



AASHE Board of Directors Meeting

October 26, 2024
1.30 pm -4.00 pm

APPROVED Meeting Minutes

Attendance (X – present; R – regrets; A - absent):

Board

x	Francois Miller
x	Stephania Fregosi
R	Rania Assariotaki
x	Daryl Pierson
x	Raghu Raghavan
x	Ashwani Vasishth
x	Chris O'Brien

x	John Madden
X	Jillian Buckholz
x	Sophia Agtarap
x	Kristin Parineh
x	Chris Ewing
x	Joseli Macedo
x	Greg (G.L.) Genco

Management & Guests

x	Meghan Fay Zahniser (Executive Director)

x	Kimberly Smith (Director of Meetings & Membership)
x	Julian Dautremont (Director of Programs)

1. Call to Order – Francois Miller

Determination of Quorum.

2. Consent Agenda

MOTION: Approve Board Meeting Agenda – October 26, 2024

Moved by: Daryl Pierson

Seconded by: Ashwani Vasishth

Motion Carried

3. Appreciation and acknowledgment

The Board thanks the two outgoing Board members – Ashwani Vasishth and Raghu Raghavan – for their significant contribution to the Association during their time on the Board of Directors.

4. Board Officer Elections for 2025

Board members discuss the transition of roles for next year (2025).

MOTION: Confirm Stephania Fregosi, current Vice-President, as the next President of AASHE's Board of Directors for 2025

Moved by: Ashwani Vasishth
Seconded by: Chris O'Brien

Motion Carried

MOTION: Confirm Francois Miller, current President, as part of the Executive Committee of AASHE's Board of Directors for 2025

Moved by: Stephania Fregosi
Seconded by: John Madden

Motion Carried

4.1 Officer election

Three current Board members are interested in taking on the role of Vice-President of AASHE's Board of Directors for 2025. Each candidate makes a statement of 4-5 minutes on why they think they would be best suited for the role.

A voting ballot will be distributed electronically to Board members so they can cast their vote. The ballot will be structured around the Ranked choice voting (RCV) methodology, to ensure the next Vice-President gets the majority of the votes.

5. Appointments

The Board of Directors discusses the possibility of appointing new Board members for 2025. Since two Board members are rotating off, the Board of Directors is information that – at the end of 2024 – there will be:

- 7 elected Board members
- 5 appointed Board members

The Board of Directors is also reminded that there always need to be at least 50% of the Board that is elected by the membership, and the maximum size of the Board is 15 people.

The Board looks at three potential candidates who could be appointed to the Board.

Discussions arise around the following themes:

- The pros and cons of having student representation on the Board.
- The issues of having two Board members representing the same institution, except in the case it is a student.
- The importance of mentorship if a student is appointed to the Board.

Two motions ensue:

MOTION: Approve the appointment of a student – Léonie Lado – to be part of AASHE’s Board of Directors for a trial phase of one year.

Moved by: Joseli Macedo
Seconded by: Chris O’Brien

Motion Carried
10 in favor
1 against
2 abstentions

MOTION: Task the Governance committee with analysing the Board membership profile, its alignment with the strategic priorities of AASHE, and defining the role of student representation moving forward, including the selection process and potential compensation.

Moved by: Joseli Macedo
Seconded by: Chris O’Brien

Motion Carried

6. Conclusion

MOTION: Close AASHE’s Board of Directors meeting.

Moved by: Francois Miller
Seconded by: Chris Ewing

Motion Carried

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2024.