



Board Meeting Minutes
19 February, 6pm, Central European Time (CET), ZOOM

Attendees: Terry Oudraad (TO), President, Veena Bathe (VB), VP Legal and Governance, Eileen Focke-Bakker (EFB), VP Membership, Glenda Hecksher (GH), Louise McLeod (LM); VP Advocacy and Education VP Marketing, Basak Ovacik (BO), VP Fundraising, Katharina Strub (KS), Treasurer and Stacy Dry Lara (SDL), Executive Director

Apologies: None

Welcome

TO welcomed all and called the meeting to order at 5:58pm.

Agenda was adopted.

Minutes from the 29 January 2020 were approved with revisions.

Conflicts of Interest. None

Financials

After a review of the budget, KS reminded that how to spend the budget is up to the VPs; that the Treasurer sets the budget but does not determine how the VPs spend their allocation; she recommends to not overshoot their spending and try to stay under and/or at least within budget; that the Financial Planning Report is the source to review the specific budgets; she reminded that SDL is also allocated a portion of the budgeted amounts so the VPs should also coordinate with her.

The 2019 audit has been performed, the Letter of Representation from the auditor has been signed by the Treasurer and Executive Director and returned; during the audit the auditor informed that in-kind contributions are taxable (VAT) when from a country outside of Switzerland; the threshold of in-kind contributions before tax is CHF 10K; any amount over CHF 10K is taxable. Before the 2019 conference the only non-Swiss supplier had the WebMaster and the fee is always less than CHF 10K. With the CFUW in-kind contributions for 2018 and 2019 paid in 2019, GWI is above the maximum of CHF 10K so we might have to pay the 7.7% VAT on this contribution. KS and SDL are investigating further the VAT liability, especially because services of the in-kind contribution are not for services rendered in Switzerland so perhaps we do not need to pay; more research will be done. It was noted that CFUW is also receiving services from GWI pertaining to the in-kind agreement and this could factor into the liability to pay and this is not a determined amount; this information is new and being explored. The final 2019 audited accounts report is expected in the next few days.

Overall, the financials look good and an official vote for the Board to accept audit will take place via email.

Advocacy and CSW64

The office continues regular correspondence with the GWI delegates and has sent 22 emails of information since 16 December; delegates should not be lacking details; the Delegate Handbook is more or less complete and will be released in a few days; the office has been working with EFB on the Mock Trial; the flyer for it has been designed and distributed; there are about 35 people signed up for the social dinner; FEMU has confirmed that are not hosting a parallel event; all parallel events and



side events we know about are in the handbook; starting WhatsApp group for CSW64 that will activate on 7 March.

Flyer connecting GWI 110 resolutions since 1995 to the 12 Critical Areas of Concern and the SDGs is complete; its' very nice and informative; LM is printing 500 of the postcard size flyers; each GWI delegate will receive a stash any remainder will be by the office.

SDL is working in an automated form for delegate reports; lots of pull downs such as name and NFA, the SDG the session connected with; the area of critical concern; GWI resolution connection .The GWI parallel event planning is going great; waiting on confirmation of participation from UNODC. Transparency International has confirmed to co-sponsor.

Of importance are the three oral interventions GWI inscribed for; one for general debate and the other two as oral interventions for Interactive Dialogs – one on financing for gender equality - the way forward and the other on Technology and Innovation

Minutes 33rd GA: update & issues arising

SDL explained that the revote was opened today with GWI Circular 2/2020 with the exact wording from VB; only voting delegates received the instructions and link to the vote; the board did also; the vote will remain open until 22 March 2020 at 11pm CET.

Bid form for the 34th GWI AG & Conference, update

SDL explained that the Bid Instructions and Form had been simplified. Information was consolidated where she found it repetitive and there are now fewer pages; the checklist remains which is a good guideline. What the Board received previously included a 9-page form; it's now six pages; the Bid Description was seven pages and now its four; all relevant information remains; BO and GH to review the documents as the Conference Bid Package Task Force

New Project "Invest in a girl child"

BO had a call with SDL 13 February to discuss fundraising for the new I HAVE A GIRL programme. BO introduced the new GWI I HAVE A GIRL project as per the document she provided prior to the meeting. The I HAVE A GIRL fund will provide assistance to successful girl students who would like to make a change in their life, complete their education, higher education (Msc or PhD) or Erasmus. With the programme, GWI calls on its NFAs and members to rapidly expand access to inclusive education and training as well as to improve the quality, relevance and gender-responsiveness of teaching and learning, to enable girls to develop the foundational, transferable and job-specific skills needed for life and work in this ever changing world; and calls on its members to donate for girls' effective participation within societies and economies by having education.

EFB said that there can be no jeopardy for those who enter the programme; if donor stops paying for the education then GWI must not be liable as the trustee to pay for the remainder of the education; trustee obligation will be discussed; GH said that the NFA should be responsible for the girls not GWI; worst situation is that GWI will pay as guarantor; BO will be the main Point of Contact for NFA and donor; KS requested that students provide a financial budget to donors; VB said that in India the local scholarship committees gives awards and that they have good reporting and screening; she offered to share process. It was agreed that the NFA will collect the funds because of wire fees; it was discussed



that the NFAs in higher GNI countries assist the lower GNI NFAs to encourage precipitation. To gain applicants promoting the programme was discussed such as advertise in newspaper, interview girls, collect money and then pay for girls; donor to recipient meeting. VB suggested to join two NFAs together like a Twinning project.

Teachers for Rural Futures & Bina Roy, Update

Deadline for 2020 round of Bina Roy projects is 22 February; to date three applications have been received one from Egypt (violence against women awareness raising); Nepal – education empowerment in schools in Community Schools in Tokha; applications always come in on the last day and often request for extension.

Teachers for Rural Futures: SDL explained the new GlobalGiving rankings that GWI is a Vetted Organisation, Effective Organisation, Site-Visited Organisation and Top-Ranked Organisation – should help with fundraising. The five students have graduated and GWI will provide career mentorship. With funding GWI needs to onboard new students in 2021.

Ad Hoc Committee dues Calculation, update

Committee on dues structure first meeting to be held on 25 March; Harvard methods applied; Nondisclosure Agreements are being collected; confirms they are on the committee as the greater good for GWI not for their NFA; this is a confidential committee; committee members must be committed and participate or they are out. Board members are not voting members; it is a diverse group; covers most continents; all have been vetted by the NFA; main objective is how to make GWI sustainable for next 100 years.

Dates of events/meetings to come

CSW64 9-20 March 2020

Face to Face meeting 2-5 April in Geneva

The Generation Equality Forum, Beijing+25 International Session in Mexico City 5-7 May 2020 & Paris 7-10 July 2020

GH: offer for FEMU to make a coalition more of a case for education during the Generation Equality Forum in Mexico; ambassador of Mexico on Columbia; group or org of civil society; make coalition of orgs around the world

AFFDU 18-20- September 2020, 100 years/UWE 40 years

Other business

None

Date and time of next meeting will be Face 2 Face at the GWI office in Versoix, 2-5 April 2020.

Meeting adjourned 9:19pm CET