

Minutes from NASSPDA Board of Directors Meeting

SATURDAY, July 16, 2017, 2:00 PM PDT, 4:00 PM CDT, 5:00 PM EDT

Board Members Attending:

- Eddie Alba (Competition Committee Co-chair)
- Simone Assboeck (Board member)
- Lee Fox (Treasurer, Finance Committee Chair; Membership & Competition Committee Co-Chair)
- Erik Jaeger (Secretary)
- Kalin Mitov (Promotion Committee Chair)
- Benjamin Soencksen (President, FGG Delegate, Scholarship Committee Chair)
- Barbara Zoloth (Board member)

Board Members Absent: Pat Hogan (Vice-President, GLISA Representative, Membership Committee Co-Chair)

Meeting called to order at 4:03 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 fund balance: \$5,774.42.
Balance is net of reimbursements for Outgames expenses, FGG dues and NASSPDA banners.
 - Scholarship fund balance \$148.02.
2. Membership:
 - a. Membership update
 - 97 members total: 79 individuals, 4 teams, 2 honorary members (IAGLCWDC & Richard Lamberty), 9 affiliates (whose memberships will expire and not be continued as affiliates). ESSDA membership in NASSPDA to be established as "honorary" (previously "affiliate").
 - 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)
 - Due to reorganization of the committee, discussion of this topic was postponed until committee has a chance to reevaluate these proposals and consider other options.
3. Scholarship Committee:
 - Tabled until date and location of the 2018 NA Championships have been determined.
4. Same-Sex Dancesport Promotion Committee:
 - a. eNewsletter: 383 sent, 108 opened, 14 click-throughs
 - Facebook utilization includes posting the eNewsletter and boosts created for the competition calendar. Boosts generally receive 300-500 reactions
 - Discussion of adding additional media to Facebook to increase interest.
 - b. Activity Grant application(s)?
 - Most recent application form and documents available via Board's Yahoo group and NASSPDA's website
 - All 2017 grants have been awarded, but not all have responded. Committee is asked to follow up on all outstanding grant responses by recipients.
 - c. Update on membership outreach
 - n/a
5. Board Election Committee
 - a. Term up in 2018:
 - Constant reminder on the agenda. Election will be held in May 2018 and vetting of candidates will start in February 2018.
 - b. Actively looking for candidates (goal: 9 Board Members)
 - Since the Board is down one member from a 9-member Board and will lose a female as well as Canadian member at the next reelection, all Board members are encouraged to seek out candidates, taking into account the gender and geographical balance of the Board (candidates from Canada or Mexico; female candidates).
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**
 - **Committee is asked to provide answers to the membership renewal functions ASAP.**
 - iii. **Revision of language of posted forms**
 - **Revisions to language and spelling of ambiguous terms discussed and approved.**
 - iv. **Calendar plug-in?**
 - **No update available.**
- 7. **Competition Committee: Eddie (Co-Chair), Lee (Co-Chair), Benjamin, Citabria, Meredith**
 - 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 (status update)**
 - **ESSDA has extended two options to the organizers of Dancesport at the 2018 Gay Games (with or without a licensing agreement). NASSPDA's position is that a high quality competition can take place without licensing demands. Dancesport at the 2014 Gay Games in Cleveland was organized by BASSDA in cooperation with NASSPDA's Board without a licensing agreement in place. Those Europeans that participated praised the outcome. The community has always considered the Gay Games and the World Outgames its World Championships whether or not this is officially sanctioned as such by any organization.**
 - b. **IFSSDA**
 - i. **Legalization, By-Laws, Competition Rules (status update)**
 - **The issue of where and how to incorporate IFSSDA is yet unresolved.**
- 2. **Upcoming/recent competitions**
 - a. **Glitz & Glitter Ball, Columbus, OH, Ohio State Championships, July 22, 2017**
 - **Website looks to be in order. All judges are NASSPDA approved. Host organization is reminded that all judges and host organization need to be members in good standing. Sanctioning also includes the award of the Ohio State Championship, approved in April 2017.**
 - b. **Delaware Valley Equality Ball, Woodbury, NJ, August 2017?**
 - **This proficiency and invitational event will take place on Sunday, August 27, 2017. The host organization as well as invited one judge are up to date on membership.**
 - c. **Montreal Rainbow Dance Challenge, Canadian Championship, September 3, 2017**
 - **It is unclear, if a new organization, named Canada Equality Dance, will be formed, will sanction this event as the Canadian Championships and will encompass Quebec or all of Canada. NASSPDA might have to rethink its geographical representation. The host organization is not up to date on membership.**
 - d. **Provincetown Dance Trophy, USA & Massachusetts State Championships, September 30, 2017 (Benjamin)**
 - **Early-bird registration has ended and it is looking good. 4 studios have additionally expressed their interest in participating. A workshop will be held on Friday evening.**
 - e. **Floorplay In The Desert; NA Championship, January 13, 2018 n/a**
 - f. **April Follies, California State Championship, Oakland, CA, April 28, 2018 n/a**
 - g. **Gay Games 10, Paris, France, 2018 World Championships, August 6-10, 2018 n/a**
 - h. **Montreal Rainbow Dance Challenge, Canadian Championship?, September 2018?**
 - i. **Requested hosting of 2018 North American Championships**
 - **Based on the new information about the allegiance of the event (see C.2.c. above), it is unclear whether this request is still viable and on the table.**

D. New Business

- 1. **Responsiveness of Board to e-mails, issues, constituency, etc.**
 - **A reminder by the President for the Board to be responsive in a more timely manner, use the tools available via its Yahoo Group and stay connected to NASSPDA's constituency.**

E. Schedule next Meeting(s)

- **Sunday, August 27, 2:00 PM PDT, 4:00 PM CDT, 5:00 PM EDT**

Meeting Adjourned 5:33 PM EDT.