

Meeting of NASSPDA Board on April 19th, 2014

MINUTES:

Conference call meeting started on Saturday, April 19th, 2014, at ~3:04 PM EDT.

In attendance: Eddie Alba, Lee Fox (Treasurer, Finance Committee Co-Chair & Judges Committee Chair), Garret Gerritsen (Membership Co-Chair & Finance Committee Co-Chair), Pat Hogan (GLISA Representative, Membership Co-Chair & Communications Director), Benjamin Soencksen (Secretary & FGG Delegate), Kathy Wildman (Website Committee Chair), Michael Winward & Barbara Zoloth (President)

The President posted the following agenda on April 16th, 2014, with important sections to address highlighted in red:

A. Standing Items

1. Record any polls since last meeting
2. Approve minutes from last meeting

B. Official Business

1. Welcome new Board members
2. Amend the By-Laws to allow 8 sitting Board members (Article 3, Section 1)
3. Elect 2014 Board Officers

C. Committee Reports

1. Financial Report
2. Membership Report
 - a. Newsletter report
 - b. Membership renewal report
 - c. Student membership report
3. Adjudicator Application Report
4. Scholarship Report
 - a. announcement was included e-mail of election results
 - b. offering 5 scholarships each for GG9 and NA Championships (Early Bird registration fee for Boston Open \$100, originally estimated at \$65)

D. Old Business

1. Items temporarily on hold (need to revisit C.1.a. in the near future) –
 - 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. Coordination with other organizations
 - a. Gay Games 2014: FGG/ESSDA/GLISA
 - i. Professional staff update
 - ii. Detailed competition schedule
 - iii. Designing certificates
 - iv. Access badges for Formation Team members
 - b. IFSSDA
3. Website

- a. **Report from Website Committee Chair**
- 4. Upcoming/recent competitions
 - a. Philadelphia Liberty Dance Challenge, PA State Championship, March 29, 2014 **(2015?)**
 - b. April Follies, Oakland, US National Championship, April 26, 2014
 - c. Rainbow Dance Championship, Montreal, Canada, June 14, 2014 **(sanction request?)**
 - d. Gay Games 9, Cleveland, World Championship, August 12-15, 2014
 - e. Boston Open, MA State & North American Championship, October 11, 2014
 - f. North American Outgames, St. Louis, Memorial Day Weekend 2016: Requested for 2016 NA Championships
 - g. World Outgames, Miami, Week of Memorial Day 2017 (incl. IAGLCWDC Conv.?)
 - h. Gay Games 10, Paris, 2018
- 5. Competition Rules
- 6. Non-Board committees
 - a. Dance Camp committee
 - b. Queer Youth Outreach committee
- 7. 2014 Board election
 - a. **Election in process and closes March 22, 2014**

E. New Business

- 1. **Priorities for 2014?**
- 2. **Letter from NASSPDA in April Follies 2014 program?**

F. Schedule next Board meeting(s)

A. Standing Items

to A.1.: n/a

to A.2.: Approved

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B. Official Business

to B.1.:

The President welcomed two new Board members: Eddie Alba and Michael Winward.

to B.2.: Approved

The 2014 election of NASSPDA's Board of Directors resulted into a confirmed re-election of Lee Fox and election of Eddie Alba. A run-off election between Pat Hogan and Michael Winward resulted in another tie. The Board decided to increase the number of 7 Board members to 8 (see paragraph 1. of the Governance Policies - <http://www.nasspda.org/about/page/1/5>).

to B.3.: Approved

The confirmed and elected officers for 2014 of NASSPDA's Board of Directors are as follows:

President	- Barbara Zoloth, California, USA
Vice-President	- Pat Hogan, Bristish Columbia, Canada
Secretary	- Benjamin Soencksen, New York, USA
Treasurer	- Lee Fox, Florida, USA

C. Committee Reports

to C.1.:

NASSPDA's balance of the operating account is \$7,404.12 and of the savings account earmarked for scholarship, including the additional allocated amount for 2014, is \$3,297.09.

