

**Minutes for SUNDAY, November 6, 2022, 11:00 AM PST, 1:00 PM CST, 2:00 PM EST
NASSPDA Board meeting -**

Present:

1. Benjamin Soencksen (President, FGG Delegate, Scholarship Committee Chair)
2. Debbie Esparza (Vice President)
3. Emma DiFrancesco (Board Member)
4. Jo Popadynetz (Board Member)
5. Rufi Oswaldo (Board Member)
6. Lee Fox (Treasurer, Finance Committee & Membership Chair; Competition Committee Co-Chair)
7. Kalin Mitov (Promotion Committee Chair)
8. Eddie Alba (Competition Committee Co-Chair)
9. Susie Hoskins (Board Member)

Absent:

1. Erik Jaeger (Secretary)

Meeting called to order at 02:15 EST

Meeting ended 03:28 EST

1. Standing Items

- 1.1. Polls since last meeting to be recorded
 - None to record
- 1.2. Approve minutes & notes from last meeting
 - Approved unanimously by all in attendance

2. Committee Reports

2.1. Financial:

- General fund: \$7,733.08
- Scholarship fund: \$2,196.72
- Stripe \$0.00
- Expenses since last meeting: \$50.00 in annual affiliated membership dues to FGG; \$147.00 for renewal of subscription with PaidProMembership plugin
 - 2.1.1. **Renewal of PaidProMembership account**
 - Done (see 'Expenses' above)
 - 2.1.2. **Renewal of membership with FGG**
 - Done (see 'Expenses' above)

2.2. Membership:

- 2.2.1. Membership update
 - 35 total members (-2 since last meeting), 24 individual, 2 first partner, 1 second partner, 1 Teams, 1 Organizations, 6 Honorary Members, 0 Student
- 2.2.2. Registration discount reimbursements
 - Not applicable, since there are no NASSPDA sanctioned events in 2022
- 2.2.3. **Security issues with Stripe and possibly still with PaidProMembership account**
 - The PaidProMembership plugin seems to have had a one-time glitch in the system, since no further false renewal notices had been sent and correct renewal notices have been received by members. However, due to further small donation attempts as a means to fraudulently verify credit cards, it is planned to implement Google's CAPTCHA system for financial transactions.

2.3. Scholarship Committee:

- 2.3.1. **Policy changes for scholarship eligibility and procedure**
 - Postponed until further discussion.
- 2.3.2. **Level(s) of scholarships available for 2023?**
 - (see 2.3.1.)

2.4. Promotion Committee:

- 2.4.1. eNewsletter
 - Due to lack of time, a report on the opening rate of October's eNewsletter has been postponed.
- 2.4.2. Activity Grant
- 2.4.3. New application(s)?
 - No applications so far in 2023.
- 2.4.4. Ambassadorship(s) applications
 - No applications so far in 2023.
- 2.4.5. **Report on use and effect of Google Adwords grant (plus report from Mary Beth)**

- No update was available at the time of this meeting.
- 2.5. Website Committee:
- 2.5.1. Website/Archive updates
- No update was available at the time of this meeting.
- 2.5.2. **Report on revamping/redesigning website**
- No update was available at the time of this meeting.
- 2.5.3. **Add'l page with privacy policy and statement**
- Any discussion and/or decision was postponed, since not all Board members had read yet the proposed language.
- 2.6. Board Election Committee 2023:
- 2.6.1. **Term ends in 2023: Benjamin, Emma, Erik, Jo, Rufi, Susie (stand for reelection?)**
- Benjamin and Eddie confirmed wanting to stand for reelection.
- 2.6.2. **Electing Chair of Committee**
- Eddie to chair the Election Committee for 2023.
- 2.6.3. **New candidates?**
- Seeking new candidates to joining the Board, currently one short.
- 2.7. Competition Committee:
- 2.7.1. Adjudicator application(s)?
- No applications so far in 2023.
- 2.7.2. Sanctioning application(s)?
- No applications so far in 2023.
- 2.7.3. Title authorization application(s)?
- No applications so far in 2023.
- 2.7.4. Suggested revisions of or additions to Competition Rules?
- No revisions or additions currently in the works.
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 Guadalajara**
- Zoom meeting took place on October 21, 2022, with the organizers of the 2023 Gay Games hosted by Guadalajara, which was attended by IAGLCWDC and NASSPDA and by the newly assigned coordinator of Dancesport (see the exact dates below).
- 3.1.2. IFSSDA
- 3.1.2.1. **Progress report on IFSSDA's website**
- No update was available at the time of this meeting.
- 3.2. Upcoming/recent competitions
- 3.2.1. Floorplay LA, Los Angeles, February 2023 ?
- Increased interest from the community led to the decision to hold this event in the summer of 2023 at a yet to be determined location and specific date (keeping in mind the dates for the 2023 Eurogames).
- 3.2.2. New England Open, Boston, MA, April 1, 2023
- Date confirmed.
- 3.2.3. April Follies, Grand Ball (no competition), Oakland, CA, April 29, 2023
- Date and format confirmed.
- 3.2.4. World Dancesport Pride Cup, Orlando, FL, June 2023 ?
- At the time of this meeting, it was unknown whether this event will take place in 2023.
- 3.2.5. Gay Games XI, Guadalajara, Mexico, November 5 through 8, 2023
- (see also 3.1.1.1.)
- 3.3. Use of Google Suites to edit and comment on language/documents in development
- No update was available at the time of this meeting.
4. **New Business**
- 4.1. **Discussion on ?**
- A new discussion was added regarding financial support for event organizers.
5. **Schedule next Meeting**
- DATE: January 15, 2023
 - TIME: 02:00 PM EST