



**Suzuki Association of the Americas**  
 Board of Directors Meeting  
 May 31, 2023  
 11am-12:30pm ET  
 Zoom

Board Members	Staff	Guests
<b>Present:</b> Ellen Kogut, Chair Kerri Williams, Chair-Elect Ching-Yi Lin, Secretary Kirk Cullimore April Losey Leslie Mizrahi Nancy Modell Lynne Oliverius Andrea Raza Edmund Sprunger Bruce Walker Angelica Cortez <i>Ex officio</i>	<b>Absent:</b> Angelica Cortez, Executive Director	Cara Lawrence, Esq. (Outside General Counsel)

	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS TAKEN
1	Call to Order & Attendance		Meeting called to order at 11:03 EST by Ellen Kogut, Chair
2	Approval of Agenda		Agenda Approved.
3	Approval of Minutes from March 29, 2023		Minutes Approved.
4	Board Education/Governance Committee Report (Edmund Sprunger)	Revisions of the Bylaws <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Clarifying the language</li> <li>● Updated to reflect our current practices.</li> </ul> Policies will be revisited next fiscal year.	Edmund Sprunger moves to approve the updated bylaws which now reflect the Board's current practices. Seconded. <u>Motion carried.</u>
5	Nominating Committee Report (Kerri Williams)	2023 Appointments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dr. Geoffrey Hill</li> </ul> 2023 Election slate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Araceli Hackbarth</li> <li>● Dr. Zachary Ebin</li> </ul>	Edmund Sprunger moves to appoint Dr. Geoffrey Hill to the SAA Board. Seconded. <u>Motion carried.</u>  Lynne Oliverius moves to place Dr. Zachary Ebin and Araceli Hackbarth on the 2023 ballot. Seconded. <u>Motion carried.</u>

6	<p>Latin American Country Association Committees Update</p> <p>(Leslie Mizrahi)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● How to create a better follow-up to questions that the Latin American Associations have.</li> <li>● An invitation to all the members of the SAA Board to Latin American Country Meetings. Meetings are generally on Fridays. Angelica Cortez will attend the meeting on the second Friday of July.</li> <li>● It is important to have members from Latin America on the Board of SAA so that their work is shared with the SAA.</li> </ul>	
7	<p>Finance and Audit Committee</p> <p>(Kirk Cullimore, Angelica Cortez)</p>	<p>Continue efforts toward increasing membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Membership Fee Restructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Parent memberships?</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Institutes</li> </ul>	
8	<p>Executive Director Report</p> <p>(Angelica Cortez)</p>	<p>Financial updates, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Planned meeting of finance committee in June/July</li> <li>● Member Benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Programming and Content–Training</li> <li>○ Updates on the SAA conference in March 2024,</li> <li>○ We are Suzuki mini-retreat, and</li> <li>○ Website progress.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Staffing Restructure Overview presented</p>	
9	<p>Adjournment</p>		<p>Meeting adjourned at 12:48PM <i>ET</i></p>