

## Meeting of NASSPDA Board on December 13, 2015

### MINUTES:

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at 4:02 PM EST.

In attendance: Eddie Alba (Competition Committee Co-chair), Lee Fox joined at 4:40 pm--(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), 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 (Governance Policy Committee Chair).

The President posted the agenda December 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.  
**November Minutes and Notes were approved by 7 votes.**

#### B. Committee Reports

1. Financial:  
**The Treasurer reported that there were no changes in the funds since last month, thus we have \$4,915.32 in the General Operating Fund and \$1,298.68 in the Scholarship Fund.**
2. Membership:
  - a. **Membership Update**  
**One of the Membership Co-Chairs reported that total membership is 130, in the following breakdown: 109 individual members, 1 student member, 7 organizations, 4 teams, 8 affiliates (of which 6 are set to expire this year), and 1 honorary membership.**  
  
**Database has been changed to allow for renewals.**
  - b. **Revised proposal of change to tiered membership level**
    - i. Resulting changes for Competition Rules
    - ii. Timeline and process for implementation**The Board agreed that once NASSPDA membership has reached 200 members, the issue of tiered membership will be revisited.**
  - c. Newsletter  
**Changes have been made in the draft as suggested in emails—mostly dates of competitions—and will go out tomorrow.**
3. Scholarship Committee:
  - a. **Decide on amount of year-end transfer to fund from operating budget**
  - b. **Decide on number of 2016 scholarships offering**

Based on NASSPDA's policies for the Scholarship Fund, the Board decided to offer 5 scholarships of up to \$500 per applicant who wants to compete at the 2016 North American championships

4. Same-Sex Dancesport Promotion Committee:
  - a. NASSPDA member's registration discount at sanctioned competitions
    - i. Procedure for policy
    - ii. Inclusion in Competition Rules?
    - iii. Mandatory? (at least for national and NA championships?)

The proposed language will need additional verbiage to explain how the liaison oversees the process of getting lists, determining who gets the discount, and how NASSPDA's contribution is paid to the offering organizer. The drafting of such language, it was agreed, should be done by the Competition Committee because it's about the duties of the liaison.

The Board was indecisive about making the discount mandatory and agreed to possibly revisit this decision at a later point.
5. Board Election Committee:
  - a. New proposed election timeline (election in May)  
New timeline will be provided in Jan or Feb.
  - b. Updated election manual on Yahoo Group  
Pending.
6. Website Committee:
  - a. Status report? Completion date? (Andrew)  
The Committee Chair proposed that NASSPDA's website consultant will sit in on a Board Meeting. The President and the Committee Chair will decide when to do this. Before that Board meeting, the Board will be informed again on how to access the new website and any outstanding questions, especially issues that need to be resolved.
7. Competition Committee:
  - a. Approve scope and role of this committee
  - b. Adjudicator application(s)?  
It was moved by the Committee Co-Chair that the complete competition committee must send forth a recommendation, which was unanimously approved.  
Motion was made by the Co-chair to provisionally approve the Floorplay slate of adjudicators, due to the time sensitivity of the applications, pending comments from all committee members-which was unanimously approved.
  - c. Sanctioning application(s)?
  - d. Title authorization application(s)?
  - e. Suggested revisions of or additions to Competition Rules?
8. Governance Policy Committee: Barbara (Chair), Benjamin, Michael, Pat
  - a. Approve final draft  
Not addressed.

### 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 & GLISA
  - b. IFSSDA
3. Upcoming/recent competitions
  - a. **Floorplay in the Desert, Palm Springs, CA, January 15-17, 2016**  
**Issues addressed above.**
  - b. April Follies, Oakland, CA, April 23, 2016
  - c. NA Outgames, St. Louis, MO, NA Championships, May 27 – June 4, 2016
  - d. Glitz & Glitter Ball, Columbus, OH, US Championship, July 23, 2016
  - e. Delaware Valley Equality Ball, Woodbury, NJ, August 2016?
  - f. Montreal Rainbow Dance Challenge, August 2016?
  - g. Boston Open, Provincetown, September 2016? (Michael)
  - h. World Outgames, Miami, FL, 2017 World Championship, Week of Memorial Day 2017 (incl. annual IAGLCWDC Convention plus combined competition?)
  - i. 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 (see BASSDA's competition rules for April Follies)? Change name (suggested NAGEDA - North American Gender Equality Dance Association)?**  
**Not addressed.**

**E. Schedule next Meeting(s)**

**Sunday, February 14, 3PST, 4 Central, 5 EST**

**Adjourned 5:43**