

Minutes of the NASSPDA Board meeting
SUNDAY, June 4, 2023, 11:00 AM PDT, 1:00 PM CDT, 2:00 PM EDT

Present:

1. Benjamin Soencksen (President, FGG Delegate, Scholarship Committee Chair)
2. Debbie Esparza (Vice President)
3. Erik Jaeger (Secretary)
4. Lee Fox (Treasurer, Finance Committee & Membership Chair; Competition Committee Co-Chair)
5. Kalin Mitov (Promotion Committee Chair)
6. Susie Hoskins (Board Member)
7. Emma DiFrancesco (Board Member)
8. Jo Popadynetz (Board Member) left at 2:45pm EDT
9. Eddie Alba (Competition Committee Co-Chair)- joined 3:25 EDT

Absent: None

Meeting called to order at 02:10pm EST

Meeting ended 03:45pm EST

In accordance to NASSPDA's By-Laws and Board Governing Policies, 2.6. were addressed prior to all other agenda items.

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.

2. Committee Reports

2.1. Financial:

- General fund: \$4,936.40
- Stripe: \$961.72, will be moved to General Fund 6/4/23.
- Expenses since last meeting: \$30.10 reimbursement for medal shipment, \$50.00 for Gay Games affiliate membership.
- Income since last meeting: membership dues

2.2. Membership:

2.2.1. Membership update

- 45 total members (+2 since last meeting), 24 individual, 6 first partner, 6 second partner, 1 Teams, 2 Organizations, 6 Honorary Members, 0 Student

2.2.2. Registration discount reimbursements

- Not relevant for 2023

2.2.3. **reinstated Paypal (in addition to Stripe, as an alternative payment platform)?**

- Will be implemented with new website

2.3. Scholarship Committee:

2.3.1. On hold for 2023

2.3.2. **Policy changes for scholarship eligibility, procedure, numbers and levels (Debbie & Jo)**

- No decisions taken

2.4. Promotion Committee:

2.4.1. eNewsletter

- May Newsletter sent to 404 emails. 190 opened the Newsletter. Low click rate.

2.4.2. Activity Grant (on hold for 2023)

2.4.3. Ambassadorship(s) applications

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

- No Decisions taken

2.4.5. **Policy regarding listing/promotion of non-NASSPDA events (temporarily based on membership)**

- Tabled for the time-being. No inquiries since last meeting

2.5. Website Committee:

2.5.1. Website/Archive updates (minutes, biographies, privacy policy statement page published?)

2.5.2. **Report on fixing/revamping/redesigning website**

- No decisions taken

2.6. Board Election Committee 2023:

2.6.1. **Record election results**

- From currently 45 active members, 29 voted as follows (64% of eligible voters)

- DiFrancesco, Emma (Massachusetts, USA) 82.76% or 24 vote
- Hoskins, Susan (California, USA) 86.21% or 25 votes
- Jaeger, Erik (California, USA) 89.66% or 26 votes
- Popadynetz, Jo (California, USA) 82.76% or 24 votes
- Soencksen, Benjamin (New York, USA) 93.10% or 27 votes

2.6.2. Elect officers

- President- Benjamin agreed to remain President. No other volunteers
- Vice President- Debbie stepped down and nominated Jo to be VP. Jo agreed to be Vice President.
- Treasurer- Lee agreed to remain Treasurer. No other volunteers
- Secretary- Erik agreed to remain Secretary. No other volunteers
- Board unanimously approved that we conduct an open block vote for officers instead of secret ballot.
- Board unanimously voted in all officers as noted above.

2.6.3. Confirm committee chairs and members

- Finance- Lee agreed to remain chair. Kalin agreed to stay on the committee.
- Membership- Lee agreed to remain chair. Erik and Susie agreed to stay on the committee.
- Scholarship- Board Governing Policies prescribe chair (President) and members (Vice President and Treasurer).
- Promotion- Kalin agreed to remain chair. Debbie, Emma, Eddie and Jo agreed to stay on the committee.
- Website- Erik agreed to remain chair and webmaster. Emma agreed to stay on the committee.
- Board Election- Board Governing Policies prescribe the committee members, Chair to be determined later.
- Competition- Lee and Eddie agreed to remain co-chairs. Susie, Benjamin, Citabria and Meredith agreed to stay on the committee.

2.7. Competition Committee:

2.7.1. Adjudicator application(s)?

2.7.2. Sanctioning application(s)?

2.7.3. Title authorization application(s)?

- No new applications 2.7.1 - 2.7.3

2.7.4. Suggested revisions of or additions to Competition Rules?

2.7.4.1. Change membership requirements for garnering NASSPDA titles?

- Tabled until the next meeting.

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 and venue confirmed)

- The President, as the go-between for IFSSDA and as consultant, met again this past week via Zoom with the head and two members of the Dancesport team from Guadalajara. The number of individual registration is still low at this point, but expected to increase, as the organization of IFSSDA's 2023 World Championship crystalizes. A list of 5 selected judges from 4 different countries for the event was presented by the team. 7 judges are required by IFSSDA's Competition Rules, of whom one can also hold the position of head judge. The President recommended to add at least one more female judge to the proposed panel (namely from Germany) and the Board voted unanimously to recommend NASSPDA's Treasurer, Lee Fox, as Head Judge with the offer covering expenses not reimbursed by GG11.

3.2. IFSSDA

3.2.1. Progress report on IFSSDA's website

- No decisions taken.

3.3. Upcoming/recent competitions

3.3.1. April Follies, Grand Ball (no competition), Oakland, CA, April 29, 2023 – report

- No decisions taken.

3.3.2. Floorplay LA, NA Championships, Los Angeles, July 22, 2023

- No decisions taken.

3.3.2.1. NASSPDA Membership Meeting (day prior or after?)

- No decisions taken.

3.4. Gay Games XI, Guadalajara, Mexico, November 5 through 8, 2023

- See 3.1.1.

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

- Not discussed

3.6. NASSPDA's response to stochastic terrorism and legislation against trans people – report

- Statement approved. Promotion and Website committees to post final version.

3.7. Dialogue with USA Dance about possible association/cooperation (see notes of previous meeting)

- No decisions taken

3.8. Report on 2023 Event Sponsorship

- 3.8.1. Program half-page ads (created?)
- 3.8.2. Banner at event (present?)
- 3.8.3. Member discount of no less than \$10 (confirmation and report)
- 3.8.4. Sponsorship announced on event's website (done?)

4. New Business

4.1. ???

- No new business

5. Schedule next Meeting

- July 16th, 2pm EDT.
- USA Dance topic will be a prominent topic for the next meeting.