

Meeting of NASSPDA Board on March 14th, 2010

MINUTES:

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, March 14th, 2010, at ~6:33 PM EDT.

In attendance: Lee Fox, Sonja Furiya (Membership Chair), Pat Hogan (GLISA Representative), Richard Lamberty (Vice-President), Benjamin Soencksen (Secretary) & Barbara Zoloth (President)

Absent: Kieren Jameson (Treasurer)

The agenda was posted on March 8th, revised and posted again on March 13th, 2010:

A. Standing Items

1. Record polls since last meeting
2. Approve minutes from last meeting
3. Financial Report

B. Old Business

1. Plans for Annual Meeting in Philadelphia
 - a. Venue, time
 - b. Agenda
 - c. Bring list of current members identify who can vote
 - d. If a vote is taken, is this binding on the Board or simply advisory?
 - e. Do we want to present committees that members can join? Possibilities could include Membership, Member Services, and Social Dancing
 - f. Can we get PLDC to publicize the meeting -- on their website, in their program, announced at the competition?
2. Rules and structure requirements for sanctioned competitions and authorized titles
3. Update on coordination with ESSDA/FGG
4. Create mechanism that allows Board to send e-mails to members and possibly also non-members -- update
5. Update on Membership renewal
6. Communication with competition organizers:
 - a. Update on communications with Philly competition
 - b. Update on communications with Oakland competition
 - c. Update on communication with GLISA (Outgames)

C. New Business

1. Scholarship fund for new memberships
2. Soliciting / receiving Donations
3. Collecting, storing, and making available competition results
 - a. Results for which events
 - b. What level of detail
 - c. Exclusive listing (meaning the comp website has a link to nasspda.org for the results)?
5. Meeting in Oakland, April 25, 2010
 - a. Venue, topics, logistics
6. Establishing criteria for adding links to NASSPDA's website

D. Schedule next Board meeting

A. Standing Items

to A.1.: Approved All

A. Section VII., Paragraph 2. of NASSPDA's Sanctioning Policy is to be interpreted as follows: "Only 'A' graded couples may garner the title."

B. Male and female couples shall be graded separately during the grading rounds of the annual NASSPDA Championships.

to A.2.: Approved

1st Draft of Minutes & Notes 100207

to A.3.: Unreported

Though unreported at this meeting, the Treasurer reported after this meeting, on March 19th, 2010, "the NASSPDA account holds \$1,840.96."

B. Old Business

to B.1.a. & b.:

"Proposed Agenda for the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia" and "Guidelines for Facilitating the Meeting" had been posted. No changes were suggested on the presented agenda. It was however proposed that the most recent draft of NASSPDA's Competition Rules might be presented. Several arguments against this action included the cost of printing/copying, the short time frame available to implement further corrections and changes, and the lack of time available at the meeting for members getting familiarized with the document. It was therefore concluded to rather post these rules at a later point on NASSPDA's website soliciting comments and suggestions. For a smooth and successful annual membership meeting, tasks listed on the "guidelines" were assigned.

to B.1.c.:

The Membership Chair reconfirmed, that an updated list of current active members will be provided for this annual meeting.

to B.1.d., e. & f.:

Neither of these two agenda items was discussed.

to B.2.:

The "NASSPDA Competition Rules Committee" posted prior to this meeting, on March 7th, 2010, a revised draft for all Board members to read and comment. Along with this version, 5 specific issues were identified, for which the committee felt it needed direct input from the Board:

A. Procedure for sanctioning a competition and for authorizing titles.