

Meeting of NASSPDA Board on April 12th, 2015

MINUTES:

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, April 12th, 2015, at ~1:05 PM EDT.

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

Apologies: Andrew Pueschel

The President posted the following agenda on April 9th, 2015, 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. Committee Reports

1. **Financial Report**
2. **Membership Report**
 - a. Newsletter report
 - b. **Membership renewal report for 2015**
 - c. Student membership report
3. **Adjudicator Application Report**
4. **Scholarship Report**
 - a. **Checks for two approved NA Championship scholarships**
5. **Same-Sex Dancesport Promotion Report**
 - a. **Contact with recipient**
 - b. **Procedures for disbursement and follow-up**
6. **Board Election Report**
 - a. **Final results**
7. **Website Report**
 - a. **Test update and estimated implementation**

C. 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. Coordination with other organizations
 - a. FGG/ESSDA/GLISA
 - b. IFSSDA
3. Upcoming/recent competitions

- a. April Follies, Oakland, CA, North American Championship, April 25, 2015
- b. Glitz & Glitter Ball, June 19-21, 2015, Columbus, OH
- c. Montreal Rainbow Dance Challenge, Canada, weekend before Labor Day, 2015?
- d. Boston Open, Provincetown, MA, US Championship, September 18+19, 2015
- e. Floorplay in the Desert, Palm Springs, CA, January 15-17, 2016
- f. NA Outgames, St. Louis, MO, NA Championships, Memorial Day Weekend 2016
- g. World Outgames, Miami, FL, 2017 World Championship, Week of Memorial Day, 2017 (incl. annual IAGLCWDC Convention plus competition?)
- h. Gay Games 10, Paris, France, 2018

D. New Business

- 1. **Priorities for 2015?**
- 2. **Agenda for annual membership meeting on April 26, 2015**
- 3. **Request to sanction "Floorplay in the Desert" (see above)**

E. Schedule next Board meeting(s)

- 1. **Next Board meeting**

A. Standing Items

to A.1.: n/a

to A.2.: Approved

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B. Committee Reports

to B.1.:

NASSPDA's balance of the operating account is \$4,393.38 and savings account \$1,758.36.

to B.2.a.:

There were no updates or discussions on this agenda item.

to B.2.b.:

Currently NASSPDA has 80 active members; 64 individual, 7 affiliated, 1 student, 2 team, 5 organizational and 1 honorary membership.

to B.2.c.:

There were no updates or discussions on this agenda item.

to B.3.: Approved

The Board provisionally approved Kimberley Mitchell, Gabriel Monte and Christie Cote (both for Argentine Tango only), pending the approval recommendation from the Judges Committee, who are all slated to judge at the 2015 April Follies.

Having added Argentine Tango to NASSPDA's Competition Rules, requires that even specialists in the field are approved by NASSPDA for sanctioned competitions. The published list of approved judges on NASSPDA's website will label specialists as such.

Argentine Tango isn't a required category that organizers have to offer for any championship level, but will be awarded a title, if offered.

to B.4.a.:

The Treasurer will hand out the two awarded scholarships to the recipients at April Follies.

to B.5.a. & b.:

The recipient of the first awarded promotional grant will be required to report on how the grant was spent. The Same-Sex Dancesport Promotion Committee will work out the exact procedure to follow.

to B.6.:

Voting ended on March 21st, 2015, and all 5 candidates were elected (50 ballots issued; 23 voted):

Garrett Gerritsen, Benjamin Soencksen, Kathy Wildman, Barbara Zoloth (all reelected) and Andrew Pueschel (newly elected). The Board has now 9 members, and all officers were reaffirmed.

to B.7.a.:

It is planned to have a soft launch of the new website just prior to the 2015 April Follies. A plug-in for the management of the membership database, "Membership Mouse," will allow adding certain privileges to members, such as posting photos and searching for other members, unless member selected the non-searchable option. The Board is yet undecided whether memberships should be tied to a calendar year, expiring on December 31st, or expire individually based on the date dues were paid.

C. Old Business

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

These agenda items were skipped due to lack of time and are temporarily on hold.

to C.2.a. & b.:

There were no updates on these agenda items at the time of this meeting.

to C.3.a.:

The Secretary requested a count of medals needed for the NA Championship at April Follies based on the registered couples' self-assessment or grade level and maximum number of certificates needed for the formation team category (without any names attached to these numbers).

to C.3.c.:

The organizers of the Philadelphia Liberty Dance Challenge will be part of a small Pro/Am competition in Woodbury, NJ, at the Auletto's Caterer on August 29th, 2015, named Delaware Valley/Philadelphia Liberty Dance Challenge. This is the same date planned for the 2015 Montreal Rainbow Dance Challenge. In both cases, the Board has yet to receive a sanctioning request.

to C.3.b., d. through h.:

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

D. New Business

to D.1.: Postponed

This agenda item was postponed due to lack of time.

to D.2.:

NASSPDA's Annual Membership Meeting will take place, as required by NASSPDA's By-Laws, on Sunday, April 26th, 2015, starting at 10:30 AM at the same location that will feature workshops with the female Standard World Champions from Germany, Caroline Privou and Petra Zimmermann, the Montclair Women's Cultural Arts Club, 1650 Mountain Boulevard, Oakland, CA.

to D.3.:

The organizer of "Floorplay in the Desert" requested sanctioning by NASSPDA.

E. Schedule next Board meeting

The next conference call meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, May 31st, 2015, at 1:00 PM EDT.