



Board 2019-2022 Meeting Minutes

29 Oct 2021, 5 pm Central European Time (CET), ZOOM

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

Welcome: TO welcomed all and called the meeting to order at 17.04 PM CET

Agenda : Adopted

Minutes of Board Meeting 30 Sept 2021: Adopted

Conflict of Interest: None

Update of OD Process:

- First meetings of the six groups were held during the month. The groups are working separately and simultaneously on the Phase I research assignment, on implementation of SDG4 in the respective countries of group members. Second meeting of each group will be held in Nov to discuss the progress on the country-wise research work.
- Young Leaders Global Vision Group (YLGVG), will be an additional separate group of GWI's Young Members, the group's focus area for Phase I is identifying capacity needs and building capacities.

Executive Director's update of Office Activities:

SDL presented her report on Office activities from Sep 21 - Oct 29, 2021

Advocacy :

- Published six social targeted social media campaigns that include three posts per day – advocacy idea, article and Did You Know factoid; coordinated general post for all other days; about 50 posts in total; campaigns for International Day of Older Persons, World Teacher Day, IDOG, International Day of Rural Women, International Day for Eradicating Poverty, UN Day
- Participated in the Human Rights Council 48th session summary write up – oversaw intern participation and write ups



- Wrote and submitted CSW66 written statement; gathered 13 cosponsors; WG-USA, FEMU, CFUW, SI, ZI, ICW, FAWCO, MMM, WFWPI, International Federation of Business and professional Women, National Alliance of Women's Organizations
- GWI was invited to cosponsor eight written statements Zonta International, Women's Federation of World Peace International, WG USA, CFUW, UK Civil Society Women's Alliance, International Federation of Business and Professional WOMEN, International Council of Women, International Alliance of Women
- Published International Day of the Girl and International Day of Rural Women toolkits; both published on Women's United Nations Report Network and accompanying social media campaigns.
- Participated in the Human Rights Council 48th session summary write up – oversaw intern participation and write ups
- Submitted application for GWI to deliver oral statement at the upcoming Convention of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice; coordinated with Elisabeth Francis; topic Economic Impact of Crime on Education
- Continued with monthly 25th Orange Day social media campaign
- working with Webmaster to redesign International Advocacy webpages

Winifred Cullis Fellowship Fundraiser:

Kicked off Winifred Cullis Fellowship Fundraiser's planned by the Fellowship Committee (FelCom) from 16-31 October; coordinated with the committee for key messages and targets of the 2-week campaign. So far CHF 1100 for the Fellowship has been raised.

The FelCom has requested to run the campaign again closer to the GWI conference; now that the committee has flyers, press release, social media graphics, they can continue fundraising on their own.

The Fundraising Friday social media campaign will continue till the year end.

Projects /Programs

- The Teachers for Rural Future : Submitted its tri-monthly GlobalGiving report and to the City of Geneva its 1st annual report and budget.
- Teachers for Rural Future's first five graduates were mentored by SDL on how to transition to professional life; she taught them how to use LinkedIn and coached them in letter writing.
- Coordinated and held Project Development Committee's meeting; prepared and distributed documents for BRPID approved 2021 projects i.e. Confirmation Letter; NFA Acceptance Letter, Conditions Statement; work on 2021 project summary for website etc..
- Revised Membership Marketplace webpage to include Spanish Speaking Culture Bridge project Manifesto; updated NFA2NFA- IFUWA and EAUW project work with Webmaster to redesign the pages;



Communications: Published 30 Update newsletters that included about 30 write ups

Office: Upgraded online platforms to help with workload and efficiency; workload is very heavy and there is a need for tools to help



Finances

GWJ 3rd Quarter, 2021 Report

- The report was presented by KS to the Board. It confirmed that there will be a surplus by end of 2021 due to the cost cutting measures undertaken at the GWI office during the year.
- FinCom's Recommendation No.19 on acceptance of 3rd Quarterly 2021 Report was approved by the Board.

Triennial Financial Budgets 2020-2022:

It was decided that the revised budget for the financial years 2021 & 2022 reflecting the current situation and the quarterly reporting will be shared with the membership to comply with the 2019 General Assembly's Internal Resolution No.4.

Commission on the Dues Structure (CDS)-

Matters arising from the previous Board meeting - the members of the CDS committee will be working on the new- GWI Voting Structure Research Sub-Committee. A meeting will be called to discuss proposals from the committee members on the voting structure, a concept note will be finalised and submitted to the Board. This will be the last meeting of this committee.

Membership:

Due to electricity problem GH got disconnected from the meeting. SDL briefly updated the Board with the Membership activities

- GWI planned and hosted a webinar on 1 October, International Day of Older Persons, with CFUW Montreal-South Shore and Moncton clubs and posted the recording on GWI Vimeo and shared link.
- Next GWI Global North -South Dialogue between UWE (Europe) & FUWA (Africa) will be on 31-10-2021, 7-9 PM CET.
- Second flyer will be prepared with new information for membership outreach.

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Office has received more than 100 applications this year; however most of the applications are over HH budget or the applicant does not have an official refugee status.

Further Margaret Giles, committee member from Australia has resigned, leaving Convener-Jazmeira, Gomathy and Basak(Board Liaison) as only members on the committee. TO has offered to assist the committee in the scrutiny of the applications to speed up the process.



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Advocacy

Analysis of CSW 65 Agreed Conclusions:

LM reported that in May she had put together a task force comprising of Women Graduates-USA Global Impact Committee members to study the Agreed Conclusions of CSW65 from the perspectives of the GWI's written statements. The Task Force's assessment of the CSW 65's Agreed Conclusions has been submitted to the Board. It's a draft document which can be used as a template for attending CSW by GWI delegates. They will be better prepared to engage in a meaningful way that will benefit both the organization and society. It might also help in the OD process as a method of showing that we are serious about our UN engagements, particularly CSW.

CSW 66 Zero Draft Document,

As per LM's recommendation of early planning for CSW66, GWI is preparing written input for the CSW66 Zero Draft to meet early December deadline. This early input gives organisations opportunity to have an impact to influence the process rather than making recommendations after the Zero Draft is released. LM will set up a small task force which will include members of Education Committee (EduCom), UN Representatives, SDL and herself, to prepare the recommendations for the Zero draft.

Further LM has also asked EduCom to organize for the CSW 66 parallel event in time for the December deadline, she is awaiting reply from the Convener, Shirley Gillett.

Governance

VB suggested review of any ongoing and pending activities of GWI with the view to their utility to the OD process. Those activities that are aligned to the OD process can be discussed further and others be shelved. This will also enable the Board to participate actively in the framing of the new structure and system processes for the OD process.

It was agreed that the review and discussion on the GWI structure and processes will be on the Agenda of the next Board meeting.

Follow up Board meeting: Next zoom Board meeting will be held on 2 Dec 2021 at 4 pm CET

Meeting Adjourned: 8.38pm CET