

## Minutes for SUNDAY, October 23, 2016, 3PM PDT, 2PM CDT, 6PM EDT

In attendance: Eddie Alba (Competition Committee Co-chair, Election Committee Chair), Lee Fox (Treasurer, Finance Committee Co-Chair), Garret Gerritsen (Membership Committee Co-Chair, Finance Committee Co-Chair & Promotion Committee Chair), Pat Hogan (Vice-President, GLISA Representative, Membership Committee Co-Chair), Kalin Mitov (joined 7:15 PM EDT), Benjamin Soencksen (President, FGG Delegate, Scholarship Committee Chair), and Barbara Zoloth

Apologies: Daphna Locker (Secretary), Andrew Pueschel (Competition Committee Co-chair)

Meeting called to order @ 6:10 PM EDT

### A. Standing Items

1. Polls since last meeting to be recorded – approved placing an ad in the program of the 2016 Provincetown Dance Trophy for \$150
2. Approve minutes from last & previous meeting – “Minutes & Notes 160807” and “Minutes & Notes 160911” approved in person at the meeting

### B. Committee Reports

1. Financial: – General funds \$4,617.80, Scholarship funds \$1,527.20
2. Membership:
  - a. Membership update – 105 active members: 89 individuals, 0 students, 6 organizations, 4 teams, 5 affiliates, and 1 honorary
  - b. eNewsletter – no September issue; October issue sent out October 22, 2016
3. Scholarship Committee:
  - a. Applicants for 2017? – no applicants yet; announcements posted in NASSPDA’s eNewsletter and on website as well as on the website and Facebook page of the hosting event; deadline extended to November 20, 2016
4. Same-Sex DanceSport Promotion Committee:
  - a. How to implement discount code and what kind with NASSPDA ad? – proposal forthcoming
  - b. How to promote Activity Grant? List of possible applicable events? – examples of how funds could be used by a competition organizer for social events during/after/before a competition as well as by others promoting and organizing events, such as a breakfast, social dance, competition outing, etc., will be posted on NASSPDA’s website and Facebook page
5. Board Election Committee:
  - a. Term up: Garret Gerritsen, Andrew Pueschel, Benjamin Soencksen & Barbara Zoloth – all standing for re-election
  - b. Chair of committee? – Competition Committee Chair, Eddie Alba, volunteered to chair this committee for the 2017 election
6. Website Committee:
  - a. Report on status of website development: membership migration plug-in? Timeline? – Report from the Chair: *get the site live by December 1, WITH membership module; estimated 70 hours to implement; upgrades and add-ins might amount to \$300, as well as some future commitment of maybe \$150 per year; upgrade to PayPal Express; willing/able to follow through with some months of maintenance into 2017; other option would be new WordPress developer and/or seek new website platform*  
The Board expressed its gratitude for the Chair’s engagement in and commitment to this project and thought that the proposed expenses and next steps, such as switching to PayPal Express, seem reasonable and are agreeable. Both, Chair and website consultant, are invited to join next scheduled meeting for Q&A session.
7. Competition Committee:
  - a. Adjudicator application(s): – no new applications at this time
  - b. Sanctioning application(s)? – no new applications at this time
  - c. Title authorization application(s)? – no new applications at this time
  - d. Suggested revisions of or additions to Competition Rules? – no changes proposed
  - e. NASSPDA member’s registration discount at sanctioned competitions: policy to be included in procedures for competition liaison – updated list of procedures for NASSPDA’s liaison to

- a sanctioned event received; to be added: A. confirm that organizer's membership is active in that year and B. gather report and images after the event (see B.2.b. above).
- f. 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? – Skype phone meeting will be scheduled with :Davy Brocatus (Co-President of ESSDA), Benjamin Soencksen (President of NASSPDA), Hadass Armon (Co-President of ESSDA), Diana Vinke (Secretary of ESSDA), Richard Lamberty (Delegate of NASSPDA to IFSSDA), Armin Lohrmann (Board member of the FGG, Host Relations), Lee Fox (Treasurer of NASSPDA & Representative of IAGLCWDC), and Barbara Zoloth (Board member of NASSPDA). Focus will be a licensing agreement put forth by ESSDA to the organizers of Dancesport at the 2018 Gay Games, stipulating financial costs that might impact the status of this event being considered the World Championships.
  - b. IFSSDA (Benjamin, Richard)
    - i. WDSF interested in talks about membership – still awaiting further communication
2. Upcoming/recent competitions
  - a. Delaware Valley Equality Ball, Woodbury, NJ, August 21, 2016 (Benjamin) – proficiency event did take place; smallish with one same-sex couple participating.  
No further updates on the following events:
    - b. Montreal Rainbow Dance Challenge, Canadian Championship, September 3, 2016 (Lee)
    - 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, 5/25-6/2/17 (Lee)
      - i. IAGLCWDC sanctioned event: May 25 through May 28, 2017
      - ii. NASSPDA sanctioned event: May 29 through June 2, 2017
    - 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. No new business was brought forward.

**E. Schedule next Meeting(s)** – Sunday, November 20, 2016, at 3PM PDT, 5PM CDT, 6PM EDT

**Meeting ended at 7:30PM EDT**