

Minutes of the Meeting of the Open Session, WILPF US Board of Directors

March 24, 2015

Held via teleconferencing

Board members present:

President: Mary Hanson Harrison

Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee: Millee Livingston

Secretary: Candace Perry

Chair of the Development Committee: Fran Foulkrod

Chair of the Membership Development Committee: LaShawndra Vernon

Chair of the Nominating Committee: Barbara Nielsen

Chair of the Personnel Committee: Nicole Scott

Chair of the Program Committee: Odile Hugonot-Haber

Chair of the Program Committee: Deb Garretson

At-large Board Member: Ann Fleischli

US Section Member of the International Board, Melissa Torres

WILPF members, non-Board present: Helen Jaccard, Robin Lloyd, Tae Campbell, Marc Campbell, Nancy Ramsden, Marybeth Gardam, Regina Sneed

Also present:

Ellen Schwartz, Dashboard facilitator

Paula Herrington, Interim Director

Heather Harker, Sarah Bursky, Jackie Emmart, TSNE

The Board convened in Open session, via teleconference call, at 8:40 pm (ET) after all present were logged in on Dashboard.

Barbara Nielsen requested an agenda adjustment, moving the proposed agenda item #14, Approval of addition of members to Finance and Development Committees, into Executive session. She also requested that a conflict of interest be discussed in Executive session. The President agreed that Executive session would be held at the end of the Open session, if time allowed.

Minutes of the 2/27/15 Executive session of the Board were approved as written. The minutes of the 2/27/15 Open session of the Board were approved as amended, to read “2. To change the WILPF US Bank of America accounts...” in place of “2. To change the WILPF US bank account...”

TSNE/Staff Proposal: Although the committee charged with the proposal thought there was general agreement as to the position following the Houston meeting, after much discussion it was agreed to table any decision regarding general agreement on the proposed position. The proposal also included a recommendation for supervision to be provided by the President and Chair of the Personnel Committee, and this practice would begin immediately. After much discussion, this decision was also tabled. Questions and comments regarding the proposal and/or interest in joining the committee should be sent to the committee charged with the proposal: Nicole Scott, Candace Perry, Paula Herrington, Heather Harker, and Sarah Bursky.

Mary announced there would be a special meeting to discuss the JAPA/WILPF situation. Candace sent a doodle poll and the only common date possible for those who responded is April 1. New Board members received a packet of information re JAPA/WILPF.

The Treasurer's report was accepted without questions.

The Interim Director's report was accepted without questions.

Melissa reported on the recent CSW, Practicum and Local2Global. The report was accepted with appreciation for Melissa's service and international work.

The draft policy on database access was discussed and tabled without a decision. Questions should be sent to Ann.

The database clean-up proposal was discussed. Paula reported that Salsa will charge \$2500 to perform the clean-up. Fran reported she has a volunteer who will perform the clean-up pro bono. After further discussion it was agreed that more information is needed on the qualifications of the persons performing the clean-up. As there seems to not be common agreement on decisions made in Houston, LaShawndra, Fran, Paula, and Helen are asked to meet in the next few days and to also meet with the IT consultant, Glenn, and the WILPF US administrative consultant, Ariane.

The IT proposal was discussed. Any decision was tabled until the next Board meeting, when the committee will have met again and have the information requested (see above).

Filling At-Large and IB positions were discussed. Melissa would be interested in filling the IB position after her term expires. Barbara proposed that these positions should wait to be filled at the time of the Fall elections for the 2016 Board. Mary proposed that these positions should be filled immediately, either by interim appointment or special election. After discussion, no decision was reached and it was agreed that Barbara and Mary will send memos to the Board outlining their positions.

The Development Committee update report was tabled until the next Board meeting.
The All Member meeting with the Board will be held in June.

Questions/comments from non-Board members came from Helen Jaccard who suggested that the agenda should have put the IT proposal ahead of the database clean-up proposal.

No Executive session was held due to the lateness of the hour.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 pm (ET).

Respectfully submitted,
Candace Perry
Secretary