



Suzuki Association of the Americas
 Board of Directors Meeting
November 29, 2023
 11am-12:30pm ET
 Zoom

Board Members	Staff	Guests
Present: Kerri Williams, Chair Lynne Oliverius, Chair Elect Ching-Yi Lin, Secretary Araceli Hackbarth April Losey Leslie Mizrahi Nancy Modell Edmund Sprunger Andrea Raza Bruce Walker Angelica Cortez <i>Ex officio</i>	Absent: Kirk Cullimore Geoffrey Hill	Angelica Cortez, Executive Director

	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS TAKEN
1	Call to Order & Attendance		Meeting called to order at 11:00 EST by Kerri Williams, Chair
2	Approval of Agenda		Agenda Approved.
3	Approval of Minutes from <i>September 27, 2023</i>		Minutes Approved.
4	Executive Director Report (Angelica Cortez)	Conference updates on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Board activity during the Conference ● Registration ● Exhibitors ● Conference promotion by Board Members Suzuki Training Committee: responsible for advising the ED and SAA staff on issues related to the SAA's pedagogy and curriculum. The four subcommittees focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Auditions ● ECC/Filosofia ● Evaluation 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Training <p>Finances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Switched banks to a larger bank more easily accessible for more global transactions • Audit draft will be available soon, audit committee will meet in December to finalize audit • Year-End Giving Campaign • Board Fundraising <p>Additional and ongoing projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff 90-day review • Matsumoto report • Additional visits (NYC, Southwestern Ontario SAA Conference, Midwest Clinic) • New Website Development • Latin American and Canadian Country Association support and development • 2025 Leadership Retreat planning • 2026 Conference planning 	
5	Development Committee (Ching-Yi Lin)	<p>SAA support by Board members:</p> <p>Financial Contribution Options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board members obtaining lifetime memberships • Board Pledge Form • Issue of the relative value of different currencies of countries within the SAA was raised 	
6	Linkage/Communications Committee Report (April Losey)	<p>Board Blurbs</p> <p>Ways to support the 2024 Conference (content creation).</p>	
7	Nominating Committee (Lynne Oliverius)	<p>Focus on Honorary Board (HB)</p> <p>Connections with our current HB</p>	
8	Governance Committee (Edmund Sprunger)	<p>Review the current policies</p> <p>Develop plans for Board education</p>	

9	Latin American Country Association (Leslie Mizrahi)	<p>Report on the development and growth of the Suzuki Method in Latin America and Canada</p> <p>Establish guidelines to support the country associations.</p> <p>Continue to work with the ED for future growth</p> <p>Need for the SAA to be more inclusive of the countries outside of the USA.</p>	<p>Leslie Mizrahi moves to create an ad hoc committee for country associations to advise the Board of Directors on how best to support the Suzuki movement in SAA countries outside of the USA. <u>Seconded</u>. Motion carried.</p>
10	Meeting adjourned		Meeting adjourned at 1:00PM <i>ET</i>

Ching-Yi Lin, Secretary
Minutes Approved on January 24, 2024