

Minutes of the NASSPDA Board meeting
SUNDAY, February 6, 2022, 11:00 AM PST, 1:00 PM CST, 2:00 PM EST

Present:

1. Benjamin Soencksen (President, FGG Delegate, Scholarship Committee Chair)
2. Lee Fox (Treasurer, Finance Committee & Membership Chair; Competition Committee Co-Chair)
3. Erik Jaeger (Secretary)
4. Kalin Mitov (Promotion Committee Chair)
5. Debbie Esparza (Vice President)
6. Susie Hoskins (Board Member)
7. Rufi Oswaldo (Board Member)
8. Jo Popadynetz (Board Member)
9. Emma DiFrancesco (Board Member) joined at 14:30 EDT
10. Horace Luong (Webmaster)
11. Eddie Alba (Competition Committee Co-Chair)

Absent:

none

Meeting called to order at 14:10 EDT

Meeting ended 15:34 EDT

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 unanimously approved the minutes and notes of the last meeting.

2. **Committee Reports**

2.1. Financial:

- General fund: \$6,443.86
- Scholarship fund: \$2,196.56
- Stripe \$201.81
- Expenses since last meeting: \$100 for the New England Open ad.

2.2. Membership:

2.2.1. Membership update

- 60 total members (-9 since last meeting), 43 individual, 3 first partner, 3 second partner, 2 Teams, 2 Organizations, 6 Honorary Members, 1 Student

2.2.2. Registration discount reimbursements

- No reimbursements

2.3. Scholarship Committee:

2.3.1. **Policy changes for scholarship eligibility and procedure (Debbie)**

- No decisions taken
- 2.3.2. **Level(s) of scholarships available for 2022?**
- Tabled to the next meeting with 2.3.1

2.4. Promotion Committee:

2.4.1. eNewsletter

- January Newsletter: 400 subscribers, 45% opening rate. 3% of emails have bounced back. Kalin will investigate.

2.4.2. Activity Grant

2.4.2.1. New application(s)?

- No applications
- 2.4.3. Ambassadorship(s) applications
- No applications
- 2.4.4. **Report on use and effect of Google Adwords grant (hire consultant?)**
- No decisions taken

2.5. Website Committee:

2.5.1. Website/Archive updates

- No decisions taken
- 2.5.2. Report on revamping/redesigning website
- No update
- 2.5.3. Changes in the committee

- Board appointed Erik as the new Chair/Webmaster

2.6. Board Election Committee 2022:

2.6.1.Up for election in 2022: Debbie, Eddie, Kalin, Lee

2.6.2.Election timeline as still shown on website?

- Candidate application deadline – April 18
- Ballots will be sent April 23
- Voting ends May 7
- Confirmation of election results and voting of officers in the following Board Meeting
- No decisions taken

2.7. Competition Committee:

2.7.1.Adjudicator application(s)?

- No applications

2.7.2.Sanctioning application(s)?

- No applications

2.7.3.Title authorization application(s)?

- No applications

2.7.4.Suggested revisions of or additions to Competition Rules?

2.7.4.1. Proposal for further revisions of 'Judging Systems Used for Showdance, Formation Team and Showdance Team'

- Board agreed to accept proposed changes for section D.3.1.2 Judging system for Showdance, Formation Team and Showdance team and to incorporate into the rules draft version 21.03.07.

2.7.4.2. Approval of revised NASSPDA Competition Rules (based on IFSSDA Competition Rules)

- Board voted(9 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions) to accept the rules draft version 21.03.7 from March 7th, 2021 including the revisions above to section D.3.1.2.

3. Old Business

3.1. Coordination with other organizations

3.1.1.FGG/ESSDA

3.1.1.1. Updates on Dancesport at GG11 hosted in Hongkong

- No updates. Next meeting mid-February

3.1.2.IFSSDA (Benjamin)

3.1.2.1. Progress report on IFSSDA's website

- No decisions taken

3.2. Upcoming/recent competitions

3.2.1.Floorplay LA, Los Angeles, CA, February 2022 or later

- Cancelled for 2022

3.2.2.April Follies, Oakland, CA, April 2022 (cancelled)

3.2.3.World Dancesport Pride Cup, Orlando, FL, June (as part of Pride Cup; Sergh Aliev)

- The multisport competition will not include dancesport in 2022.

3.2.4.New England Open, Dedham, MA, October 2022

- No decisions taken

3.2.5.Gay Games XI, Hong Kong, China, November 3 through 11, 2023

- No decisions taken

3.2.6.Use of Google Suites to edit and comment on language/documents in development

- No decisions taken

4. New Business

4.1. Discussion on 'Representation'

- Tabled for next meeting

4.2. Cooperation with USA Dance – membership?; cross-promotion?

- Tabled until next meeting

5. Schedule next Meeting

- 3/27 10:30 PDT, 12:30 CDT, 1:30 EDT