



Minutes of the GWI Board 2019-2022 Meeting held on 2 June 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

Absent: Invitee-Geeta Desai (GD)

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

Agenda: Adopted

Minutes of 19 May 2022 Board Meetings: Adopted

Conflict of Interest: BO, VP Fundraising, has been recently elected CIR of the Turkish Association of University Women (TAUW) and henceforth shall not vote on any matters of the Association.

Finances

Dues Update:

Argentina: The Board accepted the Membership Committee's (MemCom) recommendation to terminate FAMU's membership as their legal status is not recognized by the registering authority in their country and they don't have the required individual members to be GWI member. KS will finalise the letter of termination of FAMU's membership and send it to GH for signing.

Mar de la Plata, another group in Argentina, has applied for GWI membership as they have the required 20 individual members to be a GWI member. MemCom will check whether their documents are in order to be admitted as NFA member and then shall recommend their membership to the Board. Once Mar de la Plata is officially accepted, KS will send them the invoice for 2022 membership fees.

Bolivia: has paid its current year's dues but missed to send the credential statement form on time. The Board agreed that they cannot be admitted while voting is ongoing.

Iceland: Somehow Iceland seem to be not getting 2022 invoice emails sent by KS, so she had asked GH to forward the invoice to them. Iceland has now received the invoice from GH to pay their 2022 dues.

Turkey: TAUW have requested for 40% alleviation of their 2022 full dues as the value of the Turkish lira has decreased significantly due to ongoing financial and economic crisis in Turkey.



It has been observed that the Turkish lira has roughly decreased 3-fold since January 2019 (5.40 Lira to 1 Swiss Franc, 17 Turkish Lira to 1 Swiss Franc, as of today's date). In 2020, the per capita rate was 87 Lira and in 2022 it is 248 Lira. So the FinCom has recommended to the Board to give 40% alleviation on their 2022 full dues.

Following motion was moved to accept this recommendation

Board hereby accepts FinCom's recommendation to give Turkish Association of University Women (TAUW) 40% alleviation on their 2022 full dues.

Moved By: KS

Seconded By: TO

The Motion was unanimously accepted.

NFA Voting Entitlement:

Two versions of the proposed voting entitlement for the NFAs recommended by the Committee on Voting Structure (CVS) were discussed. Both the versions gave voting entitlements to many delegates which would not be viable for face to face GA meeting from administrative coordination and delegate attendance point of view. The proposal also recommends 1 voting right for every 10 Independent members. This can be considered at a more appropriate time in the future as there are very few Independent members.

Therefore the Board requested KS to prepare voting entitlement structure that is both practical and will give more delegates to the NFAs having membership numbers from 1-200 as majority of the NFAs have members numbers in between 1-200.

Advocacy

Policy Resolutions for GA:

LM informed that the Resolutions Committee (ResCom) received around 9 policy resolutions at the close of the submission deadline. The committee is working on 8 policy resolutions however there are very few on education and SDG4. LM and SDL are working on the policy resolution from the Board dealing with gap in digital education, there is the possibility of WGUSA and Scotland seconding it. BO as a Board member would also like to propose one more policy resolution on Education if the ResCom agrees to accept it as this will be way past the submission deadline. LM will check with the resolution committee and get back to the Board.



Higher Education Sustainability Initiative (HESI) Webinar series: LM attended one of the three open webinars which are being held in the lead-up to the 2022 HESI+10 Global Forum in July. Webinar one was on the topic of Transformation of higher education post COVID-19, a full report on it by LM has been published in 25 May GWI Update. She will also be reporting on the remaining two webinars of the series for the GWI Update.

Report on SDG Workshop by Young Member OD group:

BO gave a brief report about the SDG Workshop conducted by Young Member OD group. The workshop was a success, **38** GWI Young Members (YM) attended this workshop which was spread over 4 weeks with one session per week. The participants will be given GWI YMN SDGs Ambassador Certificate for completing their training. The workshop has made them aware and knowledgeable about the SDGs, it will help them in raising SDGs awareness and localizing it in the communities. YMs from Ghana and Nigeria have already drafted a project on education of SDGs, they would like to know if GWI will assist them with funds to conduct this project in their NFA countries.

BO suggested starting a funding pool for implementation of SDGs for YM on the lines of Bina Roy Project Development fund, she will work on this proposal and get back to the Board.

Governance

Discussions on Board Job Descriptions and Committee ToRs were postponed to the next meeting.

Next Board Meeting: Next Board meeting will be held on 16 June 2022 at 5 PM CET

Meeting Adjourned: 6:42 PM CET