

## **JSSS Board Meeting Minutes for March 2, 2023**

Attendance: Evi V, Susan R, Heather TZ, Luke H, Cynthia C, Petra O, Robert M, Susan W, Khrystine K Jessica F, Sukey F, Peter, Inez M, Sharon P

### **Agenda:**

1. Minutes of the 2022-07 Board meeting.
2. JSSS 2023 Conference Grant (prepared by Khrystine, Lisa, and Heather).
3. JSSS Environmental Statement (prepared by Luke, Inez, and Heather).
4. Introducing the interest of the Women's Salon of LA-Mexico in the Mexico conference (Susan R.).
5. Request for a volunteer to organize the student volunteers for the conference (Susan W).

### **Minutes**

Approved with no corrections or changes.

## **JSSS 2023 Conference Grant**

### **Grant Statement and Proposal 1**

A statement on Conference Grants was presented by Khrystine in alignment with JSSS values. Grants were offered modelled after another organization from Seattle to bring in diverse voices. Discussion on how to facilitate a process of inclusion for those who have financial need, including an inclusive waiver for the conference fee as well as travel and other expenses. A new proposal will be drafted with a simple application that could be extended with 3 conference waivers authorized for this year. The committee agreed to address these issues in a new grant proposal.

Proposal was passed unanimously with a committee to work out the details:

1. Removal of question/requirement to present on a specific topic;
2. Sum of money allocated;
3. Donation-based or otherwise.

Luke requested a revised proposal that spells out and addresses the concerns given. The committee will work out the details and resend the proposal to the Board via email. Given time constraints, 3 grants will be dispensed this year to be awarded by the diversity committee. The process may then be refined over a longer period. End of discussion regarding **Proposal 1**.

A vote was proposed (Proposal 1.) that 3 grants be given on the condition that the committee will work out the details for the 2024 conference. (This can be built into the application process.

Vote: Susan W (1) abstained, all else in favor.

### **Environmental Statement**

Luke spoke to the desire to live the spirit and ethos of JSSS regarding our environmental commitment.

The Environmental Statement is a commitment to honoring our society's belief in collaborating with and valuing the nonhuman world. The need to add a United

Nations carbon offset (or another platform) was noted. A second proposal was made to place the environmental statement on the website as **Proposal 2**.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

### **Women's Salon in Mexico**

Susan Ret with women artists' collective worked collaboratively with women artists in Mexico and now artists around the world. They are interested in our possible conference in Mexico. This group works with poor and indigenous artists in Mexico.

### **2023 Conference**

Sukey offered, and the decision was that Sukey would coordinate the student volunteers for the 2023 conference.

The meeting was adjourned by Evi.