

Meeting of NASSPDA Board on June 21st, 2015

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Conference call meeting started on Sunday, June 21st, 2015, at ~12:07 PM EDT.

In attendance: 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), Andrew Pueschel (Competition committee co-chair), Benjamin Soencksen (President) & FGG Delegate), Kathy Wildman (Secretary & Website Committee Chair) & Michael Winward & Barbara Zoloth (Policy Committee Chair)

Apologies: Eddie Alba

The President posted the following agenda on June 15, 2015, with important sections to address highlighted in red:

Agenda for SUNDAY, June 21, 2015, 10AM PST, 12Noon CST, 1PM EST

A. Standing Items

1. Polls since last meeting to be recorded
2. Approve minutes from last meeting

B. Committee Reports

1. **Financial:** Lee (Chair), Garret, Kathy
2. **Membership:** Garret (Co-Chair), Pat (Co-Chair)
 - a. **Membership update**
 - b. **Proposed change to tiered membership levels**
 - c. Newsletter
3. **Adjudicator Application Committee Report:** Lee (Chair), Benjamin, Citabria, Meredith
4. **Scholarship Committee:** Barbara (Chair), Pat, Lee
5. **Same-Sex Dancesport Promotion Committee:** Garret (Chair), Eddie, Michael
6. **Board Election Committee:** Andrew, Barbara, Benjamin, Garrett, Kathy
7. **Website Committee:** Andrew, Kathy (Chair), Eddie, Michael, Pat
 - a. **Plug-in replacement suggestion for Member-Mouse**
 - b. **Contents update including images**
8. **Competition Committee** (Andrew, Eddie)
 - a. **Responsibilities? (Sanctioning requests?)**
 - b. **Chair of committee?**
 - c. **Other members?**

C. Old Business

1. Items temporarily on hold.
 - a. Proposed changes in NASSPDA Board Policies and Procedures
 - 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 (Benjamin) & GLISA (Pat)
 - b. IFSSDA (Benjamin, Richard)
 - 3. Upcoming/recent competitions
 - a. Glitz & Glitter Ball, June 19-21, 2015, Columbus, OH
 - b. Delaware Valley Equality Ball, Woodbury, NJ, August 29, 2015
 - c. Montreal Rainbow Dance Challenge, Canada, August 29, 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. April Follies, Oakland, CA, April 23, 2016
 - i. **Organizer request authorization for 2016 USA Championships**
 - g. NA OutGames, St. Louis, MO, NA Championships, May 27 – June 4, 2016
 - i. **Organizer needs to request sanctioning**
 - i. World OutGames, Miami, FL, 2017 World Championship, Week of Memorial Day 2017 (incl. annual IAGLCWDC Convention plus combined competition?)
 - j. Gay Games 10, Paris, France, 2018 World Championships, Summer 2018
 - 4. Non-Board committees
- D. New Business**
- 1. **Pro-Am championship titles?**
- E. Schedule next Meeting(s)**

The following agenda items were discussed during this meeting in the order listed, and votes were taken and recorded as follows:

A. Standing Items

to A.1.: The Judges Committee Chair posted on June 14th, 2015, the following poll: “Do you vote to approve Lisa Vegas as a sanctioned adjudicator?” This poll was approved by 7 “yes” votes and 1 abstention (1 vote not cast) and closed on June 17, 2014.

to A.2.: Approved

The Secretary posted on June 14th, 2015, the following poll: “Do you approve the ‘2nd Draft of Minutes & Notes 150531’ as posted in the file folder ‘Minutes & Notes 2015’?” This poll was approved by 6 “yes” votes (3 votes non-cast) and closed on June 20, 2014.

B. Committee Reports

To B.1.: The Treasurer reported no changes from the previous meeting.

To B.2.a.: The Membership Chair reported a total of 96 members in categories as follows: Individual 75, Student 1, Organization 6, Teams 4, Affiliate 7; Honorary 1.

To B.2.b.: Andrew Pueschel was confirmed as a new member of the Membership Committee. This committee will put together a proposal of benefits, and the possible connection of membership levels to those benefits. All committees are requested to provide what they imagine to be their benefits.

To B.2.c.: No report.

To B.3.: It was noted that Lisa Vegas had been approved, by poll, as a judge.

To B.4.: No report.

To B.5.: The Promotion Committee Chair reported that Zoe Balfour has reapplied for the same event on a different date. The Board approved a proposal to approve a change in date for Zoe’s event. The Chair also reported that two applications from Kalin Mitov are still under consideration.

To B.6.: The President requested committee members review the responsibilities of chair, in anticipation of installing a chair.

To B.7.: The Website Committee chair reported that no progress has been made in the new website

To B.7.a.: The Website Committee chair proposed that we use Paid Memberships Pro rather than MembershipMouse, due to the cost of the latter, and that this change is pending review by website consultant.

To B.7.b.: (not addressed)

To 8.a.: the Co-chair said that a lengthy report would be offered in August.

To 8.b.: Andrew Pueschel and Eddie Alba are co-chairs of this committee.

To 8.c.: The Board agreed that this committee should have more members and will consider turning adjudication over to the Competition Committee.

C. Old Business

To C.1.a.i. through iii.: The Board established a committee of Barbara Zoloth (chair), Benjamin Soencksen, Michael Winward, and Pat Hogan to address policy updates...

To C.1.b.: The history, in timeline form, that has been compiled and will be obtained.

To C.2.a.: No report.

To C.2.b.: No report.

To C.3.a.: A successful event was reported. (See also C.3.f. below.)

To C.3.b.: We await communication from that competition.

To C.3.c.: Still planned.

To C.3.d.: No report.

To C.3.e.: No report.

To C.3.f.: Organizer requested authorization for 2016 USA Championship and this request was declined. The Board approved the request of Glitz&Glitter 2016 to offer the USA championships, with one abstention.

To C.3.g.: The organizer still needs to formally request sanctioning.

To C.3.h.: (no such item)

To C.3.i.: On hold.

To C.3.j.: On hold.

To C.4. and D.1.: These items skipped due to lack of time.

To E. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, **August 23, 2015, at 1pm EST.**

Adjourned: 1:47pm.