

Minutes for SUNDAY, November 20, 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), Kalin Mitov, Benjamin Soencksen (President, FGG Delegate, Scholarship Committee Chair), and Barbara Zoloth (apologies at 7:00 PM EDT)
Guests: Kathy Wildman (Website Committee Chair) and John Pasternak (SiteLightning, Inc.)
Apologies: Andrew Pueschel (Competition Committee Co-chair) and Pat Hogan (Vice-President, GLISA Representative, Membership Committee Co-Chair)
Resigned: Daphna Locker (Secretary)

Meeting called to order @ 6:05 PM EDT

The President posted the agenda for this meeting on November 13, 2016, and a revised version on November 16, 2016. The following items were discussed and votes taken as follows:

A. Standing Items

1. Polls since last meeting to be recorded – N/A
2. Approve minutes from previous meeting – approved

B. Committee Reports

1. Financial: – scholarship funds at \$1527.20 and general operation at \$5,230.74.
2. Membership:
 - a. Membership update – 106 active members: 90 individuals, 0 students, 6 organizations, 4 teams, 5 affiliates, and 1 honorary.
 - b. eNewsletter – The November issue went out on November 12, 2016.
3. Scholarship Committee:
 - a. Applications for 2017 from 5 applicants – summarily approved
The Board agreed that it might be time to consider that after a certain amount of years has passed a previous recipient may apply again. The Scholarship Committee will discuss and make a proposal.
4. Same-Sex Dancesport Promotion Committee:
 - a. How to implement discount code and what kind with NASSPDA ad? –
The Committee outlined three proposals, which it will submit in writing to the Board for consideration.
 - b. Activity Grant application(s)? – No new application have been received.
5. Board Election Committee:
 - a. Term up: Garret, Andrew, Barbara, Benjamin – All are up for re-election.
 - b. Chair of committee? – This had been determined at the previous meeting.
6. Website Committee:
 - a. Report on status of website development: membership migration plug-in? time line?
 - b. Q & A session with the Board

All membership data, approximately 398 records needing some clean-up, has been transferred to a new membership plug-in with the Wordpress platform used for the new website. After more testing and further implementations, it is planned that the site will go public by December 1, 2016, in time for membership renewals anticipated in view of the upcoming North American Championships at Floorplay in the Desert on January 14, 2017.
7. Competition Committee:
 - a. Adjudicator application(s): – N/A
 - b. Sanctioning application(s)? – N/A
 - c. Title authorization application(s)? – N/A
 - d. Suggested revisions of or additions to Competition Rules? – N/A
 - e. Approve document listing duties of NASSPA-sanctioned competition liaison – The Board unanimously approved a document listing the procedures and duties for NASSPDA's liaison to a sanctioned event.

C. Old Business

1. Coordination with other organizations
 - a. FGG/ESSDA & GLISA
 - i. World Championship titles at Gay Games 2018? – A Skype meeting is scheduled for Saturday, December 17, 2016, at 1:00 PM EDT, between Davy Brocatus (Co-President of ESSDA), 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), Barbara Zoloth (Board member of NASSPDA) and Benjamin Soencksen (President of NASSPDA & Dancesport Consultant for the FGG).
 - b. IFSSDA
 - i. WDSF interested in talks about membership – awaiting further communication from the Vice-President of the WDSF.
2. Upcoming/recent competitions
 - a. Delaware Valley Equality Ball, Woodbury, NJ, August 21, 2016, dues paid? – a reminder was sent to the organizers.
 - b. Montreal Rainbow Dance Challenge, Canadian Championship, September 3, 2016, scores – Scoresheets have been received and posted. Also, the organizers requested consideration for hosting the 2018 North American Championships.

No further updates on the following events:

 - c. Provincetown Dance Trophy, Provincetown, October 1, 2016
 - d. Floorplay In The Desert; NA Championship, January 14, 2017
 - e. April Follies, California State Championship, Oakland, CA, April 29, 2017
 - f. World Outgames, Miami, FL, 2017 World Championship, 5/25-6/2/17
 - 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?
 - i. Montreal Rainbow Dance Challenge, Canadian Championship?, September 2017?
 - j. Boston Open, USA & Massachusetts State Championships, October 2017
 - k. Gay Games 10, Paris, France, 2018 World Championships, Summer 2018

D. New Business

1. Resignation of Secretary: appointment of new Board member/Secretary? – NASSPDA's Secretary resigned on November 15, 2016, due to personal reasons. The Board will consider filling the vacancy the next meeting.

A new competition held in Albuquerque, NM, will be welcoming same-sex dance couples, not sanctioned by any organizations, and the USA Dance's 2016 California State Championships offers separate categories for same-sex couples (male and female couples combined), for which 4 couples, all members of NASSPDA, have registered.

E. Schedule next Meeting(s) – Sunday, December 11, 2016, at 3PM PDT, 5PM CDT, 6PM EDT

Meeting ended at 7:35PM EDT