



Minutes of the GWI Board 2019-2022 Meeting held on 01 March 2022, 5 pm Central European Time (CET), ZOOM

Attendees: Terry Oudraad (TO), President; Veena Bathe (VB), VP Legal and Governance; Basak Ovacik (BO), VP Fundraising; Katharina Strub (KS), Treasurer and Stacy Dry Lara (SDL), Executive Director

Absent: Louise McLeod (LM); VP Advocacy and Education and Glenda Hecksher (GH) VP Marketing

Welcome: TO welcomed all and called the meeting to order at 17:02 CET

Agenda: Adopted

Minutes of Board Meeting 15 Feb 2022: Approved with discussed changes to the Agenda items on Finance, Conference budget and Conference theme.

Conflict of Interest: None

Finances

FinCom Recommendations

The Board discussed the 4 Quarterly Report of 2021 and 2022 Revised Budget and approved the following Fincom Recommendations for their acceptance.

1. Fincom Recommendation 20

The FinCom's recommendation to the Board of Officers to accept the GWI quarterly financial report for the fourth quarter 2021, Version 6, dated 11 February 2022 is hereby accepted.

The motion is

Moved by: KS

Seconded by: BO

The recommendation unanimously accepted by the Board

2. FinCom Recommendation 21

The FinCom's recommendation to the Board of Officers to accept the GWI budget for 2022 (Budget 2022 - V3 - 03.02.2022) is hereby accepted.

The motion is

Moved by: KS

Seconded by: BO

The recommendation was unanimously accepted by the Board



2022 GA & Conference Registration:

KS informed the Board that the registration for the GA and Conference at a rate of CHF 60 will start **end of April** (date to be determined). The late registration fee of CHF 75 will start from **1 September**.

She suggested that depending on the number of registrations received, the Board can discuss by the end of September the possibility of non-members to register for the Conference only. Further should the registrations exceed the current limit of 1000 p, SDL will find a new agreement with zoom for an increased number of participants.

The Board accepted KS's suggestion as this will avoid confusion of the members and reduce the administrative workload caused by numerous email enquires as the office is currently operating with one staff member.

The Board also thinks that GWI members should sign up for the GA and the Conference, since the nominal fee of CHF 60 Swiss Franc includes the preparative discussions of the resolutions (pre-GA meetings). The pre-GA meetings are interesting not only for the voting NFA delegates, but for members in general.

GWI statement on Ukraine-Russia conflict:

Following a short discussion, it was decided that TO will draft GWI statement addressing Ukraine-Russia crisis on the lines of resolving the conflict peacefully between the two nations, respect for human rights, women's rights and adherence to international humanitarian law. The statement will also give reference to relevant GWI policy resolutions on war and conflict.

Young Members Network participation at the International Gender Conference and CSW66

The members of the GWI YMN will be making an online presentation on the topic 'Education for Sustainable Development Goals' at the International Gender Conference 2022 organised by the Sociology Department of the Russian State University of Humanities.

Also one of the young members from the Russian Federation will be making a presentation in the YM's parallel event at the CSW66.

BO wanted to know if these participations of the YM will be affected due to the current conflict situation between Ukraine and Russia and that of GWI putting up a statement for ending the conflict and negotiate peace between the two nations?

The Board decided that GWI was founded to unite university women across the world to foster peace through education, keeping this intention of our founding members in mind and Russian Federation being GWI member, YM should participate at these events. However if the CSW66 event officials take objection to Russian participation at the forum then we will act accordingly.

Hegg Hoffet :

BO informed that the committee convener receives many applications for Hegg Hoffet grants. However most of them are over HH budget or the applicants don't have an official refugee status. So a call for volunteers to promote the Hegg Hoffet activity widely was made, six members, 2 from Ghana and 4 from India, responded to the call. She will be conducting a meeting to orient them about the work of Hegg Hoffet committee.

The Board reiterated that the committee needs to scrutinize and analyse reasons for rejections of the applicants and understand whether the eligibility criteria is in keeping with needs of current times and HH core purpose.

OD Update:

The Board has been receiving from Geeta, OD Facilitator, Steering Committee's discussion notes on the Phase II prerequisites for organisation's readiness. According to her these notes contain relevant suggestions that can be implemented and areas of concern that can be addressed by the Board. It was decided that Geeta and the board members will meet every fortnight via zoom to work together and discuss how to implement these good ideas and address the areas of concern.

The first meeting will be held on **15 Mar 2022 at 5 pm CET**.

Meeting Adjourned: 20:18 CET