



**Meeting of the Board of Directors of the  
International Suzuki Association Inc.  
Friday/Saturday/Sunday 16 – 19 October 2020  
Held Electronically via Zoom Video Conferencing**

**Minutes - Highlights**

**Present:** Lan Ku Chen, ARSA Representative (Chair); Pamela Brasch, SAA Representative (Treasurer); Simon Griffiths, PPSA Representative (Secretary); Ryugo Hayano, TERI Representative; Anke van der Bijl, ESA Representative; Christophe Bossuat (At-Large Director); Therese Wirakesuma (At-Large Director), Carey Beth Hockett, (At-Large Director).

Also in attendance: Allen Lieb (CEO) Aaron Van Heyningen (CEO Assistant)

The Meeting was opened by the Chairman, Lan Ku Chen at the allotted time 3:00am (UTC Coordinated Universal Time). Welcome to new members Anke van der Bijl, Christophe Bossuat and Therese Wirakesuma.

A message from the ISA Honorary President, Hiroko Suzuki, was read.

**In Memoriam**

ESA – Jean Middlemiss

SAA - Alice Joy Lewis, Doris Harrel, Geri Tata Arnold and June Warhoftig

A moment of respectful silence was observed.

The Minutes of the ISA Board Meeting held 22/23 February 2020, via Zoom were approved in March 2020, by email ballot, as a true and accurate record of the meeting. M. Simon Griffiths S. Lan-Ku Chen All in favour.

The ISA plans to compile a list of the various language versions of Nurtured by Love that are currently available or "in process".

The Treasurer's Report for 2020 was accepted by the Board as presented.

CEO, Allen Lieb presented his Annual Report to the Board.

The ISA Regional Reports were presented.

A formal process is being developed for nominating At Large Directors to the ISA Board.

***The meeting Adjourned 6:30AM (UTC).***

***The meeting reconvened at 3:00am (UTC) 18 October, 2020.***

Danae Witter joined the meeting by phone and presented the Alfred Publishing Report in person.

The ISA Instrument Committee Reports were presented and discussed.

Work is to be done on creating a category called "Suzuki Educational Areas" which could include SECE, Suzuki in Schools and Philosophy Courses.

The ISA Policy on Teacher Training is being revised.

The ISA Board agreed to the following Consensus Statement:

*In-person, individual approaches to training and mentoring teachers are foundational to the Suzuki Method and are an essential component in Suzuki Teacher Development. In current circumstances, ISA supports virtual teacher training as a temporary solution for maintaining teaching programs in the regions. Technology is a powerful tool but cannot replace the essential elements of human connection and live interaction.*

The Budget for FY2020-2021 was approved by the Board as presented.

The next ISA Board Meeting is planned for February 2021

The ISA Board agreed to the following Consensus Statement:

*Thank you to Allen Lieb for all his tireless work on behalf of ISA.*

Meeting Ended 7:30am (UTC) 18 October, 2020

Submitted to the ISA Board of Directors by  
Simon Griffiths  
PPSA Secretary.