GWI UPDATE – 27 December 2017

Graduate Women International
A Year at a Glance 2016 - 2017

Advocacy
GWI staff participated in the United Nation charter and treaty body-based sessions including the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), the Human Rights Council, the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) and the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP) as well as UNESCO including recommendations concerning GWI NFAs.

CEDAW
Reports for regular and pre-sessions for GWI NFAs under review.

Human Rights Council
Submitted 4 oral statements
3 written statements

Toolkit SDG4
International Day of the Girl 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence

UPR
EMRIP
On Education Committee

Twinning Projects
GWI NFAs collaborate in twinning projects worldwide.

Independent Members
GWI has independent members in 15 countries.

Membership Committee
GWI Membership Committee is committed to increasing GWI membership and fostering member relations globally.

Board
Geeta Desai, Louise McLeod, Basak Ovacik, Eileen Foeck-Bakker, Rae Duff, Hazel Bowen, Katharina Stubb

Budget
Developed, implemented and maintains an austerity budget

Appointed
Member Dues Ad Hoc Task Force

Strategic Plan
Developed 6-goal strategic plan that catapults GWI into an action organization.

Communications
Through a comprehensive communication plan of daily, cross-platform, social media posts, the Update and inFocus newsletters and regular press releases, GWI advances its mission internationally.

Social Media
More than 1700 social media posts on four different platforms

Press Releases
Released 17 press releases in 2017 and Days of Observance templates to NFAs

Update & inFocus Newsletters
Produced the Update newsletter twice-monthly and the inFocus newsletter monthly.

Discussions Network
Allows member to discuss current and emerging women's and girls' issues.

Tutorials
Subjects include: social media, SDG4 and advocacy tools

Projects and Programs
GWI supports many projects worldwide to impact the lives of and empower girls & women.

Internships & Mentoring
GWI mentored 16 young interns from around the world including England, Italy, Mexico, Romania, the United States and Venezuela.

Work Study
6-month work-study program to upskill a woman from Brazil

President: Geeta Desai
2016 was fraught with financial worries and difficult decisions.

However, if there is one thing that we’ve learned from this tumultuous year is that the foundations that GWI was built upon are strong and that if we work hard, focus on the mission and our membership, we can see this glorious organization through to its Centenary and beyond.

Belief in the value of GWI and the friendships, encouragements, support and advice of our members have inspired us to work hard and we are proud of what we have been able to accomplish in spite of the odds.

We look forward to working with you to advancing women’s and girls’ rights to education, to increasing our membership and to establishing GWI as the credible voice of graduate women around the world.

Graduate Women International, All rights reserved © 2017
Empowering women and girls through lifelong education for leadership, decision-making and peace. GWI, formerly IFUW, is in special consultative status with ECOSOC since 1947 and is an NGO maintaining official relations with UNESCO and ILO.

Graduate Women International
48, Chemin du Grand-Montfleury, CH-1290, Versoix, Geneva, Switzerland
E-mail: gwi@graduatewomen.org  Website: www.graduatewomen.org

Copyright © 2017 GWI. All rights reserved.