

Minutes, Sept. 19, 2017

Minutes of the Meeting of WILPF US Board of Directors
Open Session
Sept. 19, 2017
Held via teleconferencing

Board members present:

President: Mary Hanson Harrison

Secretary: Candace Perry

Treasurer/Chair of Finance: Jan Corderman

Chair of the Nominating Committee: Laura Dewey

Chair of the Membership Development Committee: Shilpa Pandey

At-large Board Member: Dixie Hairston

Chair of the Development Committee: Marybeth Gardam

At-large Board Member: Teresa Castillo

Board members not present

US Section Member of the International Board, Melissa Torres

Chair of the Program Committee: Maureen Ngozi Eke

(Absent board members notified the board in advance that they would not be able to attend.)

WILPF members, non-Board present: Ellen Schwartz, Robin Lloyd, Darien De Lu, Dawn Nelson, Eileen Kurkowski,

Please note: All agreements shown in bold face.

The meeting began at 8:38 pm (Eastern). A quorum exists. Laura facilitated, recording began at 8:38 pm.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes of July 17, 2017 accepted. Decision made to hold the scheduled Dec. 19, 2017 Steering meeting on December 12, 2017.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Many thanks to all of those who made Congress such a huge success. Board members shared their experiences, which were very positive.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jan asked members to reference her report, from which she noted Congress finances, grants, and a positive balance. She requested that we do a review in place of an audit for 2016/2017. As a smaller organization we're allowed to do a review, which costs approximately \$200. **Everyone present consented.** Committee budgets requested by October 15. Sanjines bequest was also discussed. Proposed that we accept the Sanjines earnings funds in the amount of \$3221.69. **Everyone present consented.** An annuity from Yvonne Logan in the amount of \$3,307 which JAPA describes as 30% of the Annuity (with 30% to WILPF International and 40% to JAPA) was also **accepted with Shilpa and Candace standing aside.** Jan also requested funds be approved for four people to attend the World Without War conference; there is funding for this travel. **Everyone consented.**

DEVELOPMENT REPORT: Marybeth, with her committee's recommendation, requested that we add 5% in administrative overhead for all grants. After much discussion the recommendation was not accepted.

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NOMINATING REPORT: Laura reminded us that all standing committees need to send the names of their members. She asked that this be done by September 25 and sent to all the board.

LOCAL2GLOBAL & PRACTICUM INFO: Dixie sent a draft report, noting that the programs are on track with all issues, working on budget. Evaluation survey is still being collated; one was not done for 2016 so a combined survey was done for 2015 – 2017. Board members expressed concerns about not feeling fully informed on the programs and requested more information. It was decided to form an ad hoc committee to assist with oversight. Dixie and Melissa will be sending further reports.

BYLAWS: Darien presented proposed changes in bylaws and there was much discussion. **All agreed to the proposal to try out decision making by simple majority, to begin immediately. Two proposals are requested to go onto the ballot, agreed by simple majority:**

1. To serve on the Board a WILPF US member must have been a member of the Section for at least twenty-four consecutive months by September 1 of the year before the year in which the new Board will be installed for the election cycle in question.
2. Add Treasurer/Finance Chair to the Development Committee.

During the non-board member question portion, Dawn Nelson asked about the overall structure of WILPF, both US and International, and it was suggested that the Communications Committee should be reconvened to be sure this information is readily available.

The meeting adjourned at 11:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Candace Perry, Secretary