



Minutes of the GWI Board 2019-2022 Meeting held on 4 Feb 2022, 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; Basak Ovacik (BO), VP Fundraising; Glenda Hecksher (GH) VP Marketing; Katharina Strub (KS), Treasurer and Stacy Dry Lara (SDL), Executive Director

Invitee: Geeta Desai (GD)

Welcome: TO welcomed all and called the meeting to order at 5:03pm CET

Agenda: Adopted

Minutes of Board Meeting 02 Dec 2021: Adopted

Conflict of Interest: None

CSW 66 Update:

LM reported that the United Nations (UN) Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) will take place from 14 to 25 March 2022 under the priority theme, “Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes”. It will be 100% virtual event like last year.

GWI had submitted recommendations to the Zero Draft document on the priority theme. The Draft Agreed Conclusions on the theme were published by CSW66 on 1 Feb 2022 and it was observed that the published document had inadequate content about the effects of climate change on education, human trafficking and migration.

Besides recommendations to the Zero Draft document, GWI applied for three CSW66 parallel events and all three applications were accepted.

First side event, a panel discussion on the topic ‘Gendered Dimensions of Corruption and its Impact in Gender Inequality’ will be held on 18 March 2022 at 4.00 pm CET. Expert panelist from UN Office on Drugs and Crime, Transparency International and U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre will speak on women and corruption.

Second event organized by GWI’s EduCom on the topic of ‘Climate Crisis & Education’ will be held on 22 March 2022 04.00 pm EST. Five speakers from 5 diverse regions of the globe will talk about their country’s climate crisis and related sustainability concepts; GWI experts will speak



on the role of education in the current teaching on climate crises and environmental migration regarding women and girls.

Third event titled 'Young Women and Climate Action: Educating a Climate Conscious Generation', will be held on 24 March 2022 at 4.00 pm CET. It will be conducted by GWI's Young Members (YM) group, speakers will be from YM group representing 5 different regions and they will share their views on the vital role of young women in educating and raising a climate conscious generation.

Canada, Mexico and USA (CAMUS), GWI NFAs, having ECOSOC consultative status, will also be conducting a separate parallel side event at the CSW66 on the topic of forced migration due to climate change and it will be held on 22 March 2022 at 5.00 pm EST.

Further, this year CSW will not run their technology platform for the organisations conducting parallel side events at the Forum. GWI office has updated its technology platform to support GWI membership's participation at CSW66 Forum and at GWI's parallel side events. Registration for the three GWI parallel side events will be through GWI's zoom links. These links have been put up on the website and in the GWI Update.

Office Update:

Two interns have joined GWI since January 2022 for a longer term. They are Sonia Gomez Soria from Spain and Sanika Santhosh from India.

2022 GWI Triennial General Assembly and Conference

At the last Board meeting it was decided to hold GWI Triennial Conference and the AGM in Nov 2022 after taking into consideration the timeline for completion of the OD process. It will be a virtual AGM, held from **Friday-Sunday 11-13 November 2022** and co-hosted by the Indian Federation (IFUWA). IFUWA will plan and sponsor the cultural event for the conference.

Triennial Tasks for the AGM:

List of the triennial tasks with timelines prepared by VB was taken up for discussion.

Policy Resolutions:

SDL informed that the ResCom's call for Policy Resolutions will be circulated to the NFAs on **11 Feb 2022** with the deadline for NFAs to submit the resolutions by **11 May 2022**. The ResCom will send draft resolutions to the NFAs on **10 Sept 2022** for changes to the resolutions' language. **11 Oct 2022** will be the deadline to receive the changes from the NFAs. ResCom will submit the final resolutions for GA voting to SDL by **24 Oct 2022**.



