

Minutes for SUNDAY, December 11, 2016, 3PM PST, 2PM CST, 6PM EST

Board Members Attending:

- Lee Fox (Treasurer, Finance Committee Co-Chair)—joined late due to technical difficulties
- Garret Gerritsen (Membership Committee Co-Chair, Finance Committee Co-Chair & Promotion Committee Chair)
- Pat Hogan (Vice-President, GLISA Representative, Membership Committee Co-Chair)—joined late due to prior commitment
- Kalin Mitov
- Benjamin Soencksen (President, FGG Delegate, Scholarship Committee Chair),
- Barbara Zoloth (acting Secretary)

Board Members Absent:

- Eddie Alba (Competition Committee Co-chair, Election Committee Chair)
- Andrew Pueschel (Competition Committee Co-chair)

Guests: Simone Assboeck (possible appointee as NASSPDA Board member)

Meeting called to order @ 6:17 PM EST

The President posted the agenda for this meeting on December 7, 2016. The items discussed and votes taken were 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 – 107 active members: 91 individuals, 0 students, 6 organizations, 4 teams, 5 affiliates, and 1 honorary.
 - b. eNewsletter – N/A
3. Scholarship Committee:
 - a. Applications for 2017: No new applicants.
4. Same-Sex Dancesport Promotion Committee:
 - a. How to implement discount code and what kind with NASSPDA ad? –
The Committee had outlined at a previous meeting three proposals, which it plans to submit in writing to the Board for consideration. No proposals submitted at this meeting.
 - b. Activity Grant application(s) –
Application received on December 10, 2016, from BASSDA for financial support of beginner lessons leading up to April Follies 2017. Board approved request as submitted for the \$250 grant, and will consider the possibility of granting the organization additional funds depending on the financial success of the lessons.
5. Board Election Committee:
 - a. Term up: Garret, Andrew, Barbara, Benjamin – All are up for re-election.
 - b. Committee Chair: Eddie Alba
6. Website Committee:
 - a. Report on status of website development –
New website version is ready to go live. Members will have to create a new account when renewing membership, due to migrating problems of usernames, passwords and current membership status. There will be a period of transition, when not everything on the website will be updated or functional. All comments will be welcomed!
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

C. Old Business

1. Coordination with other organizations
 - a. FGG/ESSDA & GLISA
 - i. World Championship titles at Gay Games 2018
– The Skype meeting scheduled for Saturday, December 17, 2016, 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 Soenksen (President of NASSPDA & Dancesport Consultant for the FGG) has been cancelled. ESSDA & NASSPDA, both agreed that whatever issues arise concerning the 2018 Paris Gay Games can be resolved directly by ESSDA, acknowledging the concerns raised by NASSPDA.
 - b. IFSSDA
 - i. WDSF is 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 are promised.
 - b. Montreal Rainbow Dance Challenge, Canadian Championship, September 3, 2016. The organizers requested consideration for hosting the 2018 North American Championships.
 - 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. Provincetown Open, USA & Massachusetts State Championships, September 30, 2017
 - k. Gay Games 10, Paris, France, 2018 World Championships, Dancesport August 6-10, 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. An acting Secretary has been appointed, and the Board will consider filling the vacancy on the Board by 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 offered separate categories for same-sex couples (male and female couples combined), for which 4 couples, all members of NASSPDA, have registered. Results not yet known.

E. Schedule next Meeting(s) – Sunday, January 29, 2017, at 3 PM PST, 5 PM CST, 6 PM EST.

Meeting ended at 7:47PM EST.