

Minutes of the NASSPDA Board meeting for SUNDAY, September 1, 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)
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. Denise Machin (Board Member)

Absent:

1. Chelsea Blandford (Board Member)

Meeting called to order at 2:10 pm Eastern

Meeting ended 3:25 pm Eastern

1. Standing Items

- 1.1. Polls since last meeting to be recorded
- 1.2. Approve minutes & notes from last meeting
 - Board approved Notes and Minutes unanimously.

2. Committee Reports

2.1. Financial Committee:

- General fund: \$4,971.16
- Stripe (not included in General Fund yet): \$239.95
- Expenses since last meeting: none
- Income since last meeting: membership renewals and new members

2.2. Membership Committee:

2.2.1. Membership update

- Estimated membership (due to glitch in system, see next bullet point): 40 total members (-3 since last meeting), 26 individual, 3 first partner, 3 second partner, 1 Teams, 2 Organizations, 6 Honorary Members, 1 Student.
- Membership function on the website is not currently registering the correct number of members on the website backend and needs to be repaired.

2.3. Grant Program Committee:

2.3.1. Applications for

2.3.1.1. Event Sponsorship

- Malfunction of the Google Form for Event Sponsorship application caused the application for Floorplay to not be forwarded to the committee triggered after submission.

2.3.1.2. Activity Grant

- No applications

2.3.1.3. Competition Scholarship

- No applications

2.4. Collegiate Outreach Committee:

2.4.1. Progress report

- Contact has been made with an annual collegiate event held in Rochester, NY, which is considering running 'Grading Rounds' as was done in January at the MAC.

2.5. Promotion Committee:

2.5.1. eNewsletter

2.5.2. Ambassadorship(s) applications

2.5.3. Report on use and effect of Google Adwords grant (& Google Works?)

- We have applied for Google Works for Nonprofits. A third-party firm is confirming our eligibility status. After that, Google will get back to us with approval or denial.

2.6. Website Committee:

2.6.1. Website/Archive updates

2.6.2. Report on website updates

2.6.2.1. Report of harassment via 'Partner Connection' (action taken?)

2.6.2.2. Updated Membership page?

2.6.2.3. Missing application forms or links to Google forms (sanction & title authorization requests)

2.6.2.4. Grants Program (implemented report forms?)

- Most updates have been implemented with some exceptions still in the works.

2.7. Board Election Committee 2025:

2.7.1. Term ends in 2025: Benjamin, Erik, Emma

- No updates
- 2.8. Competition Committee:
- 2.8.1. Adjudicator application(s)?
- 2.8.1.1. Application from James Repetti
 - 2.8.1.2. Application from Alan Grundy (judge invited to FloorplayLA)
 - 2.8.1.3. Application from Patricia West (judge invited to FloorplayLA)
- Board unanimously approved all three applications.
- 2.8.2. Sanctioning application(s)?
- No applications
- 2.8.3. Title authorization application(s)?
- No applications
- 2.8.4. Suggested revisions of or additions to Competition Rules?
- 2.8.4.1. Revision of judging rules (point system & criteria) for Showdance(Couples), Showdance Team & Formation Team? (proposal from Eddie)
- Discussion and decision postponed to a later meeting.
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?
- Website is fully functional and updated now. Links to the founding members to be added on the homepage.
- 3.1.2.2. Report on quarterly meeting between representatives of NASSPDA, IAGLCWDC and ESSDA – upcoming on September 5, 2024
- NASSPDA needs to present the list of judges for Floorplay's IFSSDA title competition at the meeting
 - The committee will also need to begin working with the Valencia GG organizers for the IFSSDA World Championships
 - Other topics for this meeting will be a report from ESSDA about whether an annual World Championship seems feasible and who or what entity will be organizing Dancesport at the 2026 Gay Games in Valencia, Spain.
- 3.1.3. Communication with USA Dance about further collaboration
- USA Dance is preoccupied with WDO/WDSF issues and isn't currently able to discuss cooperation with NASSPDA.
- 3.2. Upcoming/recent competitions
- 3.2.1. FloorplayLA, Los Angeles, CA, September 21, 2024
- 3.2.1.1. 2024 NASSPDA North American Championship & IFSSDA International Trophy
- A liaison from NASSPDA has been assigned and promotion of NASSPDA at the event will be set up
- 3.2.2. Dancesport at XII Gay Games, Valencia, Spain, June 2026 and 2026 IFSSDA World Championships
- The person from the FGG that sets up the registration process for each sport offered at the Gay Games has reached out to NASSPDA for information regarding Dancesport in Valencia, which will very much depend on who or what entity will organize that sport event (see 2nd bullet point under 3.1.2.2.).
- 3.3. Integration of Google Works
- 3.3.1. Google Works instead of Groups.io and Gmail accounts
- See 2.5.3
4. New Business
- 4.1. ???
- No updates
5. Schedule next Meeting
- October 27th, 2pm Eastern