

## Meeting of NASSPDA Board on June 12, 2016

### MINUTES:

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, June 12, 2016, at ~5:05 PM EDT.

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; until 5:00 PM EDT), Kalin Mitov, Andrew Pueschel (Competition Committee Co-chair), Benjamin Soencksen (President, FGG Delegate, and Scholarship Chair), Kathy Wildman (Secretary, resigned, & Website Committee Chair; until 5:15 PM EDT) and Barbara Zoloth  
Apologies: Daphna Locker

The President posted the agenda on June 5, 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  
**Minutes and Notes 160515 approved.**

#### B. Committee Reports

1. Financial  
**NASSPDA has \$4,965.80 in the General Operating Fund and \$2,527.48 in the Scholarship Fund.**
2. Membership
  - a. **Membership update**  
**That total membership at the time of this meeting was 86, breaking down into 72 individual, 0 student, 5 organizational, 4 team, 4 affiliated, and 1 honorary membership.**
  - b. **Newsletter**  
**June's eNewsletter was sent out on June 10, 2016, and was opened by 27.3% of the recipients within 48 hours and with a 0.9% click through rate.**
3. Scholarship Committee
  - a. **Response from voucher recipients? Follow-up?**  
**Notifications went out to raffle winners along with vouchers, which each are worth \$250, if recipient subsequently registered to compete at 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**  
**The Competition Committee will finalize language of these procedures.**
5. Board Election Committee
  - a. **Election results**  
**Final results from 37 respondents were as follows:**

<b>Eddie Alba</b>	<b>81.08%</b>	<b>30 votes</b>
<b>Lee Fox</b>	<b>78.38%</b>	<b>29 votes</b>
<b>Pat Hogan</b>	<b>56.76%</b>	<b>21 votes</b>
<b>Daphna Locker</b>	<b>78.38%</b>	<b>29 votes</b>

Kalin Mitov 72.97% 27 votes

**b. Election/Confirmation of Officers & Committee Chairs**

Since the former Secretary resigned after the election process had been started, meaning the membership was asked to vote for 4, rather than 5 candidates, the Board filled that vacated position according to its rules (see Governance Policies) with the candidate that ended up next in line after votes had been collected. That in turn means that the Vice-President ended up filling that vacancy, whose term will then therefore end next year.

The newly elected and absent (due to prior commitment as registrar to an event that day) Director of the Board, Daphna Locker, had consented via e-mail to be nominated for the position of Secretary. When asked, all other officers of the Board consented to continue serving in their respective positions. The Board unanimously confirmed the following officers:

President	Benjamin Soencksen
Vice-President	Pat Hogan
Treasurer	Lee Fox
Secretary	Daphna Locker

All Committee Chairs also confirmed their willingness to continue serving in that capacity.

**6. Website Committee**

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

No report.

**a. Report on status of website development**

The Board expressed its gratitude to the former Secretary for services rendered and requested to remain in the position of Website Committee Chair, which was accepted.

**7. Competition Committee**

**a. Adjudicator application(s)?**

**b. Sanctioning application(s)?**

**c. Title authorization application(s)?**

No new applications had been received.

**d. Suggested revisions of or additions to Competition Rules?**

**i. Adoption of changes to NASSPDA Competition Rules (Student/Teacher & Open Category)**

Version 160612 of NASSPDA's Competition Rules approved, which incorporates new optional categories -- "Student/Teacher," a category that may be split into different gender configuration categories, and an "open-couple" category, allowing any configuration of a couple.

**C. Old Business**

**1. Request for explanations of rules and procedures (for eNewsletter)**

No discussion. This agenda item was postponed.

**2. Coordination with other organizations**

**a. FGG/ESSDA & GLISA**

**b. IFSSDA**

Michael Eichert, Officer for Dancesport of the DTV (German Dancesport Association – amateurs), of which the DVET (German Association for Equality Dancesport) is a member, and Vice-President of WDSF (World Dance Sport Federation - amateurs), contacted ESSDA and NASSPDA expressing an interest for a dialogue with the same-sex Dancesport community about membership in the WDSF.

**3. Upcoming/recent competitions**

- a. Glitz & Glitter Ball, Columbus, OH, US Championship, July 23, 2016  
Registration has opened and competitors are registering. Two scholarship voucher recipients (see above) have already registered as well. Hosting the NA Championships, this event is required in accordance to NASSPDA's By-Laws to also host NASSPDA's Annual Membership Meeting in conjunction, which will be held on Sunday following Saturday's competition.
- b. Delaware Valley Equality Ball, Woodbury, NJ, August 21, 2016?
- c. Montreal Rainbow Dance Challenge, September 3, 2016
- d. Provincetown Dance Trophy, Provincetown, October 1, 2016
- e. World Outgames, Miami, FL, 2017 World Championship, Week of Memorial Day 2017
- f. Gay Games 10, Paris, France, 2018 World Championships, Summer 2018  
No updates on these agenda items.

**D. New Business**

- 1. Approval requirements of adjudicators from non-NA regions?
- 2. Queer Dance Cruise (Brian Miller)?  
No discussions. These agenda items were postponed.

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

**July 31, 8:00 PM EDT**

**Adjourned: 5:30 PM EDT**