

Minutes for NASSPDA Board Meeting on Sunday, April 2, 2017, 12:00 PM PDT, 2:00 PM CDT, 3:00 PM EDT

Board Members Attending: Simone Assboeck, Lee Fox (Treasurer, Finance Committee Co-Chair), Kalin Mitov (Promotion Committee Chair), Benjamin Soencksen (President, FGG Delegate, Scholarship Committee Chair), Barbara Zoloth (acting Secretary), Eddie Alba (Competition Committee Co-chair, Election Committee Chair)
Board Members absent: Pat Hogan (Vice-President, GLISA Representative, Membership Committee Co-Chair), Andrew Pueschel (Competition Committee Co-chair), Garret Gerritsen (Membership Committee Co-Chair & Finance Committee Co-Chair)

Meeting called to order at 3:05 PM EDT

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:
General funds: \$6,134.98; Scholarship funds: \$253.20
2. Membership: Garret (Co-Chair), Pat (Co-Chair), Andrew
No report from Membership Committee
 - a. eNewsletter
 - b. **Membership levels & discounts proposal: still under consideration; postponed.**
 - i. **To increase membership: 2 for 1 (has to be new members)**
 - ii. **Discount for teams that have members w/active individual membership**
 - iii. **Add membership level for social dancers at \$15 w/less benefits than individual (competitor) membership, eliminate affiliate membership (make ESSDA & IAGLCWDC honorary)**
3. Scholarship Committee:
Decisions about number of grants and amount per grant postponed to end of 2017.
4. Same-Sex Dancesport Promotion Committee:
 - a. Activity Grant application(s)?
An application from the Boston Open to offer an Argentine Tango workshop for same-sex dancers on Sunday, October 1, 2007, following the Provincetown Dance Trophy event was approved by the Board. After the workshop takes place, the Treasurer will reimburse the expenses covered by the \$250 grant.
The Committee will propose updated language for the activity grant application at the next Board meeting.
 - b. **Update on approved promotional proposal for membership outreach**
NASSPDA recently conducted targeted outreach on Facebook. The Board agreed to implement similar campaigns between Board meetings and review the results at the subsequent meetings.
 - c. **Banner and ad designs for approval**
Banner designs were created and reviewed by the Board. The Board agreed to order 2 banners, one for the East Coast and one for the West Coast, at a cost of \$40 each.
 - d. **NASSPDA program ads**
The Board reviewed and approved a black and white half page NASSPDA ad for the April Follies program. No information yet on ad for Miami Outgames program.
5. Board Election Committee:
 - a. Term up: Barbara, Benjamin, (not up for re-election: Andrew, Garrett)
 - b. **Nominations?**
Board members reported on 3 possible nominations for Board members. All nominations are due April 9, 2017.
6. Website Committee:
 - a. **Report on status of new website/membership plug-in:**
 - i. **Automated letter responses when members newly join or renew implemented?**
An automated letter response is currently in place to all members who either join or renew. A problem was identified that seems to be preventing an individual from joining as both an individual and also a representative of a team without having two different email addresses. This concern and solutions will be discussed with NASSPDA's current webmaster.
 - ii. **Archival records up to date?**
The archival records are now being consistently updated.

- iii. **Calendar plug-in**
- iv. **Content oversight**

A. Some judges have been invited for both the 2017 World Outgames in Miami and the 2017 April Follies who are not yet NASSPDA approved adjudicators and/or active NASSPDA members.

It is intended to make the adjudicator's application an online writeable form.

B. The language about the availability of scholarships will be updated, reflecting that the next availability is for the 2018 North American Championships.

C. NASSPDA's webmaster will be attending April Follies and meet with all it is attending Board members at that time to review the functionality of NASSPDA's website.

7. Competition Committee:

- a. Adjudicator application(s)?
- b. Sanctioning application(s)?
- c. Title authorization application(s)?

No new adjudicator, sanctioning or title authorization applications have been received.

- d. Suggested revisions of or additions to Competition Rules?

C. Old Business

1. Coordination with other organizations

- a. FGG/ESSDA & GLISA

No further development regarding IFSSDA or ESSDA to report.

- i. World Championship titles at Gay Games 2018 (status update)

- b. IFSSDA

- i. WDSF interested in talks about membership
- ii. Legalization, By-Laws, Competition Rules (status update) these specialist adjudicators.

2. Upcoming/recent competitions (NASSPDA representative is indicated for each event in parentheses) **No new events added.**

- a. April Follies, California State Championship, Oakland, CA, April 29, 2017

The Board reviewed the list of judges for April Follies, some of whom have not yet been approved by NASSPDA and/or have not yet paid their 2017 dues.

Based on an inquiry, the Board agreed that Argentine Tango judges require NASSPDA approval. This is a change in policy from previous years. Since the rules for Argentine Tango were incorporated into NASSPDA's Competition Rules in 2015, the Board agreed that this requirement does now apply. The Board will communicate with the organizers of April Follies regarding those judges who still need NASSPDA approval.

- b. World Outgames, Miami, FL, 2017 World Championship, 5/25-6/2/17

Registration numbers are so far lower than had been anticipated with currently only about 50 people signed up for Dancesport and 2,000 in total for all sports. The organizers are therefore implementing budget cuts. Details are forthcoming.

- i. IAGLCWDC sanctioned event: May 25 through May 28, 2017

- ii. NASSPDA sanctioned event: May 29 through June 2, 2017

- c. Glitz & Glitter Ball, Columbus, OH, **Ohio State Championships?** July 22, 2017

The Board approved granting the event the title of NASSPDA's Ohio State Championship.

- d. Delaware Valley Equality Ball, Woodbury, NJ, August 2017?

It is not yet known whether this event will occur.

- e. Montreal Rainbow Dance Challenge, Canadian Championship? September 2017?

No news or information.

- f. Provincetown Dance Trophy, USA & Massachusetts State Championships, September 30, 2017

The organizer may combine events on the floor as allowed by NASSPDA's Competition Rules.

- g. Gay Games 10, Paris, France, 2018 World Championships, Summer 2018

- h. Montreal Rainbow Dance Challenge, Canadian Championship?, September 2018?

- i. **Requested hosting of 2018 North American Championships**

D. New Business

- 1. The task of producing NASSPDA's monthly eNewsletter will have to be transferred to a different Board member after the elections.

E. Schedule next Meeting(s)

Sunday, May 14, 2017, 6:00 PM EDT, 5:00 PM CDT, 3:00 PM PDT