

Meeting of NASSPDA Board on August 23st, 2015

MINUTES:

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, August 23st, 2015, at ~1:20 PM EDT.

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

The President posted the agenda August 15, 2015, with important sections to address highlighted in red. That agenda is replicated below in black and red; actions are in pink.

A. Standing Items

1. Polls since last meeting to be recorded

Approved poll to grant application #2 (community classes) submitted by Kalin Mitov.

Approved poll with text of newsletter to the general public (not active members).

Approved poll with text of newsletter to expired members.

Approved poll with text email to active members from the Board's Liaison to the Boston Open, Michael Winward, reminding members of the upcoming US Championships being part of the Boston Open.

2. Approve minutes from last meeting

Approved Minutes and Notes of the Meeting of June 21, 2015.

B. Committee Reports

1. **Financial:** Lee (Chair), Garret, Kathy

Balance of \$5,154.39 in the General Fund and \$1,298.52 in the Scholarship Fund.

Appropriate tax returns have been filed with the state of California and the IRS.

2. **Membership:** Garret (Co-Chair), Pat (Co-Chair), Andrew

- a. **Membership update**

Current membership totals 117.

- b. **Proposed change to tiered membership level**

No report. Michael Winward has been appointed to the membership committee.

- c. **Newsletter**

A monthly newsletter will be published starting in September and then the frequency question will be revisited.

3. **Adjudicator Application Committee Report:** Lee (Chair), Benjamin, Citabria, Meredith

Approved addition of Ross Pierce from Mesa, Arizona to list of approved adjudicators.

4. **Scholarship Committee:** Barbara (Chair), Pat, Lee

No report.

5. **Same-Sex Dancesport Promotion Committee:** Garret (Chair), Eddie, Michael

Funds may be issued to grant recipient after a report by the grantee and an OK by the committee.

Both recent grantees (Kalin Mitov and Zoe Balfour) have been notified of their grant awards.

6. **Board Election Committee:** Garret (chair), Andrew, Barbara, Benjamin, Kathy

Garret Garritsen will be chair.

7. **Website Committee:** Andrew, Kathy (Chair), Eddie, Michael, Pat

No report.

- a. **Plug-in replacement suggestion for Member-Mouse**

Paid Memberships Pro has been installed as a plug-in.

- b. Keeping current site updated

Postponed.

- 8. Competition Committee Andrew (Co-Chair), Eddie (Co-Chair)

The President will communicate with Adjudicator Application Committee members to obtain their thoughts on merging committees.

- a. Outline of responsibilities

The parameters for this committee are still in the process of being defined. A draft was sent to the Board and is being reworked based on Board comments.

- b. Other members?

Postponed.

- c. Recurring sanctioning request from Glitz & Glitter Ball, Columbus, OH

See 3(g)(i) below.

- 9. Governance Policy Committee Barbara (Chair), Benjamin, Michael, Pat

No report.

- a. Definition of quorum and “super majority”
- b. Guidelines for committee reviewing policy and procedure documents
- c. Election rules of Board members and officers

C. Old Business

- 1. Request for history of same-sex ballroom dance (for website) and explanations of rules and procedures (for eNewsletter)

The President has received such information as exists in writing.

- 2. Coordination with other organizations
 - a. FGG/ESSDA (Benjamin) & GLISA (Pat)
 - b. IFSSDA (Benjamin, Richard)
 - i. Letter from Davy Brocatus re. Licensing and IFSSDA

The President will write a response rejecting, as per the Board’s collective opinion, implementing the suggested licensing for the World Outgames in Miami.

- 3. Upcoming/recent competitions
 - a. Montreal Rainbow Dance Challenge, Canada, August 29, 2015
 - b. Delaware Valley Equality Ball, Woodbury, NJ, August 30, 2015

All seven judges are sanctioned and have current memberships.

All three judges are sanctioned and have current memberships.

- c. Boston Open, Provincetown, MA, US Championship, September 18+19, 2015

Approved ad for program book.

- d. Floorplay in the Desert, Palm Springs, CA, January 15-17, 2016

Approved request for recurring sanction.

- e. April Follies, Oakland CA, April 23, 2016

No report.

- f. NA Outgames, St. Louis, MO, NA Championships, May 27 – June 4, 2016

No sanctioning request received as of yet. Barbara Zoloth will henceforth serve as liaison.

- i. Organizer needs to request sanctioning
- g. Glitz & Glitter Ball, Columbus, OH, US Championship, June 17-19, 2016
 - i. Recurring Sanctioning” request received (Pride Weekend: 3rd wk of June +/- 2 wks

Request approved.

- i.. World Outgames, Miami, FL, 2017 World Championship, Week of Memorial Day 2017 (incl. annual IAGLCWDC Convention plus combined competition?)

No updates at the time of this meeting.

- j. Gay Games 10, Paris, France, 2018 World Championships, Summer 2018

No updates at the time of this meeting.

- 4. Non-Board committees

D. New Business

1. Pro-Am championship titles?

Not addressed due to lack of time.

2. Approval requirements of adjudicators from non-NA regions?

Not addressed.

3. NASSPDA e-mail addresses and forwarding?

Not addressed.

4. NASSPDA member's registration discount at sanctioned competitions

- a. Existing definition of policy (reimbursement up to \$5?)

Policy is to reimburse half the discount, up to \$5 person.

- b. Inclusion in Competition Rules?

Postponed.

- c. Mandatory? (at least for national and NA championships?)

Postponed.

E. Schedule next Meeting(s)

Next meeting: Sept 13, 2015; 1pm EST

Adjourned: 1:58pm