

email to all ESSDA members, 18th June 2009:

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An: ESSDA members

Betreff: Your new ESSDA Board plus a call for agenda items for AGM

Dear Members of ESSDA,

we, the Board of ESSDA, are very much looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Copenhagen.

Those who cannot make it will be given an opportunity to sign a paper to give a proxy vote to others who are attending. There will be no need for postal votes as this was only for voting for the election of Board members which will now not be necessary. (see below)

The proxy forms, and delegate forms for Extraordinary members will be sent out with the Agenda next week and posted on the website. **It's your association. PLEASE PARTICIPATE!**

IF ANYBODY WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST AN AGENDA ITEM OR MOTION, IT NEEDS TO REACH ME BY MIDNIGHT ON 24TH JUNE.

This will allow time to distribute the final agenda a month before the meeting.

I am pleased to announce that you have a new Board for 2009-10.

These are 7 people who will work hard to make ESSDA the kind of organisation that you would like it to be.

There will be no need for any voting to elect this board at the AGM as there are 4 candidates for the 4 vacant posts.

These candidates have been elected unopposed.

They are:

DAVY BROCATUS - BELGIUM

Ballroom dancing has been my profession and passion for over 20 years.

As former national and international ballroom amateur and professional champion in the mainstream dancing world, I have learned to know the same sex dance field only in 2005. I was well impressed about the quality of the dancing and all my odds I had before, have changed my mind completely. Moreover, as organiser of the dancing competition at the EuroGames 2007, I did become a forefighter for the same sex dancing. Davy Brocatus www.davybrocatus.be

DÖRTE LANGE – GERMANY

I work as one of ESSDA's board members for the development and the acceptance of same sex-dancing in Germany, Europe and on the international dance floor. I'm responsible for the competition calendar on www.essda.eu and I publish the results. I am one of the "dance sport experts" of the GayGames 2010 at Cologne.

Special interests:

- the further development of the relation between equality dancing and mainstream dancesport
- the interests of senior couples
- our rules - as the sports director of the recently founded DVET

ANGELO BERBOTTO – UNITED KINGDOM

My mix of skills and experience can contribute to the growth of s-s Dancesport in Europe whilst advancing UK interests.

I am a lawyer and a translator (Spanish, French & Italian) – with these skills I can help ESSDA move forward and reach out to countries where s-s dancing is developing.

I started dancing as an adult. I compete at the social level and strongly support developing D & C competition level.

I am a doer -- my credentials: in 2007, with a friend, I took s-s dancing to Italy:

<http://balloromo.blogspot.com/>

More recently, I created a "space" for community news: <http://samesexdancing.blog.co.uk/>

HADASS ARMON (LISTD, MA) - LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM

Hadass has been involved with the same sex dancing scene for more than 15 years.

Starting as a social dancer, to an A class finalist and now an adjudicator. Since turning professional, Hadass has focused on teaching and coaching same sex couples.

A founder member of the UKSSDC, Hadass feels very strongly about:
The distinction between and the unison of same sex and GLBT dancing. Introducing judges to the diversity the scene offers.
The development of set criteria from which all competitions are judged creating a more systematic classification method across the board.
Joining ESSDA's board will allow me to contribute to the development of the same sex dancing scene.

The three board members who are rolling over from 2008-9 Board are:

VERNON KEMP – UNITED KINGDOM

Vernon is a Fellow and Examiner ISTD, and a registered judge with World Dance Council and British Dance Council.

He is involved in every aspect of the same sex competition scene as a trainer, adjudicator and as an organiser of competitions.

Believes strongly in the power of consensus and worked hard to bring about the initial formation of ESSDA and UKSSDC of which he is the current Chair.

NIELS MENGE – GERMANY

Niels is an active dancer for over 20 years. With his partner Armin Lohrman he was finalist of the GayGames 1998, 2002 and 2006.

As member of the ESSDA committee "rules & guidelines" and as high licensed judge of the German Dancesport Association he tries to establish criteria for judging our special dance style "Equalitydancing" and to train the judges of same-sex competitions. Furthermore Niels is dance sport trainer and one of the "dance sport experts" of the GayGames 2010 at Cologne.

THORSTEN REULEN - GERMANY

I started with same-sex dancing in 1996 (with no mainstream dance experience to speak of). I have been competing in same-sex competitions since 1998 (both Ballroom and Latin) and have been organizing same-sex competitions since 1998, too.

In order to make competition results comparable I installed a first ranking system of European same-sex couples some years ago. In this context I increasingly dealt with the carrying out of competitions focusing on their value in sporting terms. After ESSDA was founded I went on with this issue as a member of the rules & guidelines committee. As a board member of ESSDA I would try to bring more reliability and seriousness into our competitions in order to make our sport more attractive. I'd also like to give the ESSDA board a start to become a bit more decisive and not at least a bit more international.

Thank you
Jacky Logan – Secretary ESSDA