



Minutes of the GWI Board 2019-2022 Meeting held on 19 May 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 5:00 PM CEST

Agenda: Adopted

Minutes of Board Meetings 7 and 12 April 2022: Adopted

Conflict of Interest: None

Renew & Rebuilding Organisational Activities

The discussion on the renewal and rebuilding activities commenced with the Board decision to meet every 15 days to read the current GWI situation and accordingly work on the renewing and rebuilding activities of the entire organisation along with the triennial General Assembly (GA) tasks.

Update of the GWI website:

Starting with the updating of the GWI website, it was decided that due to financial constraints the entire website will not be reworked only the contents will be made more relevant and updated.

The contents will focus on what GWI is actually doing post pandemic, what are its future plans, give more and updated information about SDGs, SDG4 in particular, go beyond the list of GWI's International Advocacy Statements, show what came out of these statements, analyse them and report on their impact and outcomes...

In short the website content updating will be a creative process with innovative thinking reflecting the personality of GWI; of what makes it stand apart from the other international organisations having consultative status with ECOSOC to the potential members, donors, funders and other external stakeholders to be interested in working with GWI.

This will require contribution from Board members and therefore it was decided that there will be one Board member, Louise McLeod (LM), who will be in-charge of collating information



received from the Board and from Geeta, discuss changes with SDL and Geeta and prepare master document for the tech team for the website.

Development of the ‘Train the Trainers’ Program’:

Training of membership will be on the 1-10 organisational renewal and rebuilding activities stated in Annex 1 and will be done within the framework of the SDGs. This means that the framework of SDGs will be used to frame the training program.

E.g. Leadership Development training will be within sustainable development, to develop global competence and global leadership skills preparing the participants to think critically and problem-solve in a rapidly changing global society.

GD will be working with the OD Steering Committee (ODSC) on developing the train the trainers program and would need support from the Board in administrating and follow up of the training program especially with the Latin American NFAs who have shown active interest in the OD process but cannot effectively participate due to the language barrier.

It was suggested to recruit young members from these NFAs who know English language; they will be trained first so that they will be able to train their NFA members in Spanish language. GH will assist in recruiting these members from Latin American NFAs, TO & BO will assist in administrating and follow up of the training programs

Triennial General Assembly (GA) Program:

Other than the business end of the GA, GD suggested to infuse purpose to the AGM program with the work that has been done on renewal and rebuilding activity to inspire members to attend the AGM. The AGM program should dovetail with the renewal and rebuilding activities of GWI was accepted by the Board.

Besides the above mentioned activities, work on other renewing and rebuilding activities will also begin namely

- Recruitment of Universities and Colleges
- Training 1st tier of GWI membership
- Unleashing of the campaign in partnership with the NFAs to recruit members
- Bringing external stakeholders to assist in renewing and rebuilding activities

Advocacy

Call for Policy Resolutions:

Resolutions Committee (ResCom) received seven policy resolutions in response to the call, out of which five were received from a single NFA and none of the resolutions are related to Education or SDG4. It was concerning to note that GWI has undertaken the OD process with renewed focus



on education and SDG4 and don't have any policy resolution on it for advocacy in the next triennium.

The Board therefore decided that

- To send a 2nd call for policy resolutions from NFAs in consultation with the ResCom
- Board could propose policy resolution on Education and SDG4 as the Board of Officers of GWI are tasked with creating and implementing relevant policy
- LM to contact EduCom to propose policy resolution on this subject, if they are unable to do so, then she in her capacity as VP Advocacy and Education would propose one.

GWI Written Statement to the UN High-Level Political Forum (HLPF):

SDL informed that UN HLPF will be held in July 2022. In the written statement GWI stated that in response to the UN's call for help to renew the acceleration of the SDGs by adding capacities to UN agencies, GWI affiliates in 48 countries researched the SDG progress in their respective countries and identified six categories of action needed to implement the SDGs. GWI will contribute to the implementation of SDG 4 by adding capacity to the UN agencies based on the understanding that graduate women have the competencies to respond to capacity needs identified by the UN and the Institutes of Higher Learning (IHL). And that IHL could work alongside with GWI to contribute to the six actionable categories in implementation of SDG4.

The main purpose of this statement was to create awareness and visibility about GWI's mission and activities in empowerment of women and girls through education.

Furthermore, SDL attended a session on state of advocacy. It was an informative session on how advocacy has changed over the past few years, what are the challenges faced by the NGOs, and how they need to approach advocacy.

GA Conference Program:

It was decided that TO will prepare the draft structure of the Program for the 34th Triennial GA and Conference based on the following-

- 7-10 Nov 2022- pre GA meetings for open discussions around the submitted resolutions and for possible further amendments prior to the GA voting
- 11 & 12 Nov 2022 – GA Business sessions
- 13 Nov 2022 – Seminar and Workshops
- 11 or 12 Nov 2022- Cultural program hosted by IFUWA.

Once the program is finalised, the time schedule for the above mentioned events will be decided taking into consideration different time zones.



Finances

1st Quarter Financial Report of 2022 and Fincom Recommendation 24 were taken up for discussion.

Following motion was moved to accept Fincom Recommendation 24

The Finance Committee members' recommendation to the Board of Officers to accept the GWI first quarterly financial report 2022, is hereby accepted.

Motion Moved by: KS

Seconded by: TO

The recommendation was unanimously accepted by the Board.

Next Board Meeting: The next Board meeting will be held on 2 June 2022 at 5pm CEST

Meeting Adjourned: 8:54PM CET