

ESSDA AGM 13/07/19

Palacavicchi, Rome

Board Attendees (4): Piia Korpi, Pete Meager, Davy Brocatus, PJ MacLeod

Attendees (21) Erik Jaeger, Graham Ashwell, Penny Johnson, Joanne Williams, Tom Dane, Louise Hunt, Kirsten Kallmann, Cornelia Wagner, Stef Garasto, Yanni Huang, Heather Gladding, Pascale Herrbach, Lori Pearce-Altendorff, Crista Pearce-Altendorff, Jacky Logan, Mary Logan, Csaba Csetneki, Angelina Brunone, Ralf Jensen, Dorte Lange, **Ingeborg westphal**, Peter Chen

Board Election Results: 38 votes in total

Davy Brocatus - 35
Patrice Naudier - 25
Patrick Sharkey - 24
Michael Vanicek - 23
Kai Lillebo – 22

1. Board welcomes everyone to the AGM and thanks the competition organising team for hosting the AGM
2. Minutes from the last AGM approved with no comments
3. Annual report approved with no comments
4. Financial report presented. Members advised that an updated report will be circulated after the AGM.
 - a. Member request for the financial report to be sent in advance of the AGM in future
 - i. Board agrees that financial report can be sent in advance of the AGM in future and an updated report to be printed on the day of the AGM.
 - a. Member poses question about what 'outreach' is
 - i. Board clarifies that this is a fund raised locally and kept in a separate 'pot' to help individual participation in competitions.
 - b. Member poses question about the rules associated with the outreach fund
 - i. Board notes that EGLSF has rules - now that there is some money in this fund, ESSDA will write to the EGLSF to establish protocol for distribution
5. Board notes that the budget for next year is not yet known, but confirms it is currently in conversation with Dusseldorf. Board confirms that there are no major issues with income or outgoings
6. Decided that a working group on competitions will be set up.
7. General consensus that the European Championships in 2020 be held as part of the Eurogames if possible, rather than as part of the Gay Games - for both timing and expense reasons.
8. Discussion of DVET motions.
 - a. Decided that working group be set up to address the motions brought by DVET on showdance team rules. This will ideally be formed before 31st July, with decision on showdance team rules reached by mid-end September. Representatives will be

sought from DVET, UKSSDC and key showdance teams. Terms of reference and timetable will be sent out as soon as possible.

- b. Decided that working group on communications also be set up.
 - c. Working group information and outcomes will be published on the ESSDA website.
9. AOB
- a. Discussion about the planning and delivery of Rome 2019, including communication issues.
 - i. DVET congratulated for organising a successful competition.
 - ii. Agreed that ESSDA and DVET have the interests of dancers as a priority. All parties look forward to positive collaboration in future.
 - iii. Member suggests that the requirements for those wanting to award a European Championships may be too high. ESSDA licence fee and cost of paying/covering expenses for judges raised. These areas will be discussed by the working group on competitions.
 - b. Board notes that trans inclusion research project is underway. Competition organisers and trans dancers interested in being interviewed asked to contact board.
 - c. Member poses question about by-laws pertaining to the required number of board members.
 - i. Board clarifies that the constitution specifies nine board members and that the by-laws have not changed for six-seven years, though information on the website may be old and will be updated.
 - ii. Board clarifies that an odd number of board members is preferred. As there are only eight at present, the board invites DVET to nominate someone to be co-opted onto the board.

10. AGM close.