



Minutes from the September Board of Trustees' Meeting  
Dalcroze Society of America  
Date: Thursday November 17, 9:25 p.m. (EST) sign in to Google Hangout

**Board Members:**

Present Members: William Bauer, Eunjin Lee, Jessica Schaeffer, Anthony Molinaro, Mary Dobrea-Grindahl, Eiko Ishizuka

Absent: Jeremy Dittus, Michael Joviala, Cassandra Eisenreich, Paula Zerkle

**Proceedings:**

The President called the meeting to order at 9:30 p.m. (EST)

**MOTION: The board approves the minutes from the general business meeting held on Oct. 20, 2016. Jessica so moved; Eiko seconded; carried unanimously without discussion.**

- Website redesign report was provided by the president:
  - Paula's husband, Tim, submitted the proposal. Tim is offering his services at a discounted rate of approximately \$3,500 (normally \$12,000). Tim also provided samples of his past work and some references. *The president will follow up with his references and review his work samples, as the board members requested. He will also review the specifics of the contract for further discussion and possible voting on whether we will use Tim's company before our meeting next week (Bill).*
- New Administrator: Alex Marthaler:
  - Stephen Neely recommended him. Alex is a composer and trained at Carnegie Mellon. The president recommended him over another candidate since his background and experience are similar to Lauren's. *The president will let Alex know about his employment after tonight's meeting (Bill).*

**MOTION: The DSA will hire Alex Marthaler as a new administrator.  
Jessica so moved; Eiko Seconded; carried unanimously without discussion.**

- 2018 Conference planning was reported by the president:

- The University of Miami: The cost might be prohibitive for us. They could defer it to Jan. 2020.

- California State University (January 5-7 and 8 for Pre-Diplôme Teaching): Jessica has been talking with Stephen Moore. His school will provide access to all of the school of music facilities free of charge. Insurance might be included. They are excited to have us there. The school is 15 minutes from LAX airport and is also accessible to possible participants from Asia. Dorms are not available, but the Holiday Inn offers a \$119 group rate. There is no major cost for using their facilities. Whether continuing education credits can be offered has not been confirmed yet, but it is possible. Good location and low cost. Miami is still available for 2020. The president hasn't heard from Jeremy and Michael.

**MOTION; The DSA will host 2018, January conference in California State University in Dominguez Hills. The president so moved; Jessica Seconded: carried unanimously**

- Regional Events (2017 and 2018) was reported by the president:
  - Possible retreats in the Pennsylvania area include Slippery Rock University, Monocacy Manor, and Boyer College. The retreat will be a type of Dalcroze training working with participants spending two to three days working on certain topics with several teachers. Monocacy Manor retreats will be at Jack's training program site. There are concerns about working with Jack since he dropped out of PDC. If we can't work with him, we need to have valid reasons and policies in place. The board members agreed that we should proceed with the following precautions: 1) We need to have control over the advertisement of this event, and 2) this event must be DSA's event, not his. The DSA's endorsement of training programs is based on whether they pursue the accreditation process, not whether they host regional DSA events.
  - Columbia University event (Feb. 17–18, 2018): The president and Michael are working together to have a symposium on improvisation and body cognition at Columbia University.

**MOTION: The DSA will proceed with the proposed schedule with Pennsylvania events in 2017. Anthony so moved; Jesscia Seconded; carried.**

- Publication is reported by the president: We need a new layout editor for publication. The president updated us on his plan to host a round table discussion at the Third International Conference of Dalcroze Studies in Quebec to promote the DSA's publications, including *Journal of Dalcroze Studies*.
- Scholarships Report is provided by the President:
  - The president suggested offering a scholarship opportunity to students who are interested in going to Canada in the summer of 2017 for the Pre-Diplôme course. Silvia Del Vianco and Silvia Morganegg will be teaching in Quebec (Aug. 4, 2017) and Toronto (Aug. 8–13, 2017).

Dalcroze Canada is hoping to attract Pre-Diplôme trainees for its six-day immersion program. The DSA should encourage more people to pursue Diplôme.

-2018 conference in California: Jan. 8 will just be for Pre-Diplôme teaching (an opportunity for Pre-Diplôme candidates to teach and show their teaching videos to Gevena faculty).

- Executive Search is reported by Jessica:
  - The president asked Jessica to give a short update about the executive search and look into the compensation level for the position before the November 27th meeting, if the meeting schedule works for her (Jessica).
- December Meeting date will be scheduled at the next meeting.

**MOTION: To adjourn. Jessica so moved; Eiko seconded; carried unanimously without discussion.**

The minutes were submitted by the secretary, Eunjin Lee.