to C.2.a.:

The next eNewsletter will be published at the end of April or beginning of May and include a blurb about the upcoming IAGLCWDC convention on Memorial Day weekend in Denver and a report and images from the 2014 April Follies, the 2014 US Championships.

to C.2.b.:

Memberships renewed or newly added online are automatically updated in the system, but need some monitoring, whereas memberships paid by cash or check need to be processed manually.

to C.2.c.:

Two registrations are so far recorded for the student membership level. New Board member, Eddie Alba, will spearhead a promotional initiative to increase that number.

to C.3.: Approved

The Board approved the judges applications of Alex Tchassov and Scott Lappin.

to C.4.a. & b.: Approved

Part of the scholarships for the 2014 North American Championships at the Boston Open, the Board approved to cover the "early bird" registration fee for "all-you-can-dance" at \$100.

D. Old Business

to D.1.a.i. through iii. & b.: Postponed

These agenda items are temporarily on hold until after GG9.

to D.2.a.i. through iv.: Postponed

There had been no update at the time of this meeting on any of the outstanding issues.

to D.2.b.: Postponed

There had been no update about IFSSDA at the time of this meeting.

to D.3.a.:

A bid to migrate NASSPDA's website to WordPress was received by SiteLightning Inc. at 60 hours and a rate of \$60 per hour with a maximum cap at \$3,780. There are still some questions about a needed plug-in to handle membership data, which would add a monthly \$20 fee.

to D.4.a.:

Due to declining attendance, the organizers of the PLDC decided to discontinue this competition after this year, but are possibly reconsidering.

to D.4.b.:

120 participants have so far registered for the 2014 April Follies, with many new names on the participants' list. This is a higher number than was expected and might be related to GG9. A community meeting will precede a series of workshops and will focus on questions about GG9 with Rob Smitherman, the Sports Director of GG9, in attendance that following Sunday.

to D.4.d.:

(see above under D.2.a.i. through iv.)

to D.4.e.:

The Board's new liaison to the Boston Open, which involves ensuring adherence to NASSPDA rules and helping with any NASSPDA related issues, is Michael Winward.

to D.4.c.:

Despite several reminders, NASSPDA has yet to receive a sanctioning application and invited judges any confirmation from the organizer of the Montreal's Rainbow Dance Championship.

to D.4.f.:

The 2016 North American Championships will be part of the NA Outgames in St. Louis, which leaves open the question where those will be held in 2015 as well as the US and Canadian Championships. Vancouver during the summer of 2015 might be a possibility.

to D.4.g.:

Dancesport at the World Outgames in 2017 will most likely be again the World Championships, depending at what stage IFSSDA will be at that time.

to D.4.h.:

Dancesport at these Gay Games in 2018 will also most likely be the World Championships, depending at what stage IFSSDA will be.

to D.5.:

There were no outstanding issues or inquiries regarding NASSPDA's current competition rules.

to D.6.a. & b.: Postponed

There had been no updates on these committees at the time of this meeting.

to D.7.a.:

(see above to B. Official Business, B.1. through B3.)

E. New Business

to E.1.: Postponed

Discussion for NASSPDA's set of priorities in 2014 was postponed due to lack of time.

to E.2.:

A language for a letter from NASSPDA for the program of the 2014 April Follies had been circulated, edited and approved by the Board prior to this meeting.

to E.3.: Approved

The Board approved awarding the 2015 US Championships to the 2015 Boston Open.

to E.4.: Postponed

(see above to D.4.f.)

to E.5.: Postponed

The Board agreed to pick-up this discussion at another time.

The Board agreed to place a half page ad using the same design as previously in the program of the IAGLCWDC convention held on Memorial Day weekend in Denver.

F. Schedule next Board meeting

to F.1.:

The next conference call meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, May 31st, 2014, at 4:00 PM EDT.

to F.2.: Postponed

An in-person Board meeting is suggested and to be determined for either Sunday, August 10th, or Monday August 11th, 2014, for breakfast, lunch or dinner time.