

Operating Principles and Values (10/26/15)

- NASSPDA is committed to being a transparent, inclusive, and accountable organization designed to serve the interests of its members and to represent those interests to the same-sex partner dance communities around the world. NASSPDA is a 501©3 non-profit organization. The organization provides consistent standards, guidelines, definitions for same-sex competitions and the coordination of scheduling and dissemination of information for the growing number of such competitions in North America. Members include dancers, competitors, teachers, event organizers and other interested parties. The organization respects and encourages diversity with respect to race, ethnicity, disability, gender identity, and gender expression. NASSPDA supports accessibility and affordability through financial support to both dancers and organizers.
- Privacy: As a matter of policy, NASSPDA never gives out our mailing list or any list of members that is created. We will consider sending information to our members on a case-by-case basis, but NASSPDA does not share its membership lists with other individuals or organizations.
- Transparency of governance: NASSPDA is committed to operating in a fully transparent manner. In support of that commitment, we publish all NASSPDA policies for public review. To that end, any item announcing specific Board policy includes the names of all Board members. This includes letters that sanction competitions or authorize titles.
- Definition of North America for NASSPDA purposes is any political or geographical region that is identified as part of the North American continent by an official public source. If an individual lives in a geographic region that could be considered part of another continent as well as North America, we would expect individuals to belong to only one regionally defined membership organization of same-sex partner dancing.