



Board of Directors Meeting MINUTES
Thursday, August 20, 2026
3:00pm - 4:30pm ET

Board Members

Scott Seagren, CASP – President
Andy Lachman, PhD, CASP– President Elect
Esmeralda Valdez, PhD, CASP- Vice Pres.
LaNiece Tyree, MPA, CASP - Past President (Absent)
Kim Rademacher, CASP - Central Rep
Kristy Vienne, EdD, CASP- Treasurer (Joined 3:20 PM)
Ann Floresca, CASP - Member At-Large
Eileen Richey, CASP – West Rep
Jim Dwyer, CASP - Member At-Large
Bill Cox, CASP - South Rep
Jonathan Kukta, CASP - East Rep (Joined 3:20 PM)
Emily Messa, PhD, CASP - Foundation Pres. (Absent)

Staff

Rich Steele, CASP – CEO
Raj White - Sr Director of Education
Artem Mulitsa - CSMO
Matt Portner - Sr Director of Finance and Admin
William Hurley - CSO
Tara Spolan - Sr Director of Events

Guest:

Michael Murphy - South Region Past President
(departed 3:40 PM)

- 1. Call to Order / Roll Call** – Scott Seagren, CASP
 - a. President Scott Seagren called the meeting to order at 3:04pm ET
- 2. ACTION:** Approve June 18, 2026 Meeting Minutes - Scott Seagren, CASP
 - a. Andy Lachman Moved, Eileen Richey Seconded. Motion Passed
- 3. ACTION:** Approve 2026-27 Slate of Officers & Directors - Michael Murphy
 - a. Kim Rademacher Moved, Esmeralda Valdez Seconded. Motion passed to approve Jackson Mathews, CASP as At-Large member and Dr. Stephen Barr, CASP as Vice President.
- 4. Discussion:** Michael Murphy provided a recap of the Nominating Committee Discussion about changes in the diversity of the National Board composition for 2026-27.
 - a. **Follow-up:** Briefly update attendees at the LTM in Chicago about this mentioning the importance of balanced representation on the National Board. (Scott or LaNiece)
- 5. Discussion:** Requirements for National Board Candidates - Scott Seagren, CASP
 - a. A statement about preferring or requiring CASP designation for candidates will continue to be considered.
 - b. **Follow-up:** Research will be conducted into the NACAS bylaws and policies to determine if a vote will be needed to adjust requirements.
- 6. ELT Updates** - Rich Steele, CASP, William Hurley, Matt Portner, Tara Spolan, Raj White, Artem Mulitsa
 - a. A [dashboard](#) has been created to share 2026 Q2 progress toward completion of NACAS' strategic plan.
 - b. NACAS has signed an opposition letter developed by NACS to the Visa/Mastercard Class Action Settlement.
 - c. We are on pace to meet our goal for the total number of CASP applications.
 - d. Year to date, NACAS has held 27 Programs with 653 Participants and a 98% satisfaction average.
 - e. C3X is pacing well with registrations and close to meeting room night guarantees; Canadian Connect, Enrich, and Exchange is as well. 185 Booths have been sold for over \$1M in revenue.
 - f. The Leadership Summit registrations are not pacing well.

- i. **Follow-up:** Consider attending the Leadership Summit and encourage others to attend
 - g. Membership is projecting a lower than expected 85% retention rate - somewhat offset by new and rejoined member institutions. We expect to exceed 2025 results.
 - h. Positive financial projections through July 2026, exceeding budgeted net.
 - i. **Discussion:** Membership Pilot Program - William Hurley
 - i. **Follow-up:** Board members will be asked to provide additional feedback via email and/or at the September Board Meeting.
- 7. ACTION:** Approve 2027 Dues & Fees - Rich Steele, CASP
- a. Andy Lachman Moved, Bill Cox Seconded. Motion passed to approve the 2027 Dues & Fees as presented in the pre-meeting materials.
- 8. Treasurer's Report** - Matt Portner
- a. Due to time limitations, the Board should refer to the thorough summary report provided by Treasurer, Kristy Vienne.
- 9. Regional Engagement Task Force Report** - Andy Lachman, PhD, CASP
- a. The final report will be discussed in September.
- 10. Foundation Report** - Jim Dwyer, CASP
- a. The Foundation is soliciting nominations for the role of incoming Vice President.
- 11. Board Progress Reports**
- a. Reports were curtailed due to time limitations.
- 12. ACTION:** Approve 2026 Awards Slate - Andy Lachman, PhD, CASP
- a. Esme Valdez Moved, Ann Floresca Seconded. Motion passed to approve the 2026 Awards Slate as presented in the meeting.
- 13. Executive Session** - Scott Seagren, CASP
- a. **ACTION:** Bill Cox Moved, Andy Lachman Seconded. Motion passed to move into executive session.
 - b. **ACTION:** Bill Cox Moved, Andy Lachman Seconded. Motion passed to exit executive session.
- 14. Adjournment**
- a. Andy Lachman Moved, Eileen Richey Seconded. Motion Passed.

Minutes Approved
September 26, 2026
R Steele, Secretary