

Meeting of NASSPDA Board on October 18th, 2009

MINUTES:

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, October 18th, 2009, at ~6:45 PM EDT.
In attendance: Richard Lamberty (co-chair), Benjamin Soencksen (secretary) & Barbara Zoloth (co-chair & treasurer)
Apologies: Pat Hogan, Winter Held (chair of “board governance” committee)
Absent: Sonja Furiya (membership chair), Citabria Phillips (election committee chair)

The following agenda was posted on October 12th, 2009, edited and posted again on October 18th, 2009, prior to meeting:

A. Standing Items

1. Record polls since last meeting
2. Approve minutes from last meeting
3. Financial Report

B. Old Business

1. Creation of unified rules and structure requirements for sanctioned competitions
 - a. Argentine Tango and Country Western sections
2. Create mechanism that allows Board to send e-mails to members and possibly also non-members
3. Election Committee: updates
 - a. Staggered terms—clarification of process
 - b. Suggested (revised) election timeline:
 - Call for nominations: asap
 - Deadline for nominations: Nov 8
 - Vetting finished by Thanksgiving weekend
 - Voting opens Dec 1
 - Voting closes Dec 15
 - Results announced Dec 16
 - c. Dues payment now for just the rest of 2009?
4. Clarification of the procedure to be used for identifying the recipient of a Rainbow Ballroom award
5. Approve “Welcome Letter” to be sent to members
6. Approve “Update Letter” to all members updating them on NASSPDA activities and announcing the election

C. New Business

1. Scholarship fund for new memberships
2. Soliciting/receiving donations
3. NASSPDA involvement in Gay Games 2014 in Cleveland
4. NASSPDA membership in FGG (\$100/yr)
5. Should NASSPDA post results from all sanctioned competitions?

D. Schedule next Board meeting

Due to the unforeseen absence of a majority of Board members, there wasn't a quorum to hold a meeting and/or take any votes. It was therefore decided, for the purpose of tackling some of the time sensitive issues on the agenda, to formulate suggestions and present the results to the entire Board in form of polls on the Board's yahoo group.

The following is a summary of the issues discussed:

A. Standing Items

to **A.1. & A.2.:** Minutes & Notes 090927 Approved

to **A.3.:** Unreported

B. Old Business

to **B.3.a. &b., & B.6.:**

It was decided to propose and post the following 3 polls:

- A. Approve revised election timeline.
- B. Approve revised "Update Letter," to be send out to the NASSPDA's entire mailing list, and posted on its website.
- C. In the interest of continuity, approve extension of the terms of 4 current Board members by another year, whereupon the other 3 positions would be up for election (in order to adhere to the staggered terms requirement in NASSPDA's by-laws), and suggest a random selection process assigning those, unless anyone has chosen not to be up for re-election (though there is no limited on consecutive terms, as per NASSPDA's by-laws).

Based on the approval of these polls, 2 separate letters will go out to all NASSPDA members and all non-NASSPDA members, an "Update Letter" and an "Election Letter."

to B.5.:

A revised "Welcome Letter," which is automatically send out to newly registered members of NASSPDA, has replaced the previous version, the "Membership Policies" on NASSPDA's website got updated and the "Latest News" section now features a report on this year's first "Annual Meeting," the announcement of the upcoming election, and a report on FGG's and GLISA's effort to create a single quadrennial and co-produced event.

C. New Business

to **C.3. & 4.:**

The final choice of location for the Gay Games 2014 by the FGG is Cleveland. In order for NASSPDA to have an active role in the organization and/or oversight of the dance competition portion in those Games, it is proposed to seek membership with the FGG as well as GLISA (see above), as soon as possible, so that a dialogue and a presence can be established. A poll will posted accordingly.

D. Schedule next Board meeting

Not enough members were present to make any decision on a future meeting date. A poll will determine the upcoming meeting's date in mid-November.

This meeting adjourned at approx. 7:55 PM EDT.