ~3:05 PM EST. In attendance: Lee Fox (Treasurer & Finance Committee Co-Chair), Garret Gerritsen (Membership Co-Chair & Finance Committee Co-Chair; joined 4:35 PM EST), 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 December 11th, 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: amounts allocated?
 - v. Finalize competition schedule
 - vi. Designing certificates
 - b. IFSSDA
4. Website: Report on bid for redesigning website; change from Google Pay to PayPal
5. Membership initiatives
 - a. Newsletter report (sent out October 2013)
 - b. Membership renewal process
 - i. Reminder e-mails for individual, organizational and affiliate members
 - c. 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, Paris, 2018
7. Competition Rules
 - a. **Open judging at the GG9 -- source of number paddles?**
 8. Non-Board committees
 - a. Dance Camp committee
 - b. Queer Youth Outreach committee
 9. Scholarship Committee
 10. 2014 Board election

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 \$7,235.77; savings account earmarked for the scholarships fund \$1,286.27

B. Old Business

to B.1.a.i. through iii. & b., B.2.: Postponed

These agenda items were postponed due to lack of updates and time.

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

A reworked and final budget was submitted to the organizers of GG9 via Rob Smitherman, Sports Director of GG9, for review and approval, which will allow to finalize the election and invitation process for officials needed to run the DanceSport event.

A preliminary schedule will be published as soon as possible to help competitors in planning ahead. The list of judges engaged for the event will effect the schedule as well as estimated numbers of participants for each category, enough time for judges to rest and competitors to change outfits, variety and entertainment value to audience, etc.

All finalists will be presented with a certificate, which needs to be designed and possibly features the logos of all 3 IFFSDA founding associations, ESSDA, IAGLCWDC and NASSPDA, having agreed to label this event as the 2014 World Championships, unless a logo for IFSSDA is adopted prior to GG9, as well as the GG9 logo.

to B.3.b.:

An update on IFSSDA wasn't available at the time of this meeting (see also previous paragraph).

to B.4.:

Thanks to NASSPDA's delegate to IFSSDA and former Webmaster renewing membership with NASSPDA is now possible and easier through Paypal. NASSPDA still seeks a web-designer to bid on redoing its website.

to B.5.a.:

The next issue of NASSPDA's eNewsletter will be published by the end of the year.

to B.5.b.:

Some membership renewals have already been received, and more are expected before January's DITRC, since a discount for registration is once again offered to NASSPDA members. The Board discussed whether an automation of the renewal process could be implemented, such as adjusting expiration dates and sending out renewal notices.

to B.5.c.: Approved

The Board approved a discounted "Student Membership" of \$20 per calendar year.

to B.6.a.:

DITRC seems to be on track.

to B.6.b.:

PLDC's website needs to be updated.

to B.6.c.:

April Follies' website is in the process to be updated, which will include the new structure and rules for Argentine Tango, as established for GG9.

to B.6.d. through h.:

There had been no updates regarding those upcoming events at the time of this meeting.

The list of sanctioned competitions is expected to include again Luc Richer's "Rainbow Dance Championship," held in Montreal on Saturday, June 14th, 2014, which had been sanctioned by NASSPDA previously.

to B.7.a., 8.a. & b., 9.: Postponed

These agenda items were postponed due to lack of updates and time.

to B.10.:

The President agreed to chair the Election Committee, which consists of Board members Garret Gerritsen, Benjamin Soencksen, Barbara Zoloth and Kathy Wildman.

The Scholarship Committee was reminded that it is planned to give out scholarships to two events in 2014, the NA Championships and GG9, which might necessitate an increase of the percentage of the overall NASSPDA funds allocated to the Scholarship Fund, and was asked to make a recommendation to the Board.

C. New Business

There was no new business brought forward.

D. Schedule next Board meeting

The next conference call meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, January 18th, 2014, at 3:30 PM EST.