

WILPF Board Meeting 11/26/19

Participants:

- President: Darien DeLu
 - Secretary: Eileen Kurkoski .
 - Treasurer/Chair of Finance: Jan Corderman
 - Chair of the Membership Development Committee: Shilpa Pandey
 - At-large Board Member & Chair of Earth Democracy Program: Nancy Price
 - Past President: Mary Hanson Harrison
 - Acting Chair of Development Committee: Marybeth Gardam
 - Acting Chair of Nominating Committee: Laura Dewey
 - *Joan Goddard was appointed as Program Chair at this meeting
- Guest: -Ellen Thomas

Decisions made are **underlined and in bold font.**

1. **Joan Goddard was unanimously voted to be Program Chair for one year.** She will start immediately. Her exciting new position will be implementing the agreed on (by board, issue committees and branches) Program 2.0, a way to make our WILPF program more strategic, cohesive, and effective.

2. **September 24 WILPF Board minutes were approved.**

3. **“An Economy of Our Own” Collaboration with WILPF?** Marybeth Gardem is recommending WILPF have a formal collaboration with this organization which is planning 3 conferences for 2020 to attract women who are interested in working on a new economy with a feminine perspective and promote some solutions that women around the country are doing but not getting enough attention. Others in the group include authors, Atty. Helen Brown (Web of Debt), David Horton (Why Corporations Rule the World, and Rickey Gard Diamond (Screwnomics). The Board likes the proposal and wants more details.

4. **Commission on the Status of Women update.** WILPF International has invited speakers from the Middle East and Afghanistan. Mary Hanson Harrison sent a proposal for a CSW64 parallel panel: SISTERS, SEEDS and SOIL: Bold Voices & Choices for EcoFeminism. Darien will also be a participant on a CSW 64 panel, presenting the 1995 Beijing Peace Train: Looking Forward.

5. **Establish a CSW Practicum/Local to Global Program Committee** Three board members volunteered to be on the committee: Jan Corderman, treasurer, Mary Hanson-Harrison, past president, and Eileen Kurkoski, secretary, who will focus on getting grants for WILPF US UN program. More volunteers are needed.

6. **Financial discussions led to no decisions but covered:**

- Providing more support for issue committees and branches

- Modifying Local to Global (CSW) travel expenses
- Obtaining three quotes to obtain a better website
- Social Media (Facebook) Would WILPF be wise to have a paid social media worker vs volunteers?
- Having an on-line discussion re rewarding members who bring in new members by providing WILPF sashes, books on hand, and WILPF t-shirts.

After the open Board Meeting an Executive Session was called at which some work done by staff was discussed. Also, an active volunteer, Martha Collins of Milwaukee, was approved for the nominating committee, with a recommendation from Laura Dewey, Acting Chair of the Nominating Committee.

7. Next Board Meeting: January 28, 2020, 8:30PM EST

Start time: 8:35 pm EST End time: 11:30 EST
Recording started at 8:41pm EST