

## **Conference Call Meeting of NASSPDA Board**

### **MINUTES:**

Meeting started on Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008, at 4:05 PM EDT.

In attendance: Barbara (co-chair), Benjamin, Pat, Richard (co-chair), Sonja, & Winter  
Apologies: Citabria

The following agenda was posted on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008, at 12:02 PM EDT:

#### **A. Standing Items:**

1. Approve minutes from last meeting
2. Record discussion and votes taken by email

#### **B. New or Continued Business:**

1. Policy regarding eligibility

#### **C. By-laws related Discussions:**

1. Non-profit discussion and possible actions
2. Membership report and discussion, possible actions
3. Board composition and elections discussion, possible actions

#### **D. Other Business:**

1. Logo status report
2. Pro/Am discussion
3. Grading/Classification discussion, possible actions
4. Transgender discussion
5. LA event report
6. Major titles: annual or bi-annual, discussion
7. Report on status of 5-Boro-Dance-Challenge
8. Report on status of website
9. Set up next meeting

to A.1.: Approved

to A.2.:

- a. NASSPDA's fiscal year to be from Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> to Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>: Rejected
- b. Expenditure of \$400 to initiate incorporating NASSPDA as a non-profit corporation: Rejected
- c. Posting of NASSPDA's "Sanctioning Policies" on NASSPDA's website: Approved

to B.1.:

- a. Eligibility to garner NASSPDA's authorized championship titles had been discussed and approved at the February 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, but those policies have not been, but will be incorporated into NASSPDA's "Sanctioning Policies."
- b. Eligibility for winning any Showcase Championship title is based on NASSPDA's mission to focus on partner dancing. Therefore, the title will only be awarded to the highest-ranking same-sex couple. However, NASSPDA will

not impose any restrictions on the format (solo; same-sex, opposite-sex couples, and reverse-role couples; formation teams; etc.) of this category for the organizer.

**to C.1.:**

- a. NASSPDA will start the process of incorporation: Agreed
- b. The fiscal year for NASSPDA will be the calendar year: Approved  
(More discussion on “membership and competition year” to follow.)

**to C.2.:**

A draft of NASSPDA membership policies had been submitted on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Some corrections and comments were incorporated: More to follow

**to C.3.:** Postponed

**to D.1.:**

A branding proposal was submitted for and to NASSPDA. Questions, comments and concerns have been summarized and will be forwarded to the designer.

If the branding process is not satisfyingly completed before the North American Same-Sex Partner Dance Championships are held at the 5-Boro-Dance-Challenge on Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008, NASSPDA will present the title winners with a statement recognizing the awarded title, and promising to deliver a final version of this award at a later point.

**to D.2.:** Postponed

**to D.3.:** Postponed

**to D.4.:** Postponed

**to D.5.:**

Contact with Chris Perry in Los Angeles and awareness of NASSPDA’s Sanctioning Policies has been established. Further in-person discussion is to take place.

**to D.6.:** Postponed

**to D.7.:** see B.1.

**to D.8.:**

All minutes from previous meetings will be posted, as well as the individual contact e-mail addresses of all NASSPDA board members.

Meeting adjourned on Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008, at 5:35 PM.

The next meeting in-person is scheduled for Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, after the 5-Boro-Dance-Challenge, in NYC on Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008.