

ASGS Board of Directors Meeting

Aug 21 2025

Meeting called to order at 7 PM CST & recording starts

Roll call was taken and a quorum was confirmed

Motion Resolution: #0821202501R

Motion to Approve the Agenda

Motion by Klaus Paris, Seconded by Jill Korgemagi

Motion Passed Unanimously

Welcome and basic decorum description

- No section reports during board meetings
- If a section has an item needing board action (motion) a Director requests the President to add it to the next agenda
- Personal conversations beyond being civil and polite can be done via the board email list, not during the board meeting, to keep things moving
- All members are welcome to observe (not speak unless the President opens the floor to observers or a director yields their time)
- Meeting minutes posted by the secretary within 7 days of the meeting. Minutes are the agenda with results of agenda items added. For detailed conversations watch the Zoom recording or read the Zoom AI transcript which are also posted.

President's Report

- **Directors now post calendar events:** Changes were made to the website so directors can post events to the calendar. Directors should be responsible for keeping the events list up to date.
- **Recap of bylaws motions made at the June BOD meeting:** Recap will be emailed to the board for review. Bylaws changes must be passed by two separate votes at least four months apart. These changes will be up for discussion and second vote after October 22nd.
- **Website:** Main website is out of date and not repairable. Our current webmaster recommends starting from scratch. President has 2 bids for a new site (one for \$2,500 and the other for \$9,500), waiting on a third. President wants a final decision on this by the end of the year.
- **Membership Committee:** The new membership chair is Kaite Jones, the committee's first meeting was 8/17. More news to come.
- **The Annealer:** The place to go for the most up to date information about ASGS National. Updated 2-3 x month. Tell your members.
- **Texting and email announcements:** New system seems to be working, feedback?
- **Social Media:** An ASGS LinkedIn account is on the way at the request of the Exhibitors. Jill Korgemagi is working on an ASGS YouTube channel, which Nathan Hart volunteered to help with.

Treasurer's Update (no official report at this time)

- **Signature Cards:** Kevin is working on getting the signers for our bank cards updated. Erich reported that Bank of America will automatically remove old names from the list when new names are submitted, so we don't need motions to explicitly remove previous signers.

Old Business

- **Bylaws Changes:** Will be available after Oct 22nd for discussion and vote.

New Business

- **2026 Symposium:**

Motion Resolution: #0821202502R

The 2026 Symposium will be a 3-day virtual symposium planned by a committee as designated by the President.

Motion by Klaus Paris, Seconded by Nathan Hart

No vote taken, Motion tabled (see below)

- In-person 2026 symposium doesn't look possible due to lack of contracted venue and volunteers to organize event in time. President suggests virtual symposium to maintain interest while giving more time to plan a full in-person event in 2027. Could include both free and paid content.
- Online art auction suggested for virtual symposium. Salem has done them in the past and can advise on the process.
- Exhibitors favor a virtual symposium for 2026, it is expensive to participate and not worth it if attendance isn't good.
- Exec. Secretary pointed out that about a third of the work contracted to the National Office is to support symposium operations, suggests we ask for a discount for 2026 services if we don't do an in-person symposium.
- President requests vote be tabled until next board meeting

Motion Resolution: #0821202503R

Motion to Table 2026 Virtual Symposium

Motion by Kevin Moeller, Seconded by Jim Cornell

Motion Passed Unanimously

- **Credit Card Processor Change**

Motion Resolution: #0821202504R

Motion to change from PayPal to Square as our primary credit card processor

Motion by Kevin Moeller, Seconded by Jim Cornell

Motion Passed Unanimously

Amendment: Due to a compatibility issue with our membership software, we will be changing to Stripe instead of Square.

- In the process of changing processors, the President discovered Square recently discontinued integration with Membership Works, which is a necessary feature for us. The National Office recommended Stripe as an alternative. In addition to working with our membership software, it will be slightly less expensive than Square (which was less expensive than PayPal), and works with Venmo and CashApp. After an online discussion, the board agreed by consensus to use Stripe as our credit card processor.

Concluding Remarks:

- Sections should avoid scheduling section meetings on the same day if at all possible. Check the website calendar before proposing dates and update it ASAP once one is selected.
- Starting with this meeting, online board of directors meetings will be kept to a 1.5 hour time limit, with a more frequent meeting schedule of once a month. Please use the board's mailing list for discussion between meetings.

Motion Resolution: #0821202505R

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Jill Korgemagi, Seconded by Klaus Paris

Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM CST & recording ended