

Minutes for SUNDAY, September 11, 2016, 3PM PDT, 2PM CDT, 6PM 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), Daphna Locker (Secretary), Andrew Pueschel (Competition Committee Co-chair), Benjamin Soencksen (President, FGG Delegate, Scholarship Chair), and Barbara Zoloth

Apologies: Kalin Mitov

Meeting called to order @ 6:05 PM EDT

A. Standing Items

1. Polls since last meeting to be recorded – poll for rules revision regarding non-NA adjudicators approved; new version of NASSPDA's Competition Rules will be issued
2. Approve minutes from last meeting – postponed to next meeting

B. Committee Reports

1. Financial: – General funds \$4,742.80, Scholarship funds \$1,527.20
2. Membership:
 - a. Membership update – 104 active members: 88 individuals, 0 students, 6 organizations, 4 teams, 5 affiliates, and 1 honorary
 - b. eNewsletter – delayed due to late submissions of contents
3. Scholarship Committee:
 - a. When to set amount & procedure for 2017 NA Championships (January 14)? – due to the proximity of the NA Championships in January 2017, the available funds will be split into 6 scholarships, each valued at \$250 plus dues for the year 2017; deadline to apply is set for November 15, 2016; updated application forms on website
4. Same-Sex DanceSport Promotion Committee: – to be updated with scholarships as well as activity grant availability (list possible scenarios): NASSPDA's website and Facebook page
5. Board Election Committee:
Confirmation of updated election manual on Yahoo Group – updated for 2017 election
6. Website Committee:
 - a. Report on status of website development (membership migration) & time line – membership database is intertwined with NASSPDA's current website, complicating data migration; Website Committee Chair (now a non-Board member) had e-mailed a status report just prior to this meeting to the Board, but further clarifications on issues are necessary
7. Competition Committee:
 - a. Adjudicator application(s): Greg Gale – approved application
 - b. Sanctioning application(s)? – no new applications at this time; application from Rainbow Dance Challenge for already provisionally approved Canadian Championships received
 - c. Title authorization application(s)? – no new applications at this time
 - d. Suggested revisions of or additions to Competition Rules?
 - i. language for procedure of non-NA adjudicators invited to sanctioned events – (see above under A.1.)
 - e. NASSPDA member's registration discount at sanctioned competitions: policy to be included in procedures for competition liaison – forthcoming

C. Old Business

1. Coordination with other organizations
 - a. FGG/ESSDA & GLISA
 - i. World Championship titles at Gay Games 2018? – ESSDA's response awaited
 - b. IFSSDA (Benjamin, Richard)
 - i. WDSF interested in talks about membership – WDSF's response awaited
2. Upcoming/recent competitions
 - a. Delaware Valley Equality Ball, Woodbury, NJ, August 21, 2016 (Benjamin) – report pending

- b. Montreal Rainbow Dance Challenge, Canadian Championship, September 3, 2016 (Lee) – about 72 heats, 32 people competing; Canadian Championship had graded rounds only in International Latin, grades A, B & C

No further updates on the following events:

- c. Provincetown Dance Trophy, Provincetown, October 1, 2016 (Benjamin)
- d. Floorplay In The Desert; NA Championship, January 14, 2017 (Lee)
- e. April Follies, California State Championship, Oakland, CA, April 29, 2017 (Eddie)
- f. World Outgames, Miami, FL, 2017 World Championship, Week of Memorial Day 2017 (Lee)
- g. Glitz & Glitter, Columbus, OH, Saturday July 22, 2017
- h. Delaware Valley Equality Ball, Woodbury, NJ, August 2017? (Benjamin)
- i. Montreal Rainbow Dance Challenge, Canadian Championship?, September 2017? (Lee)
- j. Boston Open, USA & Massachusetts State Championships, October 2017 (Benjamin)
- k. Gay Games 10, Paris, France, 2018 World Championships, Summer 2018

D. New Business

- 1. Inquiry by Sundance Association about program ad from NASSPDA in upcoming “Stompede,” held in San Francisco (3.5-day event) – same ad as last year approved

E. Schedule next Meeting(s) – Sunday, October 23, 2016, at 3PM PDT, 5PM CDT, 6PM EDT

Meeting ended at 7.40PM EDT