

NASSPDA Board meeting Minutes

Meeting held on Sunday, August 27, 2017, 2:00 PM PDT, 4:00 PM CDT, 5:00 PM EDT

Present:

1. Barbara Zoloth (Board member)
2. Lee Fox (Treasurer, Finance Committee Chair; Membership & Competition Committee Co-Chair)
3. Erik Jaeger (Secretary)
4. Kalin Mitov (Promotion Committee Chair)
5. Benjamin Soencksen (President, FGG Delegate, Scholarship Committee Chair)
6. Pat Hogan (Vice-President, GLISA Representative, Membership Committee Co-Chair)
7. Eddie Alba (Competition Committee Co-chair)

Absent

8. Simone Assboeck (Board member)

Meeting called to order at 17:05 EDT

A. Standing Items

1. Polls since last meeting to be recorded
 - None since the last meeting
2. Approve minutes from last meeting
 - Approved

B. Committee Reports

1. Financial:
 - General fund is \$6,015.97.
 - Scholarship fund \$1,142.03
 - No other financial business since last meeting.
2. Membership:
 - a. Membership update
 - 100 members: 81 individuals, 4 organizations, 3 teams, 3 honorary, 9 affiliates
 - 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**
 - **Suggestion: 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:

- Introduction of a couples' membership (restricted to only 1 partner per membership year) in addition to the individual membership. Change of partner can only occur at renewal. Membership fee will be \$30 for an individual and \$50 for couples.
 - Organization membership will remain, open to all organizations interested in promoting same-sex dancing. Organization membership allows sanctioning of an event and a title. Additionally, sanctioning allows the organization to receive support for the event via a NASSPDA liaison. International events (Gay Games or OutGames) did not need to become organizational members in order to host a sanctioned event. Organization membership fee will be \$100.
 - The affiliate membership will be discontinued as current affiliate membership periods expire. If a current affiliate wishes to remain connected to NASSPDA, then they will be switched to an honorary membership.
 - Designated individual within an organization: In the future, designated individuals will not be eligible for titles unless they have an individual membership.
 - Team membership fees will be reduced to \$50 from \$100.
 - Designated individual within a team: Designated individuals within a team are not eligible for non-team titles unless they have an individual membership.
 - There remains no distinction in membership level between social and competitive dancers.
 - New membership fee structure for existing members would become effective at the time of their renewal.
 - NASSPDA will advertise the new membership fees in the next newsletter.
3. Scholarship Committee:
 - No report given
 4. Same-Sex Dancesport Promotion Committee:

- a. eNewsletter
 - No report given
- b. Activity Grant application(s)?
 - i. Report from Zoe Balfour
 - Based on her report of activities, Zoe Balfour's grant request will be paid out.
- c. Update on membership outreach
 - No report given
- 5. Board Election Committee:
 - a. 5 Board members' terms are up in 2018
 - b. Actively looking for candidates (goal: 9 Board Members)
 - No report given
- 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
 - Procedure is currently in process.
 - 1. Membership renewal questions: auto-renewal, fixed renewal date, grace period
 - Board will work to ensure the renewal plug-in allows a grace period to renew after a membership has expired.
 - 2. Revision of language of posted forms
 - Forms are changed and online, in accordance with last meeting's decisions
 - 3. Calendar plug-in?
 - No report given
- 7. Competition Committee:
 - a. Adjudicator application(s)?
 - b. Sanctioning application(s)?
 - c. Title authorization application(s)?
 - d. Suggested revisions of or additions to Competition Rules?
 - No report given.

C. Old Business

- 1. Coordination with other organizations
 - a. FGG/ESSDA & GLISA
 - i. World Championship titles at Gay Games 2018 (status update)
 - No report given
 - b. IFSSDA
 - i. Legalization, By-Laws, Competition Rules (status update)
 - No report given
- 2. Upcoming/recent competitions
 - a. Glitz & Glitter Ball, Columbus, OH, Ohio State Championships, July 22, 2017– assessment
 - NASSPDA would like to continue working with the organizers to support same-sex dancing in Ohio, despite the organizer not conforming to NASSPDA's rules for sanctioning in this year's tournament.
 - b. Delaware Valley Equality Ball, Woodbury, NJ, August 27, 2017
 - Delaware organization up to date
 - c. Montreal Rainbow Dance Challenge, Canadian Championship, September 3, 2017
 - NASSPDA liaison will be present, as will a NASSPDA-approved adjudicator. Organizer is not up to date on organizational membership and individual membership.
 - Our NASSPDA liaison has received no response to date from the organizer regarding his judging the competition.
 - d. Provincetown Dance Trophy, USA & Massachusetts State Championships, September 30, 2017
 - 16 couples registered to date. NASSPDA sponsors with a grant an Argentine Tango workshop on the preceding Friday. NASSPDA approved judges are confirmed.
 - e. Floorplay In The Desert; January 13, 2018
 - No update given. This competition was wrongly identified as the 2018 NA Championship (wrongly carried on from earlier 2017 agendas). Decision on 2018 Championship host tournament is still pending.
 - f. April Follies, California State Championship, Oakland, CA, April 28, 2018
 - No update given
 - g. Gay Games 10, Paris, France, 2018 World Championships, August 6-10. 2018
 - No update given

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

i. Requested hosting of 2018 North American Championships

- No update given

D. New Business

1. Ads for Sundance Stompede & Provincetown Dance Trophy

- Board voted to place an ad for NASSPDA for both Stompede (\$100) and Provincetown (\$150).

2. USA & Canadian & North American Championships 2018

- Board will decide in upcoming meetings, which competition will be hosts to the USA and North American Championships in 2018. Generally, 3 competitions are currently qualified: Boston Open, April Follies, Floorplay in the Desert.

E. Schedule next Meeting(s)

- Sept 24. 17:00 EDT, 16:00 CDT, 14:00 PDT

Meeting adjourned at 18:31 EDT