

Minutes of the NASSPDA Board meeting SUNDAY, October 27, 2024, 11:00 AM PDT, 1:00 PM CDT, 2:00 PM EDT

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Present:

1. Benjamin Soencksen (President, FGG Delegate, Scholarship Committee Chair)
2. James Repetti (Vice President, Collegiate Outreach Committee Co-Chair)-
3. Erik Jaeger (Secretary)
4. Lee Fox (Treasurer, Finance Committee & Membership Chair; Competition Committee Co-Chair)
5. Denise Machin (Board Member)
6. Chelsea Blandford (Board Member)
7. Emma DiFrancesco (Collegiate Outreach Committee Co-Chair)- joined at 3:25 Eastern

Absent:

1. Eddie Alba (Competition Committee Co-Chair):

Meeting called to order at 2:11 pm Eastern

Meeting ended 3:30 pm Eastern

1. Standing Items

1.1. Polls since last meeting to be recorded

- Board unanimously (8 votes) approve the following requests via polls:
 - *adjudicator's application from Stefan Badea, recommended for approval by the Competition Committee. (9/5/2024)*
 - *Competition Scholarship grant by Ruben Garcia, which NASSPDA's Grants Program Committee recommends in the amount of \$400. (9/14/2024)*
 - *Competition Scholarship grant by Tim Leslie, which NASSPDA's Grants Program Committee recommends in the amount of \$250. (9/17/2024)*

1.2. Approve minutes & notes from last meeting

- Board unanimously approved the notes and minutes (6 Board Members present)

2. Committee Reports

2.1. Financial Committee:

- General fund: \$2,714.16
- Stripe (not included in General Fund yet): \$546.09
- Expenses since last meeting: FGG Dues (\$50), Scholarship (\$400 + \$250), Membership Pro renewal (\$147), Floorplay (\$1,500)
- Income since last meeting: membership renewals and new members

2.2. Membership Committee:

2.2.1. Membership update

- 49 total members (+9 since last meeting), 31 individual, 4 first partner, 4 second partner, 1 Teams, 2 Organizations, 6 Honorary Members, 1 Student.

2.2.2. **Membership Roster in membership platform updated/fixed?**

- Membership glitch has been resolved. Expiration dates have been set to 12 months (28th of the month) following their actual Stripe transaction

2.3. Grant Program Committee:

2.3.1. Applications for

2.3.1.1. Event Sponsorship: **Application from 'Grading Rounds' at MAC 2025**

- Board unanimously voted to approve \$500 sponsorship based on the committee's recommendation, Lee seconded: unanimously approved (6 Board Members present)

2.3.1.2. Activity Grant: **Withdrawn Application for Collegiate Competition (11/2)**

- Original grant proposal (for a competition) didn't meet the scope or purpose of an activity grant.

2.3.1.3. Competition Scholarship: **Post-Questionnaires from Tim Leslie & Ruben Garcia**

- The scholarship awarded to Tim Leslie was used as intended. Still waiting on a report from Ruben Garcia.

2.4. Collegiate Outreach Committee:

2.4.1. **Progress report: Collegiate Event in Rochester on 10/20/24**

- Organizer postpones grading rounds until next year.

2.5. Promotion Committee:

2.5.1. eNewsletter

- 2.5.2. End of Summer eNewsletter (9/7): sent to 437; 52% opened; 3% clicks; 1 unsubscribe
- No decisions taken
- 2.5.3. Ambassadorship(s) applications
- 2.5.4. Report on use and effect of Google Adwords grant (& Google Works? see also C.4.a.)
- No decisions taken.
- 2.6. Website Committee:
 - 2.6.1. Report on website updates
 - NASSPDA 2024 Titles page is updated.
 - 2.6.2. Updated Membership page?
 - Updates in progress.
 - 2.6.3. Homepage content?
 - Updates in progress.
- 2.7. Board Election Committee 2025:
 - 2.7.1. Term ends in 2025: Benjamin, Erik, Emma
 - NASSPDA Board is actively looking for new Board candidates to bring new ideas/people NASSPDA's Board.
- 2.8. Competition Committee:
 - 2.8.1. Adjudicator application(s)?
 - 2.8.1.1. Application from Stefan Badea (judge invited to FloorplayLA; see above listed polls)
 - See 1.1
 - list of judges on the website will be updated
 - 2.8.2. Sanctioning application(s)?
 - 2.8.2.1. Withdrawn Application from RDF for 'RDF Grading Rounds'
 - See 2.4.1
 - 2.8.2.2. Application from MAC 2025 for 'Grading Rounds' event
 - Board unanimously approved application for recurring sanctioning. (6 Board members present)
 - 2.8.3. Title authorization application(s)?
 - No Application
 - 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)
 - Postponed to next meeting
- 3. Old Business
 - 3.1. Coordination with other organizations
 - 3.1.1. FGG
 - FGG has reached out to IFSSDA and the organization team has started to think about how to organize. No local organization team for Dancesport has been formed yet.
 - 3.1.2. IFSSDA
 - 3.1.2.1. Report on quarterly meeting between representatives of NASSPDA, IAGLCWDC, and EEDA (formerly ESSDA) – next on December 5, 2024
 - Judging panel for Floorplay was approved.
 - Regarding the discussion of holding World Championships annually, EEDA was to formulate a response, though hadn't taken up the topic in its Board meeting prior to IFSSDA's past meeting.
 - A discussion about the organization of Dancesport at the 2026 Gay Games in Valencia didn't bring up anything new, but rather an assurance that anything developing will be shared .
 - 3.1.3. Communication with USA Dance about further collaboration
 - No update
 - 3.2. Upcoming/recent competitions
 - 3.2.1. FloorplayLA, Los Angeles, CA, September 21, 2024– report
 - 3.2.1.1. 2024 NASSPDA North American Championship & IFSSDA International Trophy
 - Report will be in the next eNewsletter
 - 3.2.2. 'Grading Rounds' at MAC 2025, Newark, NJ, January 18, 2025
 - See 2.8.2.2 and 2.3.1.1.
 - 3.2.3. FloorplayLA, Los Angeles, CA, September 20, 2025
 - 3.2.4. 'RDF Grading Rounds' at Rochester Dancesport Festival, Rochester, NY, October 2025
 - 3.3. Dancesport at XII Gay Games, Valencia, Spain, June 2026
 - 3.3.1. 2026 IFSSDA World Championships
 - 3.4. Integration of Google Works
 - 3.4.1. Google Works instead of Groups.io and Gmail account
 - See 2.5.4.

4. New Business

4.1. **ESSDA changed name to EEDA, substituting 'Same-Sex' with 'Equality.'** Inquiry from EEDA to do same for IFSSDA, which might mean a name change for NASSPDA as well.

- NASSPDA will consider the topic again

4.2. **Request to sanction hosting of IFSSDA's 2025 International Trophy at FloorplayLA 2025.**

- Board unanimously approved (6 Board Members) the request, and now can vote on it with the other two founding IFSSDA member organizations.

4.3. **Schedule next Meeting**

- December 8th, 2024 2pm EST, 11am PST

- Link to Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85758426252?pwd=qbAaH1ZJyUShAGYsn2RtRb6dpetTJZ.1>

Meeting ID: 857 5842 6252

Passcode: 949848