

Notes for NASSPDA Board Meeting on SUNDAY, May 14, 2017, 3:00 PM PDT, 5:00 PM CDT, 6:00 PM EDT

Board Members Attending:

- Lee Fox (Treasurer, Finance Committee Co-Chair)
- Garret Gerritsen (Membership Committee Co-Chair & Finance Committee Co-Chair)
- Pat Hogan (Vice-President, GLISA Representative, Membership Committee Co-Chair) – left at approx. 4:00 PM PDT
- Kalin Mitov (Promotion Committee Chair)
- 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) – joined approx. 4:00 PM PDT

Board Members absent:

- Simone Assboeck (NASSPDA Board member)

Meeting called to order at 3:05 PM PDT

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 Fund: \$7,009.61. Scholarship Fund: \$253.20 (same as last several months).

Annual reporting requirements to the IRS and State of California for 2017 have been completed.

2. Membership: – **change in composition of committee**

Beginning June 2017, Co-Chairs of the Membership Committee will be Pat Hogan and Lee Fox.

The parting Co-Chair, Garret Gerritsen, will share with the new Co-Chairs procedures and documents. Part of the Membership Co-Chairs responsibilities is also coordinating with either the NASSPDA competition liaisons and/or organizers regarding NASSPDA discount for registered competitors who are active NASSPDA members. Clarification of membership renewal procedures are requested from our Webmaster.

- a. Membership update

Current: 73 individual members, 0 students, 2 honorary, 4 teams, 6 organizational, 2 affiliates.

- b. eNewsletter – **assign new editor**

Kalin Mitov agreed to take on the job of editing the NASSPDA eNewsletter starting June 2017.

- c. **Membership levels & discounts proposal:**

- i. **To increase membership: 2 for 1 (has to be new members)**

- ii. **Discount for teams that have members w/active individual membership**

- suggested (Lee): reduce from \$100 to \$50 for all team memberships

- iii. **Add membership level for social dancers at \$15 with fewer benefits; eliminate affiliate membership (make ESSDA & IAGLCWDC honorary)**

Creation of new membership level for social dancers was postponed until after 2017 Board elections as well as all other discount proposals. Board unanimously approved elimination of the Affiliate Membership category.

3. Scholarship Committee:

No action required pending determination of the date and location of the 2018 NA Championships.

4. Same-Sex Dancesport Promotion Committee:

- a. Activity Grant application(s)?

Two proposals have been received for promotional grants (\$250 each) from:

(1) Zoe Balfour, Dancing with the Queers, San Francisco Bay area.

(2) Luella Garies, QT Fusion Dance, Washington, DC, area.

Both requests were unanimously approved with funds to be disbursed pending an activity report of the applicant. The Committee Chair will inform the recipients. Funds for the promotional grant approved for April Follies 2017 will be disbursed once the report is received. A new folder on the Board's Yahoo group will be created for grant applications.

- b. **Update on approved promotional proposal for membership outreach**

One new NASSPDA banner-stand was displayed at April Follies 2017. Two NASSPDA banner-stands as well as hanging banner will be displayed at the World Outgames in Miami. The Facebook advertising campaign is continuing, but no new report was submitted.

- c. **Language for full page ad in Outgames program**

Board decided not to submit an ad (priced at \$750).

5. Board Election Committee:
 - a. Term up: Barbara Zoloth, Benjamin Soencksen,
(not up for re-election: Andrew Pueschel, Garrett Gerritson)
 - b. **Election progress report**
Due to problems in sending the ballot to all currently active members, this year's election deadline has been extended to May 27, 2017.
A proposal to change NASSPDA's By-Laws to avoid requiring an election if there are fewer candidates running than the number of seats available was rejected by the Board.
6. Website Committee:
 - a. **Report on status of new website/membership plug-in:**
 - i. **Procedures for updating and making changes to be posted on Yahoo Group**
NASSPDA's Webmaster has agreed to create documents that outline procedures for using/updating NASSPDA's website.
 - ii. **Membership renewal questions: auto-renewal, fixed renewal date, grace period**
Webmaster is investigating whether the renewal date is a fixed date no matter when one renews, whether a grace period of one month can be implemented, whether an automated renewal can be set-up by the member, etc.
 - iii. **Revision of language of posted forms (Simone)**
Postponed due to no report.
 - iv. **Calendar plug-in?**
Webmaster is looking for a calendar plug-in, so that events can be easily found.
7. Competition Committee: – **change in composition of committee**
Eddie Alba agreed to Chair this committee and requested that Co-Chair volunteer be found.
 - a. Adjudicator application(s) – **Tommye Giacchino, David Butcher, Luis Vivas, Ray Sullivan**
The Board unanimously approved all 4 applicants. The committee Chair will inform the applicants and ensure that their membership dues have been paid.
 - b. Sanctioning application(s)?
 - c. Title authorization application(s)?
 - d. Suggested revisions of or additions to Competition Rules?

C. Old Business

1. Coordination with other organizations
 - a. FGG/ESSDA & GLISA
 - 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)
2. Upcoming/recent competitions
 - a. April Follies, California State Championship, Oakland, CA, April 29, 2017
Several mishaps occurred in the scrutineering at this year's April Follies. These have been cleared up and are reflected in the published competition results. Affected competitors were informed of the corrections, which were also noted in the May NASSPDA eNewsletter.
 - b. 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
 - c. Glitz & Glitter Ball, Columbus, OH, Ohio State Championships, July 22, 2017
 - d. Delaware Valley Equality Ball, Woodbury, NJ, August 2017?
 - e. Montreal Rainbow Dance Challenge, Canadian Championship?, September 2017?
The event's website reports the event will host the 2017 Canadian Championships on September 2, 2017. Event has requested hosting the 2018 NA Championships.
 - f. Provincetown Dance Trophy, USA & Massachusetts State Championships, September 30, 2017 (Benjamin)
 - g. Gay Games 10, Paris, France, 2018 World Championships, Summer 2018

D. New Business

1. **Responsiveness of Board to e-mails, issues, constituency, etc.**
Postponed to the next meeting.

E. Schedule next Meeting(s)

Sunday, June 24, 2017, 5:00 PM EDT, 4:00 PM CDT, 2:00 PM PDT