

**Minutes for SATURDAY, June 24, 2017, 2:00 PM PDT, 4:00 PM CDT, 5:00 PM EDT**

Board Members Attending:

- Eddie Alba (joined 5:30 PM EDT)
- Simone Assboeck
- Lee Fox
- Pat Hogan (left 6:00 PM EDT)
- Erik Jaeger
- Kalin Mitov (left 6:00 PM EDT)
- Benjamin Soencksen
- Barbara Zoloth

Board Members Absent: None

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: \$6,726.51. Scholarship Fund: \$159.20. Constant Contact subscription renewed. 2017 World Outgames in Miami: Board approved reimbursement of expenses incurred in conjunction of securing one day of competition to President and Treasurer (\$1,300 and \$250 respectively; more might be outstanding).**
2. Membership: – **add committee members**  
**This committee will be co-chaired by the Vice-President and Treasurer, joined by the Secretary.**
  - a. Membership update  
**There were no reports on updated data available, due to shift in committee chairs.**
  - b. **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 w/less benefits than individual (competitor)****Decisions and discussion on the proposed changes were postponed until review of new committee.**
3. Scholarship Committee:  
**Composition of this committee (President, Vice-President and Treasurer) remains unchanged, in accordance to the Board's governing policies.**
4. Same-Sex Dancesport Promotion Committee:  
**The Secretary and Simone Assboeck will join this committee, chaired by Kalin Mitov.**
  - a. eNewsletter  
**The eNewsletter was sent to 384 recipients, of which 118 opened (27%) and 16 bounced,**
  - b. Activity Grant application:  
**No new applications reported. Chair plans to update application form.**
  - c. Update on membership outreach
5. Board Election Committee:
  - a. Election Results  
**Voting ended on May 27, 2017, and resulted in the election of Erik Jaeger and reelection of Benjamin Soencksen and Barbara Zoloth.**
  - b. Election of Officers  
**Officers were elected as follows:**
    - President: Benjamin Soencksen**
    - Vice President: Pat Hogan**
    - Secretary: Erik Jaeger**
    - Treasurer: Lee Fox**
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**
    - ii. **Membership renewal questions: auto-renewal, fixed renewal date, grace period**
    - iii. **Revision of language of posted forms**
    - iv. **Calendar plug-in?****An update at the time of this meeting wasn't available. The chair was commended for posting announcements related to the 2017 World Outgames in Miami in such a timely manner.**
7. Competition Committee:

The Treasurer, who previously chaired the Judges Committee, volunteered to co-chair.

- a. Adjudicator application(s)?  
Michael Raisch has been added to our list of approved adjudicators.
- b. Title authorization application(s)?
- c. 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)

ESSDA has established a licensing system for holding European as well as World Championships. Last year the FGG started a discussion not allowing sports organizations to consider the Gay Games as their world championships. That sparked some controversy, and the FGG pulled back a bit, now saying that they will allow world championship titles so long as there are no monetary costs imposed on organizers. That makes the requirements of ESSDA's licensing agreement inconsistent with Gay Games policies. ESSDA is still intent on getting a licensing agreement in place. The Paris Gay Games organizers of Dancesport, members of ESSDA, are in communication with the FGG and ESSDA, looking for an amicable solution. Until now, NASSPDA has taken the position that no one has the resources to host a separate World Championship. Our community has always regarded the Gay Games and the International Outgames as World Championship events, even before the forming of IFSSDA and the agreement of the founding members to consider these events its World Championship. IFSSDA is still not a legal entity, has no established by-laws and/or competition rules and policies, although it does have a constitution. Based on previous agreements with ESSDA, set also in the Red Book of the FGG, the closest continental organization to the location of these events shall be the governing body. This relates to sanctioning and applicable rules. ESSDA is considering holding World Championships separate from Gay Games and World Outgames, especially in view of the recent events in Miami. Additionally, BASSDA made a request to host the World Championship at the 2019 April Follies, a year that doesn't feature Gay Games or International Outgames.

##### b. IFSSDA

###### i. WDSF interested in talks about membership

The contact from the WDSF is no longer on its Board. No further actions planned.

###### ii. Legalization, By-Laws, Competition Rules (status update)

IFSSDA needs to register as a non-profit international organization. Unclear is how to go about this, and once determined, in which English speaking country to establish IFSSDA as a legal entity, which will dictate the contents of its by-laws. It had been suggested that the FGG might have the resources to advice. ESSDA confirmed that \$100 was contributed by Richard Lamberty on behalf of NASSPDA to help with any associated costs. IAGLCWDC had also offered to contribute toward this goal, but hadn't received any response.

#### 2. Upcoming/recent competitions

##### a. World Outgames, Miami, FL, 2017 World Championship, 5/25-6/2/17 (Lee)

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

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

The Board agreed that the cancellation of Dancesport was a major disappointment and expressed its deepest thanks to those whose efforts pulled together a day of competition.

##### b. Glitz & Glitter Ball, Columbus, OH, Ohio State Championships, July 22, 2017 (Eddie)

##### c. Delaware Valley Equality Ball, Woodbury, NJ, August 2017? (Benjamin)

##### d. Montreal Rainbow Dance Challenge, Canadian Championship, September 3, 2017 (Lee)

There has been no response to date about Canadian Championship title for this event.

##### e. Provincetown Dance Trophy, USA & Massachusetts State Championships, September 30, 2017 (Benjamin)

##### f. Gay Games 10, Paris, France, 2018 World Championships, Summer 2018

##### g. Montreal Rainbow Dance Challenge, Canadian Championship?, September 2018? (Lee)

###### i. Requested hosting of 2018 North American Championships

### D. New Business

#### 1. Responsiveness of Board to e-mails, issues, constituency, etc.

#### 2. Reimbursement of expenses for Miami event to Treasurer & President

(see B.1. above)

### E. Schedule next Meeting(s)

Next meeting: July 16, 2:00 PM PDT, 4:00 PM CDT, 5:00 PM EDT