

# Board of Directors Report

Suzuki Association of the Americas  
Annual General Meeting 2022  
July 26, 2022 8:00pm EST via Zoom

# Acknowledgements



Pam Brasch

# Staff Acknowledgements



Angelica Cortez



Laura Yasuda



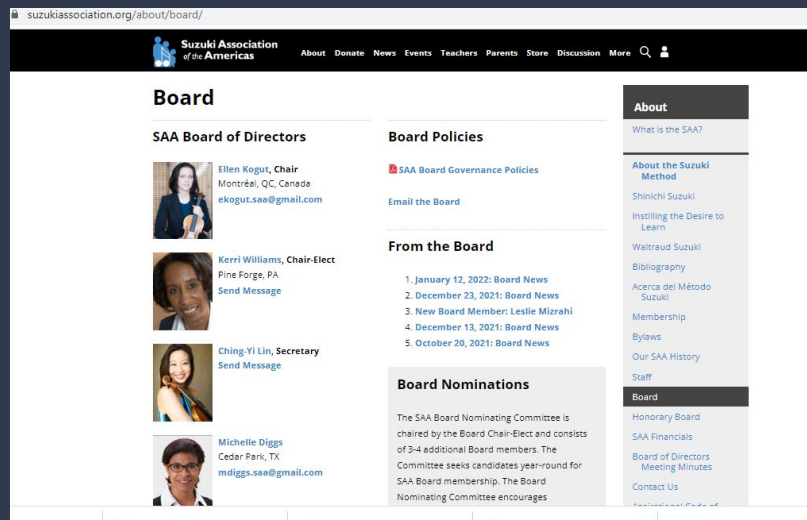
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Christie Felsing

- Angelica Cortez, Executive Director
- Laura Yasuda, Director of Operations
- Beth Stanley, Programming
- Christie Felsing, Teacher Development
- Allie Reed, ASJ Editor
- Jackie Lollar, Bookkeeping
- Jenny Lindberg, Webmaster
- Margaret Watts Romney, Communications

# Where to Find Board Information



- <https://suzukiassociation.org/about/board/>
- List of Board members
- Contact info
- Governance documents
- Announcements
- Nominating information
- Minutes

# SAA Board of Directors 2021–2022



- Ellen Kogut, Chair (term ends July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023)
- Kerri Williams, Chair-Elect (term ends July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025)
- Ching-Yi Lin, Secretary (first term ends July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024)
- Mary Halverson Waldo (second term ends July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022)
- Michelle Diggs (first term ends November 30, 2023)
- Bruce Walker (first term ends November 30, 2023)
- Edmund Sprunger (first term ends July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024)
- Leslie Mizrahi (first term ends January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025)
- Andrea Raza (first term ends May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025)
- Angelica Cortez, Executive Director (ex-officio)

# New Board Members 2022-2023



Leslie Mizrahi



Andrea Raza

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Senator Kirk Cullimore



Lynne Oliverius

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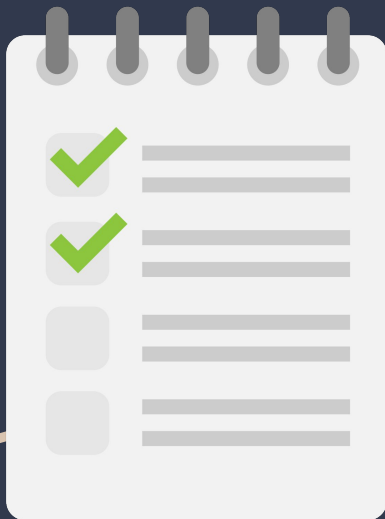
April Losey



Nancy Modell



# Board Priorities 2021–2022



- First half of year
  - Search process
  - Support Interim Acting Director and staff
  - Board Education
  - Maintenance of current projects
- Second half of year
  - Support ED
  - Fundraising
  - Board Education
  - Support of ED-led projects

# Fundraising 2021-2022



Dr. Joan Mack

- \$10,000+ USD from Board members
- All donations help the SAA and its mission
- Thank you Dr. Joan Mack (1927-2021)!

# Search Committee



- Michelle Diggs and Mary Halverson-Waldo, Co-Chairs
- Three finalists
- Multifaceted application and vetting process
- Online interviews
- In-person interviews with Board representatives and SAA staff in Boulder, CO
- Angelica Cortez term as ED began January 2022



## SAA Representative to ISA

- Dr. Kay Collier McLaughlin
  - Term runs July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024
- International Suzuki Association (ISA)
  - <https://internationalsuzuki.org/>



# Honorary Board Appointment



- Noah Bendix-Balgley
  - Former Suzuki student
  - First Concertmaster, Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra
  - Klezmer performer
- Honorary Board
  - Established 1995
  - Performers, music educators, scholars and other professionals

# Upcoming Work 2022-2023



- Fundraising
- Policies and bylaws
- Audit
- Board education efforts
- Inclusion, diversity and belonging
- Membership communication
- ISA communication
- 2023 annual election
- 2023 Annual General Meeting