

Minutes of the NASSPDA Board Meeting

SUNDAY, August 1, 2021, 11:00 AM PDT, 1:00 PM CDT, 2:00 PM EDT via Zoom

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. Kalin Mitov (Promotion Committee Chair)
6. Debbie Esparza (Vice President)
7. Susie Hoskins (Board Member)
8. Rufi Oswald (Board Member)
9. Jo Popadynetz (Board Member)
10. Eddie Alba (Competition Committee Co-Chair)

Missing:

1. Emma DiFrancesco (Board Member)

Meeting called to order at 14:10 EDT

Meeting ended 15:37 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.

2. Committee Reports

2.1. Financial:

- General fund: \$6,468.13
- Scholarship fund: \$2,596.43
- Stripe \$336.65
- Expenses: Payment to FGG for annual affiliate membership renewal \$50.00

2.2. Membership:

2.2.1. Membership update

- 73 total members, 51 individual, 5 first partner, 5 second partner, 2 Teams, 3 Organizations, 6 Honorary Members, 1 Students.

2.2.2. Registration discount reimbursements

- No reimbursements

2.3. Scholarship Committee:

2.3.1. Scholarship applications for 2021? (6x \$400)

- Board unanimously decided that teachers/pros can apply for scholarships, since they might have financial need as well.

2.3.2. Scholarship for GG11 in 2022? (part of circuit of sanctioned events?)

- No discussion

2.4. Promotion Committee:

- No decision taken.

2.4.1. eNewsletter

- sent out eNewsletter to 402 people, 124 opened, 12 link clicks to details

2.4.2. Activity Grant

2.4.2.1. Report on approved activity grant(s) and payments made

2.4.2.1.1. Julianna's Workshop Series

- This agenda item was resolved (see Notes 210606)

2.4.2.1.2. Alexis's Workshop Series

- No decision take, report is still forthcoming.

2.4.3. New application(s)?

- No new applications

2.4.4. Ambassadorship(s) applications

- No applications

2.4.5. Report on use and effect of Google Adwords grant

- No decision taken.

2.4.6. NASSPDA sponsored workshops

- No decision taken

2.5. Website Committee:

- 2.5.1. Website/Archive updates
 - Committee proposed an overhaul plan for the website, which the Board approved.
- 2.6. Board Election Committee 2022:
 - 2.6.1. Appoint Election Committee Chair in November/December 2021
 - 2.6.2. Up for election in 2022: Debbie, Eddie, Horace, Kalin, Lee
 - No decision taken
- 2.7. Competition Committee:
 - 2.7.1. Adjudicator application(s)?
 - No new applications
 - 2.7.2. Sanctioning application(s)?
 - No new applications
 - 2.7.3. Title authorization application(s)?
 - No new applications
 - 2.7.4. Suggested revisions of or additions to Competition Rules?
 - 2.7.4.1. Approval of revised NASSPDA Competition Rules (based on IFSSDA Competition Rules)
 - Tabled for 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 Hongkong
 - A workgroup from IFSSDA member organizations has been formed to work with GG11 organizers to review the registration process, discuss the selection of venues and officials in relation to costs and projected budget.
 - 3.1.1.2. Upgrade membership with FGG (allows vote for next site election)?
 - No decision taken. Board will revisit in time.
 - The next opportunity for NASSPDA to vote on Gay Games site selection will be the 2030 Games, for which full membership in FGG would be necessary already in 2024; a NASSPDA representative would need to be physically present at the 2024 FGG Annual General Meeting to vote.
 - 3.1.2. IFSSDA
 - 3.1.2.1. Progress report on IFSSDA's website
 - No update
 - 3.2. Upcoming/recent competitions
 - 3.2.1. New England. North American Championships, Needham, MA, October 9, 2021
 - No decision taken.
 - 3.2.2. Gateway West (non-sanction event), Palm Springs, CA, October?
 - No update
 - 3.2.3. San Francisco, CA, November 2021?
 - No update
 - 3.3. Use of Google Suites to edit and comment on language/documents in development
 - No update
 - 3.4. Update on NASSPDA's community and Covid-19
 - No update
 - 4. New Business
 - 4.1. Discussion on 'Representation'
 - Tabled for the next meeting
- 5. Schedule next Meeting
 - September 12, 14:00 EDT, 13:00 CDT, 11:00 PDT