



OSSDF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

(Held via Zoom)

DRAFT Minutes

June 12, 2024 at 7:30pm

Present: **Board Members:** Katie Knowlton, Chair, Cathy Bowman, Laurel Brown, Meghan Kidd, Christina Kemp, Joanna Perlus, Brianne Mauro

Teacher Members: none

Other Guests: Megan Drummond, Marina Simonovic

Regrets: Cathy Harris, Jill Dolishny, Holly Linkert, Nikkie Price, Laureen Flanagan, Stephanie Steffler, Jasmine Lam, Jocelyn Cranny

Meeting documents distributed include the Agenda, 2023-2024 Proposed Slate of Directors and Officers, Minutes of 2022 AGM and the August 31, 2022 Financial Statements.

Katie Knowlton, as Chair of the meeting, gave the Land Acknowledgement, welcomed the Members and Guests, and outlined the purpose of the meeting. Katie then thanked everyone for their work, and their commitment to supporting youth artistry.

Approval of Agenda

Cathy Bowman moved that the agenda sent out with the Notice of General Meeting be approved. Seconded by Laurel Brown. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Annual General Meeting held June 14, 2023 via Zoom

The minutes from the Annual General Meeting of June 14, 2023 were presented for approval. The business discussed at the 2022 AGM related mainly to the Appointment of Directors for 2023-2024, Approval of financial statements, By-Law Resolution #2 setting that at least 50% of Directors must be current or retired teachers certified by the Ontario College of Teachers, DANCEFEST 2023, creation of new sub-committees, and the Teachers' Council. Motion to approve by Joanna Perlus; seconded by Katie Knowlton; carried.

Approval of Financial Statements for the year ended August 31, 2023

The Financial Statements for the Year Ended August 31, 2023 were presented. Cathy Bowman reported that we had a small loss on our first post-COVID Live event, which increased our accumulated deficit. Motion to approve by Laurel Brown; seconded by Meghan Kidd; carried.

Approval of Resolution No. 2

Resolution No. 2 was presented to amend the composition of the Board.

Be it resolved that the ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL DANCEFEST Members hereby:

- 1. Require that a minimum of Fifty Per Cent (50%) of Directors be certified by the Ontario College of Teachers*
- 2. Allow that the Directors in #1 be either active or retired.*

Motion to approve by Joanna Perlus; seconded by Meghan Kidd; carried.

Election/Appointment of Directors

Katie Knowlton reported on recruitment of Board members for 2024-2025.

Resignations:

None.

Katie then presented the proposed Slate of Directors for 2024-2025 as follows:

Board Position	Name	Operational Position
<i>President</i>	<i>Katie Knowlton</i>	<i>President</i>
<i>Past President</i>	<i>Laurel Brown</i>	<i>Past President</i>
<i>Vice-President</i>	<i>Meghan Kidd</i>	<i>Vice-President Operations</i>
<i>Secretary/Treasurer</i>	<i>Cathy Bowman</i>	<i>Secretary/Treasurer</i>
<i>Teachers' Council Coordinator</i>	<i>Joanna Perlus</i>	<i>n/a</i>
<i>Member-at-Large</i>	<i>Maddison Eby</i>	<i>Education & Resources</i>
<i>Member-at-Large</i>	<i>Brianne Mauro</i>	<i>Social Media</i>
<i>Member-at-Large</i>	<i>Cathy Harris</i>	<i>Education & Resources</i>
<i>Member-at-Large</i>	<i>Nikkie Price</i>	<i>Event Support</i>
<i>Member-at-Large</i>	<i>Christina Kemp</i>	<i>Event Adjudication Platform</i>

Motion to approve the Slate of Directors was made by Katie Knowlton; seconded by Meghan Kidd; carried.

Reorganization of Committees:

We are proposing new committees for the coming year. Each committee will have a Board Member as Chair, with other Members (Board and Teacher) as available. Any Member may participate on more than one committee.

- Proposal to include Advocacy/Inclusion as a responsibility of our Board as a whole, pertaining only to our event until we have funds to move in the direction of video production
- Proposal to change Education and Resources from a committee to a general value for creating more substantial connections to CODE for educators. The Education portion of what we provide will continue to be a guiding principle in our planning of OSSDF Events.
- As a Board we will review some of our guiding principles to tackle the ongoing evolution in the areas of:
 - More inclusive style categories
 - Pricing of all aspects of the event
 - Freestyle category changes
 - Set up and flow of the event as a whole

Proposed Committees:

Committee	Chair	Members	Tasks
Workshops	Maddison Eby		
Banquet/Social Dance			
Program/Schedule/ Music	Cathy Bowman	Sarah Bowman	
Merch/T-shirts			
Social Media	Brianne Mauro		
Volunteers	Nikkie Price		
Awards	Laurel Brown		
Grant Writing/ Fundraising/Sponsorships/ Scholarships			
Safety and Wellness (First aid)	Brianne Mauro		Yoga? Wellness/quiet area
New Teachers? Or still have teachers council?	Joanna?		Connect with CODE

Report on Membership

Cathy Bowman reported that we had 17 schools take part in first post-COVID LIVE DANCEFEST (18 paid), with 368 participants and 198 dance entries. Our second virtual event in 2022 had 11 schools, 265 participants and 85 dance entries.

Report on Teachers' Council

Discussed as part of the committee discussion above. WhatsApp was a great communication method.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.

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