Conference Theme

GD's suggestions

- Since GWI has undertaken the OD process to bring about a change in the organisation's structure with a renewed focus on SDG 4, it would be more appropriate to have conference theme developed around SDG4.
- Presentations will be on the work that has taken place; the process of organizational review, change and change management; GWI's partnership building with agencies, foundations and corporations based on grassroots intelligence in NFA countries, organizing women in as many countries, trainings, capacity-building and creating efficiencies for large human development programs.
- Presenters will be all Committee members including members, GWI Board and representatives of international agencies, foundations, global corporations

Board will discuss and decide on the Conference Theme at the next Board Meeting.

Finances:

- KS reported that for the Financial Year 2021, GWI was able to make a surplus of CHF 43,000 thereby increasing the reserves to around CHF 100,000.
- Most of the NFAs have paid their dues for 2022.
- As per the 2022 budget projection the deficit for the year is CHF 12,000
- The FinCom will discuss and finalise the Conference Budget for Board's recommendation at its meeting on 16 Feb 2022.

OD Update

KS's suggestions on funding from outside agencies and NFA re-affiliation

1. One of the goals of the OD process is to partner with international agencies that are working on SDG 4 and secure and institutionalize funding from these entities. The Board needs to discuss and plan for channelizing and monitoring of funds received from the outside agencies.
2. Membership Campaign and the OD process has created NFA engagements within GWI and has renewed interest in GWI amongst the NFAs which had left GWI few years ago – namely Finland, Kenya and Cameroon. These NFA might want to rejoin GWI, however the Re-affiliation ToR's current rules are too rigid for rejoining. The Board and the Fincom needs to review this document.

Recruitment of Colleges and Universities as members of GWI:

Highlights of the discussion

- One of the goals of the UN agencies is to engage Colleges and Universities in the implementation of SDGs in as many countries as possible.
- GWI will benefit by having Colleges and Universities on its enrolment which will strengthen its numbers through their student bodies.



- Colleges and Universities can be enrolled under Associate membership category of GWI.
- Board needs to review the fees structure for this membership category as it comes under its purview
- Before approaching these organisations, it's essential that GWI should know the needs of both the Colleges and Universities and their students.
- Eg: colleges & universities need opportunities for student exchanges, opportunities for faculty to share knowledge, collaborate on research and innovation with other local and international organizations, networking with other colleges and universities, etc.
- Eg: students need developing of their global competence, leadership skills and problem-solving skills, peer -to- peer contact and connection, coordinated collaboration on SDG activities, peer review training, mentorship, etc.
- GWI Board also needs to be aware about the implications of this recruitment in terms of tasks, structure and technology systems within the GWI office.
- So it's necessary for the Board to assess whether GWI has the capacity to cater to these needs especially with current limited capacities of the organisation.
- Board needs to have strategic discussion to figure out what GWI can offer Colleges and Universities.
- There will be no conflict between GWI and NFA regarding recruitment for this membership category as students of these organisations on graduating will become members of the NFA thereby becoming members of GWI.
- Board will decide what it can offer to from GD's list of colleges & universities needs and accordingly GD will prepare a proposal for these organisations.
- Suggestion made that on a trial basis GWI approaches 3-5 Educational Institutes known to GWI members and invite them to associate with GWI on a test basis at nominal fees.

Young Member's (YM) Workshop for localization of SDGs:

BO reported that YM Core group is planning to create an experiential workshop on awareness and localization of SDGs.

- The workshop will be for training the trainers.
- Training will be given by the experts from YM Core group.
- It will be divided into four sessions of 90 minutes each, conducted over a four weeks period
- At the end of the training, participants will be given GWI SDG Ambassador Certificate – they will raise interest and awareness about the SDGs in their countries.
- YMs will be the first target group for the training
- GWI membership will be the second target group, followed by the students' target group from high schools, colleges and universities.



This initiative of YMN will be launched in April 2022 after the Easter holidays.

Follow up Board Meeting: Next zoom Board meeting will be held on 15 Feb 2022 at 6 PM CET
Meeting Adjourned: 7:48PM CET