

Meeting of NASSPDA Board on May 15, 2016

MINUTES:

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, May 15, 2016, at 5:07 PM EDT, with Vice-President Pat Hogan presiding. Benjamin Soencksen joined the meeting at 4:18pm.

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 (Governance Policy Committee Chair).

Absent: Andrew Pueschel (Competition Committee Co-chair).

The President posted the agenda on May 8, 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
The minutes and notes from March and April were approved.

B. Committee Reports

1. Financial
NASSPDA has \$6,017.01 in the General Operating Fund and \$2,527.53 in the Scholarship Fund.
2. Membership
 - a. **Membership update**
Total membership at the time of this meeting is 73 in the following breakdown: 60 individual members, no student members, 5 organizations, 4 teams, 3 affiliates, and 1 honorary membership.
 - b. Newsletter
No report.
3. Scholarship Committee
 - a. **Result of raffle at April Follies**
Ten people registered for the Scholarship raffle (which raffle was to provide funds for participation in the North American Championships at Glitz & Glitter). All ten registrants were awarded scholarships and will be notified by email. They will be sent vouchers exchangeable for \$250 at 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**
The Competition Committee will finalize procedures.
5. Board Election Committee
 - a. **Election process status report**

Ballots were emailed on Sunday May 8, 2016 to 69 active members, with 24 responses to date.. A reminder email will go out on May 16.

Board Member and Secretary Kathy Wildman has resigned. Her position will be filled at the next meeting.

- b. **Updated election manual on Yahoo Group**
The manual will be completed after the election process.
- 6. Website Committee
 - a. **Responses from Committee Chairs to master task list?**
No report.
 - b. **Report on status of website development**
The only "to do" items remaining by the website developer are to load the membership plug-in and test it. An altered Navigation Menu will be proposed to the Board. Kathy Wildman will remain fulfilling the position of Website Committee Chair.
- 7. Competition Committee
 - a. Adjudicator application(s)?
The application of Bill Sparks was unanimously approved.
 - b. Sanctioning application(s)?
 - c. Title authorization application(s)?
 - d. Suggested revisions of or additions to Competition Rules?
See above for discussion of Competition Liaison Procedures.

C. Old Business

- 1. Request for explanations of rules and procedures (for eNewsletter)
No discussion.
- 2. Coordination with other organizations
 - a. FGG/ESSDA & GLISA
ESSDA will have a general membership meeting in Helsinki this summer.
 - b. IFSSDA
- 3. Upcoming/recent competitions
 - a. April Follies, Oakland, CA, April 23, 2016 (Eddie) – **final report**
The omission of Michael Babineaux as adjudicator from the program and newsletter report will be remedied by a corrective note in the upcoming eNewsletter.
 - b. Glitz & Glitter Ball, Columbus, OH, US Championship, July 23, 2016 (Eddie)
The Board unanimously approved the language adding a Student-Teacher category to NASSPDA's Competition Rules, with an addition to the language that the offering is optional.
The President will enter this policy into the rules and present revised rules to the Board via a posting on the Yahoo Group site.
 - c. Delaware Valley Equality Ball, Woodbury, NJ, August 21, 2016? (Benjamin)
No update.
 - d. Montreal Rainbow Dance Challenge, September 3, 2016 (Lee)
This competition is posted on Facebook, with a date of Sept 3.

- e. Provincetown Dance Trophy, Provincetown, October 1, 2016 (Michael)
The Board postponed the question of a new liaison until the next meeting, when the Board meets.

The Board took this opportunity to thank Michael Winward for his service.

- f. World Outgames, Miami, FL, 2017 World Championship, Week of Memorial Day 2017 (Lee)
The Outgames will include annual IAGLCWDC Competition on a separate day.
- g. Gay Games 10, Paris, France, 2018 World Championships, Summer 2018
Individuals who want to register for a sport not yet online should register as a “supporter” and then change it later.

D. New Business

1. Pro-Am championship titles? (see also C.3.b.)
See above.
2. Approval requirements of adjudicators from non-NA regions?
The Board will discuss this in the future.
3. Add non-gender specific category to NASSPDA's Competition Rules (see BASSDA's competition rules for April Follies)?
The Board had previously discussed adding an “Open” category, as BASSDA had done for the first time this year at April Follies, which allows any gender configuration in a couple. With the rules revisions regarding the optional “Student/Teacher” category, the Board decided to add an “Open” category to its rules adopting BASSDA's definition.
4. Queer Dance Cruise (Brian Miller)?
Another email was received from Brian Miller and will be forwarded to the Board.

E. Schedule next Meeting(s)

June 12, 5pm EDT
Adjourned: 5:26