

# Minutes of the NASSPDA Board meeting from SUNDAY, December 3, 2023, 11:00 AM PST, 1:00 PM CST, 2:00 PM EST

## 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. Eddie Alba (Competition Committee Co-Chair)-
6. Emma DiFrancesco (Board Member and Collegiate Outreach Committee Co-Chair)

## Absent:

1. Jo Popadynetz (Vice President and Collegiate Outreach Committee Co-Chair)
2. Debbie Esparza (Board Member)

Meeting called to order at 02:15pm EST

Meeting ended 03:35 pm EST

## 1. Standing Items

### 1.1. Polls since last meeting to be recorded (notes and minutes from 7.16.23)

- No Polls

### 1.2. Approve minutes & notes from last meeting

- Board unanimously approved the Minutes and Notes from JULY 2023 and OCTOBER 2023 Board meetings.

## 2. Committee Reports

### 2.1. Financial:

- General fund: \$4,905.08
- Stripe: \$277.42
- Expenses since last meeting: \$147 Pro Plus Plugin, \$356.04 Hostmonster renewal
- Income since last meeting: membership renewals
- 2.1.1. **Hostmonster renewal notice**
- Did not automatically renew, but has now been processed by Hostmonster and is good through 2026.

### 2.2. Membership:

#### 2.2.1. Membership update

- 55 total members (+1 since last meeting), 32 individual, 7 first partner, 7 second partner, 1 Teams, 2 Organizations, 6 Honorary Members, 0 Student.

#### 2.2.2. Registration discount reimbursements

- On hold

### 2.3. Scholarship Committee:

#### 2.3.1. On hold for 2023

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

- No updates
- 2.3.3. **Integration into new Grant Program?**
- Board unanimously approved the adoption of the new grant program to go into effect Jan 1, 2024, which will replace the current Activity Grant, Event Sponsorship and Scholarship programs.
- Form will be integrated into website using Google forms.
- Scholarship committee will be converted into Grant Program Committee, which includes the Activity Grant overseen previously by the Promotion Committee.

### 2.4. Collegiate Outreach Committee:

#### 2.4.1. **Progress report**

- No update, committee hasn't met yet

### 2.5. Promotion Committee:

#### 2.5.1. eNewsletter

- December newsletter will integrate GG review and Benjamin's year-end report

#### 2.5.2. Activity Grant (on hold for 2023)

- No update

- See 2.3.3

#### 2.5.3. Ambassadorship(s) applications

- No update

#### 2.5.4. **Report on use and effect of Google Adwords grant**

- No updates

### 2.6. Website Committee:

- 2.6.1. Website/Archive updates
  - 2.6.1.1. Report on website updates
  - GG results have been received and will be posted.
  - 2.6.1.2. Version 231015 of NASSPDA's Competition Rules posted?
  - Not yet, will be posted at the same time as the other updates.
  - 2.6.1.3. Report of harassment via 'Partner Connection' (action?)
  - Partner connection on website will be made more anonymous.
  - 2.6.1.4. Missing application forms or links to Google forms (sanction and title authorization requests)
  - Will be integrated.
  - 2.6.1.5. Dropdown list not fully visible on different sizes of screens?
  - Webmaster will address
- 2.7. Board Election Committee 2024:
  - 2.7.1. Term ends in 2024: Debbie, Eddie, Kalin, Lee
  - 2.7.2. Replacement for Susie Hoskins?
  - Susie Hoskins resigned from the Board effective November 28, 2023.
  - 2.7.3. Establish timeline for election in 2024
  - Committee will establish timeline by February 2024 meeting
- 2.8. Competition Committee:
  - 2.8.1. Adjudicator application(s)?
  - 2.8.2. Sanctioning application(s)?
  - MAC in New York will offer graded events and has requested that this portion of the competition to be sanctioned.
  - Board approved the sanctioning: 5 YES votes, 1 ABSTENTION.
  - 2.8.3. Title authorization application(s)?
  - No applications
  - 2.8.4. Suggested revisions of or additions to Competition Rules?
  - No decisions taken.
- 3. Old Business
  - 3.1. Coordination with other organizations
    - 3.1.1. FGG/ESSDA
    - 3.1.2. IFSSDA
    - 3.1.3. Update on IFSSDA's website?
    - Webmaster will integrate the score sheets
  - 3.2. Communication with MAC (USA Dance)
    - 3.2.1. Integration of grading, possible integrated NASSPDA event?
    - See 2.8.2
  - 3.3. Upcoming/recent competitions
    - 3.3.1. Gay Games XI, Guadalajara, Mexico, November 5 through 8, 2023
      - 3.3.1.1. Report on Dancesport event
      - 3.3.1.2. Scoresheets received from Ana and posted on website
      - 3.3.1.3. Final sales report on merchandise through spreadshirt.com for GG11
      - 3.3.1.4. Promotion within community through Facebook Ad Campaign or Instagram
  - 3.4. Integration of Google Works
    - 3.4.1. Use of Google Works to edit and comment on language/documents in development and possibly hosting of website (proposal)
    - No Report due to time constraints. Will discuss in the next meeting.
  - 3.5. 2024 USA and North American Championships?
    - Not discussed
- 4. New Business
  - 4.1. ???
  - No topics
- 5. Schedule next Meeting
  - Jan 14<sup>th</sup>, 2pm Eastern. Erik to provide Zoom Link.