

Minutes of the NASSPDA Board meeting SUNDAY, October 15, 2023, 11:00 AM PDT, 1:00 PM CDT, 2:00 PM EDT

Present:

1. Benjamin Soencksen (President, FGG Delegate, Scholarship Committee Chair)
2. Erik Jaeger (Secretary)
3. Lee Fox (Treasurer, Finance Committee & Membership Chair; Competition Committee Co-Chair)
4. Kalin Mitov (Promotion Committee Chair)
5. Jo Popadynetz (Vice President and Collegiate Outreach Committee Co-Chair)
6. Susie Hoskins (Board Member)
7. Eddie Alba (Competition Committee Co-Chair)-
8. Emma DiFrancesco (Board Member and Collegiate Outreach Committee Co-Chair)

Absent:

1. Debbie Esparza

Meeting called to order at 02:11pm EDT

Meeting ended 03:31pm EDT

1. Standing Items

- 1.1. Polls since last meeting to be recorded (see B.7.a.i.)
 - No decisions taken
- 1.2. Approve minutes & notes from last meeting
 - Board unanimously approved minutes and notes of last meeting.

2. Committee Reports

2.1. Financial:

- General fund: \$5,378.12
- Stripe: \$248.59.
- Expenses since last meeting: \$510 for website, \$100 for Stompede
- Income since last meeting: renewals

2.2. Membership:

2.2.1. Membership update

- 54 total members (-1 since last meeting), 31 individual, 7 first partner, 7 second partner, 1 Teams, 2 Organizations, 6 Honorary Members, 0 Student.

2.2.2. Registration discount reimbursements

- Not relevant for 2023

2.3. Scholarship Committee:

2.3.1. On hold for 2023

- Whether the Scholarship Program will become active again in 2024 should be decided by the end of this year.

2.3.2. Policy changes for scholarship eligibility, procedure, numbers and levels

- No decisions taken

2.4. Collegiate Outreach Committee:

2.4.1. Progress report

- Committee has not met yet.

2.5. Promotion Committee:

2.5.1. eNewsletter

- Sent to 400 recipients, 56% opening, 1% click through mainly on logo-wear.

2.5.2. Activity Grant (on hold for 2023)

- See 2.3.2

2.5.3. Ambassadorship(s) applications

- There have been no applications

2.5.4. Report on use and effect of Google Adwords grant

- No update given.

2.6. Website Committee:

2.6.1. Website/Archive updates

2.6.2. Report on fixing/revamping/redesigning website

- Website is functional and running.

2.7. Board Election Committee 2024:

2.7.1. Term ends in 2024: Debbie, Eddie, Kalin, Lee

2.7.2. Elect chair for 2024 committee

- Elections will most likely take place later than usual, due to 'April Follies' no longer taking place and 'FloorplayLA' probably at the beginning of June 2024.

- 2.8. Competition Committee:
 - 2.8.1. Adjudicator application(s)?
 - 2.8.2. Sanctioning application(s)?
 - 2.8.3. Title authorization application(s)?
 - No applications received since last meeting
- 2.9. Suggested revisions of or additions to Competition Rules?
 - 2.9.1. Change membership requirements for garnering NASSPDA titles? (see proposed language)
 - Board unanimously approved the new language as proposed into a new version of the competition rules.
 - We will post the revised rules to the website.
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 (categories, dates, venue, officials confirmed; schedule to be confirmed)
 - The A classes have enough couples to have a competition, but there will be a challenge at the lower levels. Lee, as head judge, will need to decide how to organize the groups into a fair and practical competition.
 - 3.1.2. IFSSDA
 - 3.1.2.1. Progress report on IFSSDA's website
 - 3.1.3. Website is up, but it needs some additions (links to the founding orgs and to the calendars of the organizations).
 - 3.1.4. Communication with MAC (USA Dance)
 - 3.1.4.1. Integration of grading, possible integrated NASSPDA event?
 - No decisions taken
 - 3.2. Upcoming/recent competitions
 - 3.2.1. Gay Games XI, Guadalajara, Mexico, November 5 through 8, 2023
 - 3.2.1.1.1. T-Shirts through spreadshirt.com on sale
 - 2 items sold so far.
 - 3.2.1.1.2. Promotion within community through Facebook Ad Campaign or Instagram (report by Kalin)
 - Promotion continues to run
 - 3.3. Integration of Google Works
 - 3.3.1. Use of Google Works to edit and comment on language/documents in development and possibly hosting of website
 - No update
4. New Business
 - 4.1. 2024 USA and North American Championships?
 - No decision taken
5. Schedule next Meeting
DEC 3, 2023 2pm Eastern.