

Minutes of the NASSPDA Board meeting for SUNDAY, July 14, 2024, 11:00 AM PDT, 1:00 PM CDT, 2:00 PM EDT

Present:

1. Benjamin Soencksen (President, FGG Delegate, Scholarship Committee Chair)
2. James Repetti (Vice President)-
3. Erik Jaeger (Secretary): joined intermittently due to cell reception issues
4. Lee Fox (Treasurer, Finance Committee & Membership Chair; Competition Committee Co-Chair)
5. Eddie Alba (Competition Committee Co-Chair): joined later in the meeting
6. Emma DiFrancesco (Collegiate Outreach Committee Chair)-
7. Chelsea Blandford (Board Member)

Absent:

1. Denise Machin (Board Member)

Meeting called to order at 2:07 pm Eastern

Meeting ended 3:22 pm Eastern

1. Standing Items

- 1.1. Polls since last meeting to be recorded
- 1.2. Approve minutes & notes from last meeting
 - No polls
 - Board unanimously approved (5 members present)

2. Committee Reports

- Financial: General fund: \$4,942.33
 - Stripe (not included in General Fund yet): \$28.83
 - Expenses since last meeting: none
 - Income since last meeting: none
- 2.1. Membership:
 - 2.1.1. Membership update
 - 43 total members (-2 since last meeting), 27 individual, 4 first partner, 4 second partner, 1 Teams, 1 Organizations, 6 Honorary Members, 0 Student.
 - 2.2. Grant Program Committee:
 - 2.2.1. Applications for
 - 2.2.1.1. Event Sponsorship
 - 2.2.1.2. Activity Grant
 - 2.2.1.3. Competition Scholarship
 - No applications since last meeting
 - 2.3. Collegiate Outreach Committee:
 - 2.3.1. **Progress report**
 - No decisions taken.
 - 2.4. Promotion Committee:
 - 2.4.1. eNewsletter
 - 2.4.2. Ambassadorship(s) applications
 - 2.4.3. **Report on use and effect of Google Adwords grant**
 - See 2.6.5 regarding Google Adwords
 - 2.5. Website Committee: Erik (Chair), Eddie
 - 2.5.1. Website/Archive updates
 - 2.5.2. **Report on website updates (Erik)**
 - 2.5.3. **Report of harassment via 'Partner Connection' (action taken?)**
 - 2.5.4. **Missing application forms or links to Google forms (sanction & title authorization requests)**
 - 2.5.5. **Grants Program (implemented forms?)**
 - No decisions taken.
 - 2.6. Board Election Committee 2025: Chelsea, Denise, Eddie, James & Lee
 - 2.6.1. Term ends in 2025: Benjamin, Erik, Emma
 - No updates
 - 2.7. Competition Committee:
 - 2.7.1. Adjudicator application(s)?
 - 2.7.2. Sanctioning application(s)?
 - 2.7.3. Title authorization application(s)?
 - 2.7.4. Suggested revisions of or additions to Competition Rules?

2.7.4.1. Revision of judging rules (point system & criteria) for Showdance(Couples), Showdance Team & Formation Team? (proposal from Eddie)

- No decisions taken

3. Old Business

3.1. Coordination with other organizations

3.1.1. FGG

3.1.2. IFSSDA

3.1.2.1. Update on IFSSDA's website?

3.1.2.2. Report on quarterly meeting between Benjamin (NASSPDA), Lee (IAGLCWDC) & Tom (ESSDA)

- Meeting took place with reps from all founding groups to discuss World Championships between the Gay Games. They discussed the benefits of having more competitions in a year vs. conflicting with the Eurogames. ESSDA will discuss internally prior to the next meeting on Sept. 5th.

3.2. Communication with USA Dance about further collaboration (Daphna, Todd)

- Benjamin has reached out but has gotten no response.

3.3. Upcoming/recent competitions

3.3.1. FloorplayLA, Los Angeles, CA, September 21, 2024 (liaison from NASSPDA?)

2024 NASSPDA North American Championship & IFSSDA International Trophy

- Board unanimously approved using Facebook Ads to promote the event as NASSPDA and IFSSDA title event. Benjamin proposed up to \$200 spend. (7 members present for voting).
- Advertising can promote the grant program for use to attend Floorplay.

3.3.2. Dancesport at XII Gay Games, Valencia, Spain, June 2026

2026 IFSSDA World Championships

3.4. Integration of Google Works

3.4.1. Use of non-profit version of Google Works substituting use of Groups.io and Gmail accounts (Erik)

- No decisions taken.

4. New Business

4.1. ???

5. Schedule next Meeting

- September 1, 2pm Eastern. Erik to send out the Zoom Link.