

Meeting of NASSPDA Board on October 25th, 2015

MINUTES:

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, October 25th, 2015, at 1:10 PM EST.

In attendance Lee Fox (Treasurer and Finance Committee Co-Chair), Garret Gerritsen (Election Committee Chair, Membership Co-Chair, Finance Committee Co-Chair & Promotion Committee Chair), Pat Hogan (Vice-President, GLISA Representative, Membership Co-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: Eddie Alba (Competition Committee 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
The Secretary reported that August Notes, August Minutes, and September Minutes & Notes were approved.

B. Committee Reports

1. **Financial:** Lee (Chair), Garret, Kathy
The Treasurer reported \$5,017.94 in the General Fund and \$1,298.52 in the Scholarship Fund.
2. **Membership:** Garret (Co-Chair), Pat (Co-Chair), Andrew, Michael
 - a. **Membership update**
Total membership is 128.
 - b. **Revised proposal of change to tiered membership levels**
A Competition Committee Co-Chair reported that integration of comments from last month into the proposal is forthcoming.
 - i. **Resulting changes for Competition Rules**
 - ii. **Timeline and process for implementation**
 - iii. **Change from PayPal to Square?**
The Website Consultant confirmed that that kind of processing can be done through the new Website.
 - c. **Newsletter (Andrew)**
A Competition Committee Co-Chair noted that newsletter readership is above national averages, and that the newsletter is going to our entire list.
3. **Adjudicator Application Committee Report:** Lee (Chair), Benjamin, Citabria, Meredith
The Committee Chair received a new application, which has been sent to the committee for review.
 - a. **Merged with Competition Committee?**
The President reported that both non-Board members of the Adjudicator Committee sent affirmative emails about merging the 2 committees.
The new Competition Committee will now consist of four board members and two (suggested a minimum of one) non-board members.
Adjudicator applications will henceforth be sent to the members of the Competition Committee.
4. **Scholarship Committee:** Benjamin (Chair), Pat, Lee

- No report.
5. **Same-Sex Dancesport Promotion Committee:** Garret (Chair), Eddie, Michael
The Chair reported receipt of Boston Open's organizer post-questionnaire related to the activity, for which NASSPDA had approved a grant, and the Board unanimously approved payment.
 - a. **NASSPDA member's registration discount at sanctioned competition**
 - i. Definition of policy (reimbursement up to \$5?)
 - ii. Inclusion in Competition Rules?
 - iii. Mandatory? (at least for national and NA championships?)

The Promotion Committee will draft verbiage of a formal policy on this matter.
The Board will address whether to make it mandatory.
 - b. **Handle "ad placing" requests?**
The Competition Committee will get quotes on preparation of ad templates.
The Board will determine whether the Competition Committee, Promotion Committee, or a competition liaison should be responsible for the process to handle requests.
 6. **Board Election Committee:** Garrett (Chair), Andrew, Barbara, Benjamin, Kathy
The many dates and deadlines associated with NASSPDA's Board Elections will be presented and approved at the next Board meeting.
 7. **Website Committee:** Kathy (Chair), Andrew, Eddie, Michael, Pat
 - a. **Change of Chair**
It will remain unchanged.
 - b. **Status report? Completion date? (Andrew)**
The replication of documents from the current website to the new one will be done soon.
 - c. **Keeping current site updated**
It has been done.
 8. **Competition Committee** Andrew (Co-Chair), Eddie (Co-Chair), Benjamin, Lee
 - a. **Approve scope and role of this committee**
This committee will send a draft of scope and role to the Board by the next meeting.
 - b. Adjudicator application?
 - c. Sanctioning application?
 - d. Title authorization application?
 - e. Suggested revisions of or additions to Competition Rules?
 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 reported that this was in the works.
2. Coordination with other organizations
 - a. FGG/ESSDA (Benjamin) & GLISA (Pat)
The President reported that a proposed combined quadrennial event by FGG and GLISA and a possible merger of both organizations is an ongoing and heated, controversial discussion.
 - b. IFSSDA (Benjamin, Richard)

The President reported that no response from ESSDA's Co-President has been received, but that there had been communication with ESSDA's Treasurer explaining NASSPDA's \$100 contribution went directly to ESSDA's Co-President.

3. Upcoming/recent competitions
 - a. Boston Open, Provincetown, MA, US Championship, September 18+19, 2015 (Michael)
Last report?
Members of 7 couples received discounts as NASSPDA members at registration; the appropriate reimbursement will be made (see above B.5.).
 - b. Floorplay in the Desert, Palm Springs, CA, January 15-17, 2016 (Lee)
No report.
 - c. April Follies, Oakland, CA, April 23, 2016 (Eddie)
No report.
 - d. NA Outgames, St. Louis, MO, NA Championships, May 27 – June 4, 2016 (Barbara)
 - i. Sanctioning request received
No report, except to clarify that NASSPDA awaited paperwork as a formality, which confirmed sanctioning and awarding of holding the NA Championships.
 - e. Glitz & Glitter Ball, Columbus, OH, US Championship, July 23, 2016 (Eddie)
Noted date change. No other report.
 - f. World Outgames, Miami, FL, 2017 World Championship, Week of Memorial Day 2017 (incl. annual IAGLCWDC Convention plus combined competition?) – (Lee)
The liaison reported about a discussion with IAGLCWDC combining competitions, NASSPDA and IAGLCWDC rules controlled portions, and putting together a budget.
 - g. Gay Games 10, Paris, France, 2018 World Championships, Summer 2018
An inquiry resulted in the affirmation that Argentine Tango will not be offered, because it had already been decided to have a Wheelchair Division.

D. New Business

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?
The President proposed and the Board agreed that the next meeting will skip updates, spend a maximum of half an hour on standing items, which need approval, and devote the last hour to this topic.

E. Schedule next Meeting(s)

Next Meeting: Nov. 22, 2015, 1:00pm EST
Adjourned at 2:34pm EST.