

Minutes of the NASSPDA Board meeting

SUNDAY, December 12, 2021, 11:00 AM PST, 1:00 PM CST, 2:00 PM EST

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. Kalin Mitov (Promotion Committee Chair)
5. Debbie Esparza (Vice President)
6. Susie Hoskins (Board Member)
7. Rufi Oswaldo (Board Member)
8. Jo Popadynetz (Board Member)
9. Emma DiFrancesco (Board Member) joined at 14:30 EDT

Absent:

1. Eddie Alba (Competition Committee Co-Chair)
2. Horace Luong (Webmaster)

Meeting called to order at 14:06 EDT

Meeting ended 15:36 EDT

1. Standing Items

- 1.1. Polls since last meeting to be recorded
 - Board unanimously approved a \$100 ad for New England Open:
 - Board Unanimously approved a scholarship for Kathy Brophy to attend New England Open
- 1.2. Approve minutes & notes from last meeting
 - Board unanimously approved the notes and minutes of the last meeting

2. Committee Reports

2.1. Financial:

- General fund: \$6,245.55
- Scholarship fund: \$2,196.54
- Stripe \$298.31
- Expenses: \$400 for a Scholarship, \$250 for a Grant. Hostmonster Domain \$147.00, Hostmonster SSL \$162.23

2.2. Membership:

2.2.1. Membership update

- 69 total members (-3 since last meeting), 49 individual, 4 first partner, 4 second partner, 2 Teams, 3 Organizations, 6 Honorary Members, 1 Student

2.2.2. Registration discount reimbursements

- No reimbursement requests

2.3. Scholarship Committee:

2.3.1. Policy changes for scholarship eligibility and procedure

- Board is considering an expansion to the scholarship program, but no decisions were taken in this meeting.

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

- No additional scholarship applications since New England Open (see 1.1)

2.3.3. Level(s) of scholarships available for 2022?

- To be determined at next meeting (see 2.3.1)

2.4. Promotion Committee:

2.4.1. eNewsletter

- 41% opening rate, "meet market" got the most interest.
- Next eNewsletter in January, with a new year's letter from Benjamin.

2.4.2. Activity Grant

2.4.2.1. New application(s)?

- No new applications

2.4.3. Ambassadorship(s) applications

- No applications

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

2.4.5. NASSPDA sponsored workshops

2.4.6. NASSPDA on Instagram?

- Instagram online since September. Pictures should be tagged "@NASSPDA" so that they appear on our Instagram

2.5. Website Committee:

2.5.1. Website/Archive updates

- No decisions taken
 - 2.5.2. Report on revamping/redesigning website
 - 2.6. Board Election Committee 2022:
 - 2.6.1. Appoint Election Committee Chair in November/December 2021
 - Erik and Benjamin will co-chair
 - Election timeline to be determined by the next Board meeting
 - 2.6.2. Up for election in 2022: Debbie, Eddie, Horace, Kalin, Lee
 - 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. Proposal for further revisions of 'Judging Systems Used for Showdance, Formation Team and Showdance Team' (Kalin)
 - Board is evaluating the merits of the suggested revisions, but no decisions were taken at this meeting.
 - 2.7.4.2. Approval of revised NASSPDA Competition Rules (based on IFSSDA Competition Rules)
 - Tabled for the next Board 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
 - No updates. Timing for 2023 GG11 has been determined. See 3.2.5 below.
 - 3.1.2. IFSSDA
 - 3.1.2.1. Progress report on IFSSDA's website
 - IFSSDA 's website development is stalled. NASSPDA will reach out to ESSDA for assistance.
 - 3.2. Upcoming/recent competitions
 - 3.2.1. New England. North American Championships, Dedham, MA, October 9, 202– report
 - While attendance was low due to COVID, spirits were high for the competition.
 - 3.2.2. Floorplay LA, Los Angeles, CA, February 2022 or later
 - No update
 - 3.2.3. April Follies, Oakland, CA, April 2022 (cancelled)
 - No update
 - 3.2.4. New England Open, Dedham, MA, October 2022
 - No update
 - 3.2.5. Gay Games XI, Hong Kong, China, November 3 through 11, 2023
 - No update
 - 3.3. Use of Google Suites to edit and comment on language/documents in development
 - No update
4. **New Business**
 - 4.1. Discussion on 'Representation'
 - No update
 - 4.2. Proposal by NATIONAL ACADEMY OF HEALTH AND PHYSICAL LITERACY (NAHPL)
 - Board unanimously approved cross promoting the organizations.
 - 4.3. Bid for 2025 Eurogames by London: asking for sanctioning of IFSSDA's World Championships
 - Board unanimously approved voting to make the 2025 Eurogames the IFSSDA World Championships, but only under the condition that IFSSDA rules apply (NOT ESSDA rules). Hence, NASSPDA agrees only if there is no European Championship under ESSDA rules.
5. **Schedule next Meeting**
 - Feb 6th, 14:00 EST, 13:00 CST, 11:00 PST