

Meeting Minutes for SUNDAY, December 2, 2018 NASSPDA Board meeting

Present:

1. Erik Jaeger (Secretary)
2. Benjamin Soencksen (President, FGG Delegate, Scholarship Committee Chair)
3. Kalin Mitov (Promotion Committee Chair)
4. Horace Luong (Board member)
5. Eddie Alba (Competition Committee Co-Chair)
6. Barbara Zoloth (Board member)
7. Simone Assboeck (Board member)
8. Lee Fox (Treasurer, Finance Committee & Membership Chair; Competition Committee Co-Chair)

Meeting called to order: EDT 15:05, CDT 14:05, PDT 12:05

Meeting concluded: EDT 16:30, CDT 15:30, PDT 13:30

1. Standing Items

- 1.1. Polls since last meeting to be recorded
 - No polls since last meeting
- 1.2. Approve minutes & notes from last meeting
 - Board approved.

2. Committee Reports

2.1. Financial:

- General fund balance is \$3,726.45, Scholarship fund balance is \$2,157.56.

2.2. Membership:

2.2.1. Membership update

- 87 total members: 73 individual, first partner 2, second partner 2, 3 teams, 3 organizations, 4 honorary members.

2.2.2. Membership registration issues (expired memberships, once renewed, showing as active)

- NASSPDA has fixed the problem with the expiration of a membership showing as the night after registration. Now, notifications of expiration will happen 30-, 7- and 1-day(s) prior to expiration.
- Effective immediately for all registrations and re-registrations, the expiry date will be a year from the date of registration, in the same month and on the 28th day.

2.2.3. Report on published Member Directory

- 16 people have opted in to the website directory so far
- ESSDA will be listed as an organization without any personal member names being posted.

2.3. Scholarship Committee:

2.3.1. Applications for NA Championships in January?

- Board agreed to extend the deadline for scholarship applications until January 1, 2019.

2.4. Promotion Committee:

2.4.1. eNewsletter – year-end letter

- eNewsletter sent to 394 addresses, with 29.7% opening (117 people).

2.4.2. Website issues – see also B.2.b.

- E-Newsletter is posted on the website now.

2.4.3. Promotional Material (business cards, t-shirts, brochure, post cards, etc.)

- Draft of 2-sided business cards are on the Yahoo group under files--posters.
- Board approved printing of NASSPDA business cards as part of outreach.

2.4.4. Activity Grant

2.4.4.1. Report on approved activity grant(s)

- No updates to provide
- 2.4.4.2. New applications?

- No new applications

2.4.5. Update on membership outreach

2.4.5.1. Outreach efforts to colleges & universities (College Circuit)

- NASSPDA will contact the organizers of the Feb 2nd Northwestern University competition in hopes of promoting Same-Sex dancing for college students.

2.4.5.2. Identifying USA Dance Chapters that incorporate same-sex dancing in their event(s)

- No new updates

2.5. Board Election Committee:

2.5.1. Term up in 2019: Three Board Members

- NASSPDA Board continues to look for new candidates.

2.5.2. Election timeline

- Committee will prepare an election timeline.

2.6. Competition Committee:

2.6.1. Adjudicator application(s)?

- Board approved Christopher Sochnacki from Canada as a new judge.

2.6.1.1. Review application form's question about sexual orientation

- The Board agreed after a brief discussion that the question of sexual preference of the applicant isn't relevant and should therefore be removed.

2.6.2. Sanctioning application(s)?

- No new applications received

2.6.3. Title authorization application(s)?

- No new applications received. See section 3.2.4 for USA Championship title.

2.6.4. Suggested revisions of or additions to Competition Rules?

- No new suggestions

3. Old Business

3.1. Coordination with other organizations

3.1.1. FGG/ESSDA & GLISA

3.1.1.1. Which organization will have jurisdiction at GG11 hosted in Hongkong? – response to letter

- There has been no further communication from ESSDA prior this meeting about NASSPDA's letter from November 2017.

3.1.2. IFSSDA

3.1.2.1. Legalization, By-Laws, Competition Rules (status update) – response to email

- Due to the request of the FGG to update the Red Book for Dancesport, if deemed necessary, NASSPDA sent an email to the other organizational founding members of IFSSDA (ESSDA, IAGLCWDC) suggesting that, since registering IFSSDA as an internationally recognized legal entity has proven to be difficult, to move forward anyway, since a signed Constitution already does exist, with establishing Competition Rules, which would be the basis for GG11 in Hongkong, by combining the organization's rules and have a joint committee solidify one set of rules. One member of ESSDA responded expressing support for the idea, but no official response has yet been received by ESSDA or IAGLCWDC.

3.2. Upcoming/recent competitions

3.2.1. Floorplay In The Desert; NA Championship, January 19, 2019

3.2.1.1. Medals and certificates: how many and how to deliver?

- NASSPDA Medals and Certificates will be sent to the organizers in time for the competition.

3.2.2. April Follies, California State Championship, Oakland, CA, April 27, 2019

- No report given

3.2.3. Newark, NJ, 2019 Memorial Day weekend? – response to declining sanctioning

- There has been no response to our communication.

3.2.4. Boston Open, New England Championship. Providence, RI, October 2019

- Competition will be in the second half of September. Board agreed that this competition will be granted the USA Championships along with New England Championships.

3.2.5. San Francisco, CA, November 2019?

- No report given

4. New Business

4.1. USA & Canadian Championships 2019?

- See 3.2.4 for USA Championships, no applications for Canadian Championships.

4.2. Renewed discussion on NASSPDA's mission and name, being more inclusive (gender-fluidity)

- Board is researching the definition of same-sex and equality dancing for further discussions.

5. Schedule next Meeting(s)

- 16:00 EST, 15:00 Central, 13:00 PST, Sunday, January 6th