

NSS-CDS Board Meeting

Date/time: January 9, 2022 19:00 (7 PM)

Location: Zoom

Board Present: Renee Power (RP), Jason Black (JB), Andrew Pitkin (AP), Charlie Roberson (CR), James Chandler (JC), Max Kuznetsov (MK), Richard Blackburn (RB), Cheryl Doran (CD)

Board not Present: 0

Members Present: Howard Smith, Sam LeFlore, Jeff Clapp, Chris Brock, Meredith Tanguay

Called to Order: 19:04

Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes from December 12, 2021 meeting: AP

Second: MK

No further discussion

Aye: RP, JB, AP, CR, JC, MK

Abstain: RB

Motion passes

Old Business:

1. Bylaws and Constitution

- Discussion on changes required by NSS to maintain IO status with the NSS presented by Andy.
- Discussion on changes to committee structure presented by Charlie.
- Discussion on added verbiage to publicized posts, documents and articles to clarify goals, purpose and value to all proposed changes for the benefit of the membership. Andy to get these changes to Barbara for UWS by Wednesday and will be posted on the website by January 14.

Motion to approve changes to Bylaws and Constitution to be voted on by membership in 2022 - AP

Second - RB

No further discussion

Vote - Aye: all

Motion passes

2. Membership options

- Discussion on individual and family NSS-CDS Life membership and cost to align with NSS practice.

- a. Cost for individual NSS-CDS member - 20x annual fee of \$20 = \$400 one time payment. Must first be a lifetime member of the NSS.
- b. Cost for each additional family member - half of the annual fee (\$10) x 20 = \$200 one time payment.

Motion to accept these membership changes - RP

Second - AP

No further discussion

Vote - Aye: all

Motion passes

New Business:

1. Training report - Max

- New processing system in place - not perfect
- Cards, student pic and number. Harry is sending each email out to each new certified diver and handling certifications.
- Sam LeFlore offers to meet with Harry and Max about the back of the certification card to fix alignment and other issues and help with coding.
- 70% of instructors renewed significantly increasing income for the NSS-CDS. Fee was waived in 2021.
- Institute scheduled for Jan 16 and 17 with three candidates.
- Discussion about increased carelessness by some instructors, perhaps from other agencies, with simulated zero visibility drills. There is a concern for the cave conservation and protection. Noted that some agencies may not have designated areas in their standards as the NSS-CDS does.
- Suggestion to create community team of Training Directors from all involved agencies to discuss as a group designated areas in the caves for specific drills involving simulated zero visibility. Max to organize this reaching out to community leaders from NACD, GUE, IANTD, TDI, NAUI, PADI, etc

2. Jason Black officially resigned from the NSS-CDS BoD effective immediately. Jason emailed the BoD with his intent as well. The Board is grateful for Jason's efforts, time and commitment to the organization over the years.

Andy Pitkin assumes the Chairman role for the remainder of this term.

Nomination of Sam LeFlore to the open board position - RB

Second - Jamie

No further discussion

Vote - Aye: all

3. Sam LeFlore has posted a calendar of events on www.nsscads.org home page.

Next meeting

February 13, 2020 19:00 (7 PM) Zoom

Motion to adjourn: AP

Seconded: RB

Adjourned time: 21:01