

Meeting of NASSPDA Board on April 17, 2016

MINUTES:

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, April 17th, 2016, at 5:04 PM EDT.

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

Absent: Eddie Alba (Competition Committee Co-chair), Andrew Pueschel (Competition Committee Co-chair) and Michael Winward.

The President posted the agenda on April 10, 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

Two polls were necessary, since the North America Outgames to be held in St. Louis at the end of May and beginning of June were recently cancelled and NASSPDA had awarded the Dancesport event the title of 2016 North American Championships. An immediate decision had to be made by the Board as to a new location for that championship. The result of those two polls awarded the Glitz & Glitter Ball to host the 2016 NA Championships, which had been elected to hold the 2016 USA Championships that are now handed over to April Follies.

2. Approve minutes from last meeting

Minutes not available.

B. Committee Reports

1. Financial

NASSPDA has \$5,621.60 in the General Operating Fund and \$ 2527.48 in the Scholarship Fund.

2. Membership

- a. **Membership update**

Total membership at the time of this meeting is 59, in the following breakdown: 49 individual members, no student members, 4 organizations, 3 teams, 2 affiliates (ESSDA and IAGLCWDC), and 1 honorary membership.

- b. **Identifying gender distinction at registration?**

At the time of joining NASSPDA, a new member is asked to mark off his or her gender. This was identified by the Board as an oversight and it was decided to add an option for "other."

- c. Newsletter
No report.

3. Scholarship Committee

- a. Progress report on raffle at April Follies by Eddie

The raffle will provide 10 vouchers in the amount of \$250 each to be paid out to any raffle winner, who has registered to participate in the NA Championships.

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

5. Board Election Committee:

- a. Updated election manual on Yahoo Group

All forms have been updated and the manual will be updated once this election has been completed, in order to include any changes that were implemented.

- b. Report on vetting of candidates

Candidate Statements and Letters of Support have been received for both non-Board candidates, who don't need to be vetted since they are known members of NASSPDA's community.

- c. Updated bios by Board members up for re-election

Updated photos and statements from the NASSPDA website Board Members up for re-election are due by May 1 and should be sent to ggerritsen@nasspda.org

Next election timeline date is May 8; "Elections for NASSPDA Board Members" opens.

6. Website Committee

The Website Committee Chair reported that NASSPDA's web consultant has yet to import membership data.

One of the Membership Co-Chairs wants to talk about the calendar at a later point in time.

- a. Responses from Committee Chairs to master task list?

Only two received so far (see notes from previous meeting).

- b. Q & A with John (website consultant)?

The Website Committee Chair will ask the consultant what is lacking for going live with the new website.

7. Competition Committee:

- a. Adjudicator application(s)?

Robin Horn and Dana Edwards were approved unanimously.

- b. Sanctioning application(s)? (See also under C.3.)
- c. Title authorization application(s)?
- d. Suggested revisions of or additions to Competition Rules?

C. Old Business

- 1. Request for explanations of rules and procedures (for eNewsletter)
- 2. Coordination with other organizations
- a. FGG/ESSDA (Benjamin) & GLISA (Pat)

The head of the FGG's Sports Committee is considering inviting NASSPDA's President and Delegate to the FGG as the Sport Consultant for Dancesport.

The President reported that no one knows why the OutGames were canceled, but that it is widely assumed that lack of promotion and organization resulted in a lack of registration and sponsorship.

- b. IFSSDA
- 3. Upcoming/recent competitions
 - a. April Follies, Oakland, CA, April 23, 2016

The Follies website has been updated for appropriate wording for championships and sanctioning.

A community meeting will take place.

- b. Glitz & Glitter Ball, Columbus, OH, US Championship, July 23, 2016
 - i. NASSPDA sponsored Pro-Am titles?

The Board unanimously approved the purchase of 500 more medals for future North American Championships-

The Glitz & Glitter Ball has officially asked NASSPDA to consider awarding official Pro-Am Championship titles, which the Board agreed to take under consideration

- c. Delaware Valley Equality Ball, Woodbury, NJ, August 2016?

The date is August 21. This event has continued sanctioning.

- d. Montreal Rainbow Dance Challenge, September 3, 2016

No update.

- e. Provincetown Dance Trophy, Provincetown, October 1, 2016

No update.

- f. World Outgames, Miami, FL, 2017 World Championship, Week of Memorial Day 2017 (incl. annual IAGLCWDC Convention plus combined competition?)

The liaison reported that the event has selected a hotel—the Doubletree Hotel near the Miami airport that has Convention Center attached.

The competition will include a portion organized by IAGLCWDC, but on a different day from Dancesport. The Gala Ball will be on Friday night.

- g. Gay Games 10, Paris, France, 2018 World Championships, Summer 2018

See above.

D. New Business

- 1. Pro-Am championship titles? (See also C.3.b.)

See above.

- 2. Approval requirements of adjudicators from non-NA regions?

Postponed.

- 3. Add non-gender specific category to NASSPDA's Competition Rules (see BASSDA's competition rules for April Follies)? Discussion about "queer" vs. "same-sex" vs. "same-gender."

Postponed.

- 4. Queer Dance Cruise (Brian Miller)?

An inquiry regarding organizing and/or promoting a cruise had been received, to which the President responded, asking for more information as to how NASSPDA can help.

E. Schedule next Meeting(s)

May 15, 2PM PDT, 4PM CDT, 5PM EDT

Meeting adjourned 6:20, EDT.