

**Minutes of the GWI Board 2019-2022 Meeting held on
07 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

Welcome: TO welcomed all and called the meeting to order at 17:02 CEST (5:02 PM)

Agenda: Adopted

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Conflict of Interest: None

Advocacy

CSW66 Report:

LM presented mini report of her attendance at CSW66. Preparations for the forum started last fall with the creation of a task force to make and submit Recommendations to the Zero Draft of the Agreed Conclusions. The Task Force consisted of LM, EduCom members, UN NYC representatives, and SDL.

LM attended meetings prior to CSW 66 which included briefing sessions with the U.S. Mission (featuring the U.S. Ambassador to the UN, Linda Thomas-Greenfield), CSW Chair Ambassador Mathu Joyini and NGO CSW briefings on Civil Society engagement at CSW.

She attended the in-person Consultation Day event with GWI UN NYC representatives Maureen Byrne, Sophie Turner-Zaretsky and Maryella Hannum

During CSW 66, LM attended the CSW 66 Opening Ceremonies and the Ministerial Round Tables, the UN Women Town Hall with UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, some UN side events, the North America/European Caucus meetings, NGO CSW briefings, and the NGO Forum Parallel events presented by Graduate Women International and Women Graduates-USA.

Main focus of LM's CSW66 activities was on the Agreed Conclusions and the CSW Resolutions on the Methods of Work.

Detailed report on CSW66 and GWI participation at the parallel side events will be circulated to the membership shortly.

Themes for the Triennial Conference, Workshops and Seminars:

Themes for the Triennial Conference, Workshops and Seminars were taken up for discussion by the Board and were finalised as follows-

The themes for the GWI Triennial Meeting 2022 and the related sub-themes for the workshops and seminar papers are the outcomes of the discussions on GWI Organization Development Process Phase I with a focus on SDG4: Inclusive, Equal and Quality Education for all.

34th GWI Triennial Conference Theme: **‘From Growth to Sustainability’**

GWI Triennial 2022 – Workshops and Seminar Sub-Themes

Theme 1: The change we need: Youth as leaders and change makers for modern adaptability to achieve and implement SDG 4.

Theme 2: Graduate women at the grassroots level: Localizing the SDGs through capacity building, awareness raising, outreach, community dialog, data collection, training and support.

Theme 3: Addressing general and systemic inequality in education; developing and influencing policy.

Theme 4: Beyond the basic skills (reading, writing and arithmetic): Promotion of education for peace, health, civics, culture and the arts, ecology, and sports, social and vocational skills.

Theme 5: COVID-19: Compensating for the effects of COVID-19 on education for women and girls; how to adapt and move forward.

Call for the workshops and seminar papers will be circulated to the NFAs in the first week of May to respond to one or more of the five sub-themes within a to be determined deadline by LM and EduCom.

Finances

FinCom Recommendations:

Following recommendations from FinCom were placed before the Board for their approval

1. FinCom Recommendation 22 – 2022 Conference Budget



The Finance Committee members' recommendation to the Board of Officers to accept the 2022 General Assembly and Conference Budget (2022_GA_Conference_Budget_V4, dated 17.02.22) is hereby accepted.

Motion Moved by: KS

Seconded by: TO

The recommendation was unanimously accepted by the Board.

2. Fincom Recommendation 23 - Annual Financial Report 2021

The Finance Committee members' recommendation to the Board of Officers to accept 2021 Annual Financial Report, dt 18 Feb 2022, is hereby accepted.

Motion Moved by: KS

Seconded by: TO

The recommendation was unanimously accepted by the Board

Update on 2022 dues

KS informed that majority of the NFAs have paid their entire dues for 2022. Of the remaining NFAs most have committed to pay by June 2022 and for the rest, the Treasurer and VP membership will do the required follow-up.

Governance

Urgent General Assembly (GA) Vote

The proposal of urgent GA vote for renewal and rebuilding of NFAs & GWI HQ and the related enabling constitutional amendments were placed before the meeting and discussed.

Annex 1 -Background Documentation to Renew and Rebuild NFAs and GWI Headquarters

The Phase II discussions concluded that the GWI organization (NFAs and GWI Headquarters) is in urgent need of renewal and rebuilding. The Steering Committee agrees that this renewal and rebuilding should take place before approaching, working with and becoming accountable to external stakeholders (UN agencies and global funders). Discussions concluded that GWI Headquarters and NFAs should recommit to each other by working together on a range of organizational activities that will strengthen, renew and rebuild the NFAs and GWI Headquarters and their mutual relationships. Further these strengthening, renewal and rebuilding activities, to be effective and sustainable, require an enabling organizational structure that is built into the GWI Constitution.

Annex 2 -Proposed Constitutional Amendments for General Assembly (GA) Electronic Vote

The proposed set of Constitutional Amendments are to provide relevant support to the existing governance structure and decision-making to make GWI's renewal and rebuilding organizational activities, more effective and efficient.

Due to lack of time further discussions on the Annex 1 and Annex 2 were adjourned to the next meeting to be held on **12 April 2022 at 5 pm CET**

Meeting Adjourned: 19:34 CEST (7:34PM)