

**Minutes of the NASSPDA Board meeting**  
**SUNDAY, January 15, 2023, 11:00 AM PST, 1:00 PM CST, 2:00 PM EST**

Present:

1. Benjamin Soencksen (President, FGG Delegate, Scholarship Committee Chair)
2. Debbie Esparza (Vice President)
3. Erik Jaeger (Secretary)
4. Rufi Oswaldo (Board Member)
5. Jo Popadynetz (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)
10. Emma DiFrancesco (Board Member)

Absent: None

Meeting called to order at 02:10pm EST

Meeting ended 03:32pm EST

1. Standing Items

1.1. Polls since last meeting to be recorded

- Poll to assign the hosting of NASSPDA's 2023 USA Championships to Boston Open Dancesport's New England Open event on April 1, 2023, in Dedham, MA, which will also host the New England & Massachusetts State Championships. – approved by 7 'yes', no 'no' votes and no one abstained

1.2. Approve minutes & notes from last meeting

- Board unanimously approved

2. Committee Reports

2.1. Financial:

- General fund: \$7,843.08
- Scholarship fund: \$2,196.86
- Stripe \$0.00
- Expenses since last meeting: No expenses
- Income since last meeting: membership dues

2.2. Membership:

2.2.1. Membership update

- 33 total members (-4 since last meeting), 20 individual, 3 first partner, 2 second partner, 1 Teams, 1 Organizations, 6 Honorary Members, 0 Student

2.2.2. Registration discount reimbursements

- See 4.1

2.2.3. Security issues with Stripe (credit card testing with \$1 donations)

- Security issues on Stripe have been resolved. Consultant has been engaged to fix payment functions on the website and to add additional security measures.

2.3. Scholarship Committee:

2.3.1. Proposal to place on hold for 2023 (see 4.1. below)

- See 4.1

2.3.2. Policy changes for scholarship eligibility and procedure

- No decisions taken

2.3.3. Level(s) of scholarships available for 2023?

- No decisions taken

2.4. Promotion Committee:

2.4.1. eNewsletter

2.4.2. Activity Grant

2.4.2.1. Proposal to place on hold for 2023 (see D.1. below)

2.4.2.2. New application(s)?

2.4.3. Ambassadorship(s) applications

2.4.4. Report on use and effect of Google Adwords grant (hired new consultant?)

- No decisions taken.

2.5. Website Committee:

2.5.1. Website/Archive updates

- No decisions taken

2.5.2. Report on fixing/revamping/redesigning website (hired new consultant?)

- See 2.2.3
- 2.5.3. Add'l page with privacy policy and statement (proposed language by Benjamin)
- Board unanimously approved.
- 2.6. Board Election Committee
  - 2.6.1. Term ends in 2023: Benjamin, Emma, Erik, Jo, Rufi, Susie (who stands for reelection?)
  - Benjamin, Emma, Erik, Jo, Susie will stand for re-election. Rufi will not stand for re-election.
  - 2.6.2. Proposed timeline for 2023 Board Election
  - No decisions taken
  - 2.6.3. New candidates?
  - No discussion
- 2.7. Competition Committee:
  - 2.7.1. Adjudicator application(s)?
  - 2.7.2. Sanctioning application(s)?
  - 2.7.3. Title authorization application(s)?
  - No updates to 2.7.1 through 2.7.3
  - 2.7.4. Suggested revisions of or additions to Competition Rules?
  - No decisions taken.
- 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 (dates confirmed, see below)
      - 3.1.1.2. Communication with Davy Brocatus, Male Co-president of ESSDA
    - No updates available at this time
    - 3.1.2. IFSSDA
      - 3.1.2.1. Progress report on IFSSDA's website (hired new consultant?)
    - No updates available at this time
  - 3.2. Upcoming/recent competitions
    - 3.2.1. New England Open, Boston, MA, April 1, 2023
      - No update
    - 3.2.2. Floorplay LA, Los Angeles, Summer 2023, exact date tba
    - Eddie noted that the competition will be in June, but there hasn't been a firm date or venue determined yet.
    - 3.2.3. April Follies, Grand Ball (no competition), Oakland, CA, April 29, 2023
    - No update for 2023, Susie is looking for a scrutineer to bring back the competition in 2024.
    - 3.2.4. World Dancesport Pride Cup, Orlando, FL, June 2023 ?
    - No updates
    - 3.2.5. Gay Games XI, Guadalajara, Mexico, November 5 through 8, 2023
    - No decisions taken.
  - 3.3. Use of Google Suites to edit and comment on language/documents in development
- 4. New Business
  - 4.1. Proposal of placing on hold temporarily Scholarship (see 2.3. above) and Activity Grant (see 2.4.2.1. above) Programs and institute instead Event Sponsorship Program just for 2023 to benefit existing and recurring sanctioned events, April Follies, Floorplay LA and New England Open, as fully outlined in email to the Board on January 2, 2023, along with a proposed 'letter of acknowledgement'
  - Board unanimously approved Event Sponsorships of USD \$1500 for competitions, \$1000 for non-competitive events, and noted that the sponsorship is tied to the binding letter of acknowledgement, and placed the Scholarship and Activity Grant programs on hold temporarily.
  - 4.2. Schedule next Meeting
    - March 12 14:00 EDT, 11:00 PDT