

Minutes of the NASSPDA Board meeting for **SUNDAY, September 24, 2017**

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. Simone Assboeck (Board member)

Missing:

1. Eddie Alba (Competition Committee Co-chair)

Called to order 17:05

Adjourned 18:29

1. Standing Items

- a. Polls since last meeting to be recorded
- b. Approve minutes from last meeting

- Minutes approved by the Board.

2. Committee Reports

a. Financial:

- \$5,274.42 general fund balance
- \$1,142.05 scholarship fund balance

b. Membership:

i. Membership update

- Membership consists of 103 members 84 individual members, 4 organizations, 3 teams, 3 honorary members, 9 affiliate members

c. Scholarship Committee:

i. Determine number of scholarships for 2018 based on funds available

- No decisions taken

d. Same-Sex Dancesport Promotion Committee:

- eNewsletter 102 people opened the email, there were eight clicks to links, and one person unsubscribed. Facebook boosts are still taking place.

e. Activity Grant application(s)?

- There have been no new applications for grants.

f. Update on membership outreach

- No report given

g. Board Election Committee:

i. Term up in 2018:

ii. Actively looking for candidates (goal: 9 Board Members)

- The Board strives to have a full membership of Nine. The Board will focus its efforts to win new Board Members by focusing the message on our goal of gender balance and geographic balance in the Board, and place ads in the next newsletters. The Board would especially appreciate continued representation from Canada
- Nominations for the Board are open, and they will close mid-February for the positions.

h. Website Committee:

i. Report on status of new website/membership plug-in:

ii. Procedures for updating and making changes to be posted on Yahoo Group (ongoing)

iii. Membership renewal questions: grace period?

iv. Calendar plug-in?

- Committee will continue resolving issues with Stripe as it relates to new membership dues, as well as implementing the changes we decided upon on membership levels, new language and fees. Once changed, we were going to make announcements via eNewsletter and Facebook.

i. Competition Committee:

i. Adjudicator application(s)?

- No applications since the last meeting

ii. Sanctioning application(s)?

- No applications since the last meeting
- iii. Title authorization application(s)?
 - No applications since the last meeting
- iv. Suggested revisions of or additions to Competition Rules?
 1. Add clarification on naming age categories to rules
 - Names for the categories will be “18+” and “45+.” Competition committee will look at rule D1.2.3 on page 19 of the rules titled “distinction by age” and propose new language for the rules in the next meeting.

3. Old Business

- a. Coordination with other organizations FGG/ESSDA & GLISA
 - i. World Championship titles at Gay Games 2018 (status update) – report on ESSDA's GM
 - ESSDA will sanction the Gay Games in Paris, and the ESSDA rules will be applicable. If there is a country/western portion, IAGLCWDC rules will apply.
 - ii. IFSSDA
 1. Legalization, By-Laws, Competition Rules (status update)
 - No report given
- b. Upcoming/recent competitions
 - i. Montreal Rainbow Dance Challenge, September 3, 2017
 - No Report given.
 - ii. Provincetown Dance Trophy, USA & Massachusetts State Championships, September 30, 2017
 - NASSPDA representatives will check eligibility of title competitors
 - iii. Floorplay In The Desert; Palm Springs, CA, January 13, 2018
 - No report given.
 - iv. April Follies, California State Championship, Oakland, CA, April 28, 2018
 1. Requested hosting of 2018 NA or USA Championships (see also D.1. below)
 - No report given. See 4.a.
 - v. Gay Games 10, Paris, France, 2018 World Championships, August 6-10. 2018
 - No report given.
 - vi. Montreal Rainbow Dance Challenge, Canadian Championship?, September 2018?
 1. Requested hosting of 2018 NA Championships (see also D.1. below)
 - No report given. See 4.a.
- c. Communication with organizers of Glitz & Glitter Ball, Columbus – response?
 - No report given.

4. New Business

- a. USA & Canadian & North American Championships 2018
 - North American Championships awarded to April Follies in 2018.
 - US championships / Canadian Championships will be determined at a later date. If no viable competition applies, the national championship does not need to take place.

5. Schedule next Meeting(s)

- Sunday, October 29th 2pm EDT, 1pm CDT, 11am PDT