

Meeting of NASSPDA Board on September 13th, 2015

MINUTES:

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, September 13th, 2015, at ~1:07 PM EDT.

In attendance: Eddie Alba (Competition Committee Co-chair) (until 1:15), Lee Fox (Treasurer, Finance Committee Co-Chair & Judges Committee Chair), Garret Gerritsen (Election Committee Chair, Membership Co-Chair, Finance Committee Co-Chair & Promotion Committee Chair), Andrew Pueschel (Competition Committee co-chair), Benjamin Soencksen (President, FGG Delegate, and Scholarship Chair), Kathy Wildman (Secretary & Website Committee Chair), Michael Winward, and Barbara Zoloth (Policy Committee Chair).

Apologies: Pat Hogan (Vice-President, GLISA Representative, Membership Co-Chair)

The President posted the agenda September 7, 2015, with important sections to address highlighted in red. That agenda is replicated below in black and red; discussion is in pink.

A. Standing Items

1. Polls since last meeting to be recorded
None.
2. Approve minutes from last meeting
2nd draft not submitted in time for approval.

B. Committee Reports

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

Balances of \$5,097.94 in the General Fund and \$1,298.58 in the Scholarship Fund.
1298.58.

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

- a. **Membership update**

Current membership totals 122

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

The Membership Committee sent to the Board a Draft Proposal for changes, after which a lengthy and lively discussion ensued, taking up almost the remainder of the meeting time. This discussion focused on equity amongst categories; sensitivity to price by our current membership; and the need for sensitivity to community growth and social dancers. The Membership Committee will be proposing changes and sending a new proposal based on the input from the Board.

- c. **Newsletter (Andrew)**

Two errors in the last newsletter will be corrected in the upcoming one—Elections committee chair was wrong, and we implied that people could renew memberships but actually they cannot do this quite yet.

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

The Committee Chair reported that there are no applications in process.

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

No report.

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

It was proposed and seconded that NASSPDA place an ad in the Sundance program at a cost of \$80. Motion carried unanimously with 7 votes.

Other items were postponed.

- a. **NASSPDA member's registration discount at sanctioned competitions**

- i. Definition of policy (reimbursement up to \$5?)
- ii. Inclusion in Competition Rules?
- iii. Mandatory? (at least for national and NA championships?)

6. **Board Election Committee:** Garrett (Chair), Andrew, Barbara, Benjamin, Kathy

No report.

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

- a. **Progress report? Completion date? Barbara is working on it.**

No report

- b. **Keeping current site updated**

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

- a. **Merging with Adjudicator Committee?**

The President explained the possible merger with the non-Board members of the Adjudicator Committee. They are uncommitted as of now.

- b. Suggested revisions of Competition Rules

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

Tabled until next time.

- 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)
2. Coordination with other organizations
 - a. FGG/ESSDA (Benjamin) & GLISA (Pat)
 - b. IFSSDA (Benjamin, Richard)

The President reported that Davy has not written back yet.

3. Upcoming/recent competitions
 - a. Montreal Rainbow Dance Challenge, Canada, August 29, 2015 (Lee)
 - b. Delaware Valley Equality Ball, Woodbury, NJ, August 30, 2015 (Benjamin)
 - c. Boston Open, Provincetown, MA, US Championship, September 18+19, 2015 (Michael)
 - d. Floorplay in the Desert, Palm Springs, CA, January 15-17, 2016 (Lee)
 - e. April Follies, Oakland, CA, April 23, 2016 (Eddie)
 - f. NA Outgames, St. Louis, MO, NA Championships, May 27 – June 4, 2016 (Barbara)

The official and complete sanctioning request has been received.
 - g. Glitz & Glitter Ball, Columbus, OH, US Championship, June 17-19, 2016 (Eddie)
- h. World Outgames, Miami, FL, 2017 World Championship, Week of Memorial Day 2017 (incl. annual IAGLCWDC Convention plus combined competition?) – (Lee)
- i. Gay Games 10, Paris, France, 2018 World Championships, Summer 2018
4. Non-Board committees

D. New Business

All postponed.

1. Pro-Am championship titles?
2. Approval requirements of adjudicators from non-NA regions?
3. NASSPDA e-mail addresses and forwarding?
4. Expand NASSPDA's mission? Change name?
5. NASSPDA's role regarding inclusion of same-sex categories by USA Dance & FADS?

E. Schedule next Meeting(s)

Adjourned 1:40.

Next meeting: October 25, 1:00ET