

Minutes of the NASSPDA Board Meeting, SUNDAY, June 6, 2021, 11:00 AM PDT, 1:00 PM CDT, 2:00 PM EDT

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. Horace Luong (Webmaster)
5. Emma DiFrancesco (Board Member)
6. Kalin Mitov (Promotion Committee Chair)
7. Debbie Esparza (Vice President)
8. Susie Hoskins (Board Member)
9. Rufi Oswaldo (Board Member)
10. Eddie Alba (Competition Committee Co-Chair)
11. Jo Popadynetz (Board Member)

Meeting called to order at 14:12 EDT

Meeting ended 15:47 EDT

1. Record election results, welcome new board member(s) and elect/confirm officers, committee chairs and members.

- Election Results: 33 members voted: Emma & Susie 33 (100%); Eric & Jo 32 (96.97%); Rufi 31 (93.94%); Benjamin 30 (90.91%)
- Board Officer Elections: Benjamin moved to vote in an open election for the officers, Lee seconded, Board unanimous agreed to an open election.
- Board unanimously approved the nominees as officers:
 - President: Benjamin Soencksen
 - Vice President: Debbie Esparza
 - Treasurer: Lee Fox
 - Secretary: Erik Jaeger
- Committees:
 - Finance: Lee agreed to remain the chair, members will be Kalin, Rufi
 - Membership: Lee agreed to remain the chair, members will be Erik, Susie
 - Scholarship: Set by Board Governance policy as President, Vice President and Treasurer
 - Promotion: Kalin agreed to remain the chair, members will be Debbie, Eddie, Jo, Horace, Emma
 - Website: Horace agreed to remain the chair, members will be Erik, Emma, Rufi
 - Board Election: chair will be named later in the year, members are by default the Board Members not up for election
 - Competition: Eddie and Lee agreed to remain co-chairs, members will be Benjamin, Citabria, Meredith, Susie

2. Standing Items

- 2.1. Polls since last meeting to be recorded
 - No Polls to approve
- 2.2. Approve minutes & notes from last meeting
 - Board unanimously approved the Notes and Minutes of the last meeting

3. Committee Reports

- 3.1. Financial:
 - General fund: \$6,518.13
 - Scholarship fund: \$2,596.41
 - Stripe \$134.24
 - Expenses: Payout of Activity Grant for \$250.00
- 3.2. Membership:
 - 3.2.1. Membership update
 - 71 total members, 51 individual, 4 first partner, 4 second partner, 2 Teams, 3 Organizations, 6 Honorary Members, 1 Students.
 - 3.2.2. Registration discount reimbursements
 - No discussion
- 3.3. Scholarship Committee:
 - 3.3.1. Scholarship applications for 2021? (6x \$400)
 - 3.3.2. Scholarship for GG11 in 2022? (part of circuit of sanctioned events?)
 - No new applications, no discussion
- 3.4. Promotion Committee:
 - 3.4.1. eNewsletter
 - No eNewsletter has been sent since the last meeting

3.4.2. Activity Grant

3.4.2.1. Report on approved activity grant(s)

3.4.2.1.1. Julianne's Workshop Series

- Activity Grant has been paid.

3.4.2.1.2. Alexis's Workshop Series (missing report?)

- No payment has been requested.

3.4.2.2. New application(s)?

- No new applications

3.4.3. Ambassadorship(s) applications

- No new applications

3.4.4. Report on use and effect of Google Adwords grant

- No decisions taken.

3.4.5. NASSPDA sponsored workshops

- No decisions taken.

3.5. Website Committee:

3.5.1. Website/Archive updates

- No decisions taken.

3.6. Board Election Committee 2022:

3.6.1. Results of 33 Votes:

- See section 1 above

3.6.2. Appoint Election Committee Chair in November/December 2021

- No discussion

3.6.3. Up for election in 2022:

- No discussion

3.7. Competition Committee:

3.7.1. Adjudicator application(s)?

3.7.2. Sanctioning application(s)?

3.7.3. Title authorization application(s)?

3.7.4. Suggested revisions of or additions to Competition Rules?

- No discussion on section 3.7

3.7.5. Circuit of NASSPDA sanctioned events

- Tabled until 2022

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

- Voting on the proposed changes was tabled until the next meeting

4. Old Business

4.1. Coordination with other organizations

4.1.1. FGG/ESSDA

4.1.1.1. Updates on Dancesport at GG11 hosted in Hongkong

- Next meeting will be with IFSSDA and FGG

4.1.1.2. Upgrade membership with FGG (allows vote for next site election)?

- No decision taken

4.1.2. IFSSDA

4.1.2.1. Progress report on IFSSDA's website

- No update

4.2. Upcoming/recent competitions

4.2.1. CANCELLED: World Dancesport Pride Cup (IFSSDA sanctioned), Orlando, FL, June 2021 as part of Pride Cup (sports event organized by One Magical Weekend;

4.2.2. Delaware Valley Invitational Equality Ball (sanctioned?), New Jersey, August 22, 2021

4.2.3. New England. North American Championships, Needham, MA, October 9, 2021

4.2.4. Gateway West (non-sanction event), Palm Springs, CA, October?

4.2.5. San Francisco, CA, November 2021?

- Delaware Valley will no longer seek sanctioning from NASSPDA.

- No other updates on the remaining competitions

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

- No updates

4.4. Update on NASSPDA's community and Covid-19

- No updates

5. New Business

5.1. Discussion on 'Representation'

- Tabled to the next meeting

5.2. Proposed ideas from new Board member

- Extend reach in Canada

- Strengthen Network for LGBTQI dancers in Canada
- Support BIPOC dancers in Canada

6. Schedule next Meeting

- August 1, 2pm EDT, 1pm CDT, 11am PDT