

Meeting of NASSPDA Board on November 22, 2015

MINUTES:

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, November 22th, 2015, at 1:05 PM EST.

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

Apologies: Andrew Pueschel (Competition Committee co-chair)

The President posted the agenda November 16, 2015, with important sections to address highlighted in **red**. That agenda is replicated below in black and red; discussion is in **pink**.

The first half hour of this meeting is reserved for any necessary votes, approvals and the recording of polls. The following hour is reserved for a discussion on agenda items D.4. & 5.

A. Standing Items

1. Polls since last meeting to be recorded
None.
2. Approve minutes from last meeting
August Minutes & Notes were approved by 6 votes.

B. Committee Reports

1. Financial: Lee (Chair), Garret, Kathy
The Treasurer reported \$4,915.32 in the General Fund and \$1,298.55 in the Scholarship Fund.
2. Membership: Garret (Co-Chair), Pat (Co-Chair), Andrew, Michael
 - a. Membership update

**That total membership is at 130.
Renewals for 2016 will be available for sign-up in December.**

- b. Revised proposal of change to tiered membership levels
 - i. Resulting changes for Competition Rules
 - ii. Timeline and process for implementation
 - iii. Change from Paypal to Square?
 - c. Newsletter (Andrew)
3. Adjudicator Application Committee Report: Lee (Chair), Benjamin, Citabria, Meredith
 - a. Merged with Competition Committee?
No report.
4. Scholarship committee: Benjamin (Chair), Pat, Lee
No report.
5. Same-Sex Dancesport Promotion Committee: Garret (Chair), Eddie, Michael

- 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?)

No report.

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

The Board Election Committee Chair moved to change elections to May in 2016. This was 2nded by the President and passed unanimously.

The election timeline and guidelines will be updated accordingly.

- 7. Website Committee: Kathy (Chair), Andrew, Eddie, Michael, Pat
 - a. Status report? Completion date? (Andrew)

No report.

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

No report.

- a. Approve scope and role of this committee
- 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)
- 2. Coordination with other organizations
 - a. FGG/ESSDA (Benjamin) & GLISA (Pat)
 - b. IFSSDA (Benjamin, Richard)
- 3. Upcoming/recent competitions
 - a. Floorplay in the Desert, Palm Springs, CA, January 15-17, 2016 (Lee)
 - b. April Follies, Oakland, CA, April 23, 2016 (Eddie)
 - c. NA Outgames, St. Louis, MO, NA Championships, May 27 – June 4, 2016 (Barbara)
 - d. Glitz & Glitter Ball, Columbus, OH, US Championship, July 23, 2016 (Eddie)
 - e.. World Outgames, Miami, FL, 2017 World Championship, Week of Memorial Day 2017 (incl. annual IAGLCWDC Convention plus combined competition?) – (Lee)
 - f. Gay Games 10, Paris, France, 2018 World Championships, Summer 2018

D. New Business

- 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?**

A lengthy discussion took place on the latter.

NASSPDA wants to be both vigilant and supportive about mainstream attempts to be inclusive of same-sex dance. We will take no action at the present time.

As we address the definition of a couple, and address how to include transgendered individuals in ways that respect and honor everyone, we will be conscious that other organizations will be looking to us for possible direction.

Before considering any name change, we will first consider what the policy change might be, and we will peruse the April Follies working language as a part of considering a policy change.

E. Schedule next Meeting(s)

Next meeting: Dec 13 5pm EST, 4pm CST, 2pm Pacific

Adjourned 1:31.