

**Minutes of the Adjourned GWI Board 2019-2022 Meeting
held on 12 April 2022, 5 pm Central European Time (CET), ZOOM**

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

Urgent General Assembly (GA) Vote

Discussions on Annex 1 and Annex 2 that were adjourned at the previous meeting dt. 7 April 2022 continued.

Following detailed discussions, the Board agreed that

- in the aftermath of the Pandemic, there is urgent need of renewal and rebuilding of NFAs & GWI HQ to stabilize and strengthen the entire organization
- the changes into the GWI Constitution are required to be put immediately into place to make sure that there are adequate structural and operational support to carry out the renewal and rebuilding work by the new Board that will take charge in Nov 2022

The Board decided that since time is of the essence, seeking the recommitment of NFAs to work together with GWI Headquarters in the renewal, rebuilding and strengthening activities of the entire organisation and the related enabling constitutional amendments are issues for Urgent General Assembly Electronic vote as per Article XII AMENDMENTS Section 5(2) and the following Motion was moved.

The Board hereby approves the Renewal and Rebuilding of NFAs and GWI and related Constitutional Amendments as urgent issues for General Assembly vote as per Article XII AMENDMENTS 5(2)

Moved by: VB
Seconded by: TO
Passed: Unanimously

Annex 1- Rationale and background documentation for supporting GA Vote to Renew and Rebuild NFAs and GWI Headquarters was accepted without any changes.

Annex 2- Rationale for proposed Constitutional Amendments for General Assembly (GA) Electronic Vote was accepted with an additional proposed amendment that the Projects Development Committee becomes a Standing GWI Committee. Rationale for the additional



amendment being that by adding the position of Vice President, Projects at the Board level, the role of this committee will need to expand to meet the needs of the Board and will require it to meet on a regular basis in order to assist the Vice President, Projects in her role. Further the proposed amendments will be covered under one constitutional resolution. Following motion was moved for its approval.

The Board hereby approves

- a) **Renewal and Rebuilding of NFAs & GWI (as per Annex 1)**
- b) **the proposed set of Constitutional Amendments enabling the effectiveness and sustainability of renewal and rebuilding (as per Annex 2)**

Moved by: VB

Seconded by: TO

Passed: Unanimously

Following motion was moved to place before GA the Renewal and Rebuilding of NFAs and GWI and related Constitutional Amendments for Urgent General Assembly Electronic vote.

The GWI Board of Officers hereby proposes following matters to be placed before the GWI General Assembly as one issue

1. **Treating the renewal and rebuilding of NFAs & GWI and related Constitutional Amendments as urgent issues for vote**
2. **Consider and approve- Renewal and rebuilding of NFAs & GWI (as per Annex 1) and the proposed set of Constitutional Amendments enabling the effectiveness and sustainability of renewal and rebuilding (as per Annex 2)**

Moved by: TO

Seconded by: KS

Passed: Unanimously

Following is the text of the resolutions approved by the Board, to be placed before the General Assembly

Internal Resolution 1

Proposed by the GWI Board of Officers

The General Assembly of GWI resolves that:

The recommitment of NFAs to work together with GWI Headquarters on renewal, rebuilding and strengthening the NFAs and GWI Headquarters and related Constitutional Amendments as urgent issues for vote.

Internal Resolution 2

Proposed by the GWI Board of Officers



The General Assembly of GWI resolves that:

NFAs commit to work together with GWI Headquarters to renew, rebuild and strengthen the NFAs and GWI Headquarters (as per Annex 1)

Constitutional Resolution 1

Proposed by the GWI Board of Officers

The General Assembly of GWI resolves that:

It approves the proposed set of Constitutional Amendments enabling the effectiveness and sustainability of renewal, rebuilding and strengthening activities (as per Annex 2)

As per the GWI Constitution guidelines of 30 days' notice for the urgent GA vote, the NFAs will be provided with all the information regarding the Resolutions along with reasons for urgent voting and rationale for treating this as one issue, 30 days in advance of the vote.

The call for vote will be sent on 29 April 2022. All the voting material will be sent along with the covering letter which will have links to the Annex 1, Annex 2, GA Resolutions and voting instructions.

The information sessions will be held on 11 May 2022 at 06:00 AM CEST and 18:00 (6:00 PM) CEST (Zurich time).

Voting will be held from 1st-3rd June 2022.

Committee Reports

Fellowships Committee (FelCom)

FelCom consists of 4 members plus BO as the Board Liaison and a committee member; SDL participates FelCom meeting as a nonvoting participant.

This year thirteen outstanding young women received GWI 2022 fellowships and awards out of 40 eligible applications received by the FelCom. Three rounds of assessments were conducted to evaluate the applications. After the evaluations and discussions, the committee determined to give 7 awards plus 6 recognition awards to the eligible applicants. Being a PhD degree holder, BO assisted the committee in the evaluation of the applications. It was a hard work, she sent letter of appreciation to committee members on behalf of the Board.

In addition, the committee updated the FelCom's TOR and the same has been sent to VB for Board review.

Hegg Hoffet (HH) Committee

BO was invited by UWE to a migration webinar on 4th April. She made a presentation on introducing GWI and promoting the HH Fund and called the participants to distribute this



information to their contacts, groups... TO, LM, SDL and 2 of HH com members attended this webinar. The aim is to get more refugee applications for HH from Europe.

The committee has only 2 members at present. One of the members (Margaret Gillet) resigned. The committee needs assistance, so it made a call via GWI Update and 5 volunteers for 2 NFAs responded to help the committee. BO has organized a zoom meeting on 19 April with the new comers and the committee members to discuss further opportunities and solutions.

Young Members Network (YMN)

YMN is organizing a cultural and professional meetings every month. After Turkey and Egypt, this month there will be introduction to the culture and professional life of Mexico. It has been observed that it takes a lot of attention to strengthen the relationship between YMs.

YMN is launching a webinar series in parallel to the OD process called SDG Ambassadors. This will be of 4units/4 week program, there will be experts and key note speakers to tell about SDGs, in particular SDG#4. The participants will receive certificates at the end. The aim is to create a train the trainer program. The certified ambassadors will give seminars, trainings in their own NFAs, communities. Also YMs are planning to make a workshop about SDGs at the GWI 2022 Virtual Conference.

Next Board Meeting: The next Board meeting will be held on 19 May 2022 at 5pm CEST

Meeting Adjourned: 20:07 CEST (8:07 PM)