

Meeting of NASSPDA Board on March 20, 2016

MINUTES:

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, March 20, 2015, at 4:04 PM EST.

In attendance: Eddie Alba (Competition 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), and Barbara Zoloth (Governance Policy Committee Chair).

Absent: Lee Fox (Treasurer, Finance Committee Co-Chair) and Michael Winward

The President posted the agenda March 13, 2016, 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
February 2016 Minutes & Notes were approved.

B. Committee Reports

1. Financial
The Operating Fund contains \$ 5,150.66 and the Scholarship, \$2,527.48.
2. Membership
 - a. **Membership update**
Total membership is currently at 43: 35 individual members, no student members, 3 organizations, 3 teams, 3 affiliates, and 1 honorary membership.
 - b. Newsletter
No report.
3. Scholarship Committee
 - a. **Discuss any received applications**
No new applications have been received.
Due to no applicants, the Board agreed to raffling off ten \$250 vouchers at April Follies to be used for expenses towards attending the NA Championships in Columbus, OH.
4. Same-Sex Dancesport Promotion Committee
 - a. NASSPDA member's registration discount at sanctioned competitions
 - i. Policy to be included in procedures for competition liaison
No discussion.

5. Board Election Committee

The next election-related deadline is in April.

a. Updated election manual on Yahoo Group

No report.

6. Website Committee

a. Master task list for completion.

Contributions to the Master Task List had been made by some Board members, which will be incorporated.

b. Q & A with John (website consultant)

Not yet scheduled or considered by the Board.

7. Competition Committee

a. Adjudicator application(s)?

b. Sanctioning application(s)? (See also under C.3.)

c. Title authorization application(s)?

d. Suggested revisions of or additions to Competition Rules?

i. Language for "NASSPDA Endorsed" event vs "NASSPDA Sanctioned"

Language was considered to be-added to the competition rules allowing NASSPDA to endorse as well as sanction an event and after some discussion dismissed as not warranted at this point.

The request by Provincetown Dance Trophy organizers for sanctioning was approved unanimously.

C. Old Business

1. Request for 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. April Follies, Oakland, CA, April 23, 2016 (Eddie)

i. NASSPDA Ad in program?

An ad will be placed, unanimously approved by the Board.

ii. Community Meeting on Sunday, April 24, 2016?

This meeting will take place and four Board members are expected to be present.

b. NA Outgames, St. Louis, MO, NA Championships, May 27 – June 4, 2016 (Barbara)

i. Applied rules for Tango: "Tango de Pista (Salon Tango) and Stage Tango rules apply."?

The liaison contacted NA Outgames organizers, who promised that that was done in error and will be corrected on its website.

ii. **Medals for the NA Championships: Stickers?**

In the future, to avoid wasted stickers, time and effort, stickers placed on the backs of each medal will remain blank, leaving it up to recipient to take notation on that sticker regarding the category for which the placement was awarded as well as date and location.

- c. Glitz & Glitter Ball, Columbus, OH, US Championship, July 23, 2016 (Eddie)
- d. Delaware Valley Equality Ball, Woodbury, NJ, August 2016? (Benjamin)
- e. Montreal Rainbow Dance Challenge, September 3, 2016 (Lee)
- f. Provincetown Dance Trophy, Provincetown, October 1, 2016 (Michael)
 - i. **Sanctioning Application (considered endorsement)**

Sanctioning approved—see above.

- j. World Outgames, Miami, FL, 2017 World Championship, Week of Memorial Day 2017 (incl. annual IAGLCWDC Convention plus combined competition?) – (Lee)
- k. 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's Annual Membership Meeting: date & time?**

Outgames organizers have agreed to provide a space for this meeting; scheduling will be done when information about current registration has been received.

- 4. **Expand NASSPDA's mission (see BASSDA's competition rules for April Follies)? Change name (suggested NAGEDA - North American Gender Equality Dance Association)?**

After a lengthy discussion of issues associated with such a change, it was suggested and agreed to postpone further consideration to some future date.

E. Schedule next Meeting(s)

April 17, 2016 at 2pm PDT, 4pm CDT, and 5pm EDT.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:30 EDT.