

NASSPDA Annual Meeting
July 30, 2011, Sheraton Wall Centre
Vancouver, BC

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NASSPDA Annual Membership Meeting Agenda July 30, 2011, Sheraton Wall Centre, Vancouver BC, 11 am-12:30 pm

1. What NASSPDA has been doing

- a. Created and published competition rules
- b. NDCA interactions around their new policy
- c. Creation of International Federation of Same-Sex Dance Associations (IFSSDA)
- d. Planning Gay Games 2014 in Cleveland

2. Social Dancing

- a. What ideas do you have for what NASSPDA can do for social dancers? How are you willing to help?
- b. USA Dance (amateur organization for the mainstream dance community) has both a social dance and a competitive dance department. USA Dance's chapters have 4 social dances a year that rotate around different dance studios by asking studios to donate their studio for a dance event.

3. Dance camps

- a. Are you interested?
- b. What would like to see?
- c. Who would be willing to work on this?

4. What else would you like to see NASSPDA do for the North American same-sex partner dance community?

Discussion:

Jerko gave a brief presentation about the Outgames to be held in Antwerp 3-11 August 2013. Register online to get a free newsletter. info@worldoutgames.org This is the group that would like the 2013 Outgames to be a championship title. This request was previously passed on to Richard for the IFSSDA to consider.

Dance camps:

There was considerable discussion about dance camps. Folks like the idea. A list of names of those interested in helping has been passed on to the dance camp committee that was formed May 1, 2011 (Mike, Kalin, Marcella, Michel, Pat, Murray, and Wendy). A university or college campus was suggested as a possible venue. It was suggested that this should be aimed at people who want to dance, not (or not just) people who want to compete.

Competition rules:

- There was a question about role-switching. We were asked to make sure that our rules are clear that it's not required but is recognized as demonstrating a higher level of skill.
- Clearer criteria for beginner, intermediate, and advanced dancers were requested.