

Board of Trustees  
Dalcroze Society of America Meeting  
Thursday, April 20, 2017, 8:30 p.m. (EST) sign in to Google Hangout  
Minutes (draft)

**AGENDA**

Topics	Decisions/Outcomes
Scholarship	1. Alex will send the program directors' contact info to Mary by next Monday. Mary will gather information about each program representative for the committee.  2. Extension of deadline: May 10th
National Conference	Jessica will meet with the department chair from California State University.
Newsletter	Alex will make a better graphic about the town hall meetings so that it is more visible in the online newsletter.
Website Redesign	Progress will continue during the summer season.

**MINUTES**

**MOTION: The board approved the minutes of the general business meeting held on March 23, 2017. Jessica so moved; Anthony seconded; The motion carried unanimously without discussion.**

**Attendance**

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

**Excused:** Michael Joviala, Jeremy Dittus, Cassandra Eisenreich, Paula Zerkle

**Administration Present:** Alex Marthaler

**Old Business**

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- **Scholarship:**

- Online voting for the Scholarship Guidelines Revision: 7 out of 10 board members voted. 6 out of 7 voted in favor, and one abstained. 7 voted in favor of the memo.
- Extension: We will extend the deadline to May 10th.

**Action: Alex will send the program directors' contact info to Mary by next Monday. Mary will gather information about each program representative for the committee.**

- **Town Hall Meeting and Survey Results:**

- The survey results will help us brainstorm for the upcoming meeting.
- Presentation of survey results by the president: 72 people participated in the survey. Most participants were middle-aged. There is a need to figure out how we can attract younger members. For the 2018 survey, the president will include a question about Dalcroze training prior to certification. Alex has already included this question in the 2018 survey draft. It shows that most members are aware of our current news and mostly positive about the DSA's job performance.
- Some facts were not well advertised, and there was some miscommunication about what DSA has been doing or offering. Various works include membership information and the Professional Development Committee's work.

- **Website Redesign:**

- The website agile plan did not work out as well as the president planned due to the board members' busy schedules. The president proposed continuing the process during the summer season. The new rollout date would be the fall of 2017.

- **Events: National and Regional**

- A workshop by the president at Westminster Choir College will be held on May 7th. The president used the same online registration website that we used for last year's conference. This will simplify the procedure for future events.
- Conference report by Jessica: She will meet with the department chair from California State University.
- State University, Dominguez Hills next week: There is some interest from Colburn School about having a workshop prior to the conference or in conjunction with the conference.
- Weekend Workshop at Slippery Rock University: The president and Cassandra are planning this workshop for the fall.
- The president and Michael are planning the symposium at Columbia University, which will be held in February, 2018.

## **New Business**

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- **Publications:**

- Newsletter: The board members reviewed the online newsletter and template made by Lauren using Mail Chimp. Some members suggested shortening the content.

**Action: Alex will make a better graphic about town hall meetings so that it is more visible in the online newsletter.**

- Dalcroze Connections has been suspended to focus on website redesign.

- **Chapters:**

- There was a large donation to the New York Chapter under Anne Farber's name. They will establish a scholarship under Anne Farber's name.
- Tax exemption: We need to file for chapter exemption with the IRS. This will extend the tax exemption status to the chapter level. We have been upgrading our bylaws, and we need to complete the bylaws revision within the next few months.

- **Next Meetings**

- The June meeting will be held 6 days before the town hall meeting. The president and Alex will prepare the proposal to address what will be presented at the town hall meeting.

The minutes were submitted by the secretary, Eunjin Lee