

Minutes for SUNDAY, January 29, 2017, 3PM PDT, 2PM CDT, 6PM EDT
NASSPDA Board meeting: Call-in number **605-475-6333**, access code **9897358#**

Board Members Attending:

- Simone Assboeck (newly appointed NASSPDA Board member)
- 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) - joined 6:20 EST PM due to a prior commitment
- Kalin Mitov
- Andrew Pueschel (Competition Committee Co-chair)
- Benjamin Soencksen (President, FGG Delegate, Scholarship Committee Chair),
- Barbara Zoloth (acting Secretary)
- Eddie Alba (Competition Committee Co-chair, Election Committee Chair) – took leave at 7:00 EST PM due to a prior commitment

Meeting called to order @ 6:04 PM EST

The President posted the agenda for this meeting on January 22, 2017. The following items were discussed and votes taken as shown below:

A. Standing Items

1. Polls since last meeting to be recorded: [N/A](#)
2. Approve minutes from last meeting: [Approved](#)

B. Committee Reports

1. Financial:
 - [Scholarship funds balance: \\$253.20. General funds balance \\$4,460.](#)
2. Membership:
 - a. [Membership update \(renewal letter?\)](#)
 - [41 members: 35 individuals, 0 students, 0 team, 4 affiliate, 1 honorary](#)
 - [It needs to be clarified whether the expiration/renewal date will remain the same, even if one renews prior or after that date.](#)
 - [Automated letters will be created to welcome new members, remind active members to renew when expiration date approaches and thank for renewing.](#)
 - [A renewal reminder letter will be sent to all previous members who have not yet rejoined.](#)
 - b. [eNewsletter N/A](#)
 - c. [Possible discount code with NASSPDA ads? Discount for teams that consist of active individual members?](#)
 - [The Board discussed various suggestions for discounted membership fees, e.g., for social dancers vs. competitive dancers/adjudicators, for new members with partner \(2 for 1\), for team memberships, if team consists of already active members. The Membership Committee will make specific proposals for Board's consideration.](#)
3. Scholarship Committee:
 - [No new applicants for 2017](#)
4. Same-Sex Dancesport Promotion Committee:
 - [No new applications for Activity Grant have been received.](#)
5. Board Election Committee:
 - a. Term up: Garrett, Andrew, Barbara, Benjamin, all of whom are running for re-election.
 - b. [Time line?](#)
 - [The next election will be held in May 2017. The specific timeline for the election process will be presented to the Board at its next meeting.](#)
6. Website Committee:
 - a. [Report on status of new website/membership plug-in](#)

- The Board created a priority list for functions on the new website that need to be changed or fixed. One top priority item will be the updating of archives on the website through the end of 2016.
 - Once the Membership Committee has presented language defining the newly proposed membership levels (see B.2.f. above), the descriptions and prices for all levels will be updated on the website.
7. Competition Committee:
 - a. **Adjudicator application – Wendy Johnson (retroactive)**
 - The Board unanimously (8 members present) approved Wendy Johnson as a NASSPDA authorized adjudicator retroactively to the beginning of 2017.
 - 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**
 - Nothing further to report. It is assumed that ESSDA is working out details.
 - b. IFSSDA
 - i. **WDSF interested in talks about membership**
 - ii. **Legalization, By-Laws, Competition Rules (status update)**
 - One of the Co-Presidents of ESSDA, Hadass Armon, will be in New York City. NASSPDA President will try to meet with her to discuss open issues, including legalizing IFSSDA's status, establishing by-laws, and creating competition rules.
2. Upcoming/recent competitions
 - a. Delaware Valley Equality Ball, Woodbury, NJ, August 21, 2016
 - b. Floorplay In The Desert; NA Championship, January 14, 2017 – **report**
 - Competition results will be forwarded and posted on the NASSPDA website.

No further updates on the following events except as noted below:

- b. April Follies, California State Championship, Oakland, CA, April 29, 2017
- c. 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
- d. Glitz & Glitter Ball, Columbus, OH, US Championship, July 22, 2017
- e. Delaware Valley Equality Ball, Woodbury, NJ, August 2017?
- f. Montreal Rainbow Dance Challenge, Canadian Championship?, September 2017?
- g. Boston Open, USA & Massachusetts State Championships, October 2017
 - Corrected to:
Provincetown Open, USA & Massachusetts State Championships, September 30, 2017
- h. Gay Games 10, Paris, France, 2018 World Championships, Dancesport Aug 6-10, 2018
- i. Montreal Rainbow Dance Challenge, Canadian Championship?, September 2018?
 - i. **Requested hosting of 2018 North American Championships**

D. New Business

1. **Appointment of new Board member**
 - Simone Assboeck accepted the appointment by the Board to take over for Daphna Locker at the end of 2016, and her term will end in May 2018.
2. **Report of 2017 Annual Membership Meeting on January 15, 2017**
 - A report will be provided to the Board along with NA Championship title winners (see above C.2.b.).

E. Schedule next Meeting(s)

- March 5, 2017 at 3 PM PST, 5 PM CST, 6 PM EST.

Meeting ended ~7:45 PM EST.