

## **WILPF Board Meeting MINUTES, March 25, 2023 (via Zoom)**

### Participants:

#### Board Members:

Darien De Lu: President  
Barbara Nielsen: Treasurer/Finance Committee Chair  
Jennifer Bailey: Program Committee Chair  
George Friday: Program Committee Chair  
Linda Conte: At-large Board Member  
Philip Cole: At-large Board Member  
Dianne Blais: Secretary, Jane Addams (JA) Virtual Branch Convener

#### International Members (Pool of Pundits)

Jane (Cricket) Doyle: US Liaison to the Americas Region Representative  
Dee Murphy: WILPF International Advisory Board Rep. and Domestic Prisoners of War (DPoW) Issue Committee Chair  
Julie Kabukanyi: WILPF International Advisory Board Rep. Alternate

#### Presenters:

Marybeth Gardam  
Nancy Price  
Jan Corderman

#### GUESTS:

Mary Hansen Harrison  
Joan Goddard

Dee volunteered to be a vibes watcher and George the timer.

### **Old Business**

- 1. Check-in** with Roll call of the Pundit Pool
- 2. Secretary's Summary** of actions and decisions from the January Board mtg
- 3. Minutes from last Board mtg were approved**
- 4. Updates & Q&A from each reporting (more than 2 days before meeting) Board Ctte. Chair** – George presented her report
- 5. Budget Approval Process** – Darien explained that numerous items were to be addressed that the board had not discussed or approved. She thanked the Finance Committee for their efforts.

**6. Nominating Ctte. Volunteers** George reported that 4 members have expressed interest in being on the committee, including Tura Campanella Cook, Floyd Harris, and Jan Corderman. But only Tura came to the last meeting. More volunteers are needed.

A request for more members is being sent out on the branches listserv and hopefully they'll attend a March 31 meeting.

**7. 2023 Elections Schedule**, as submitted and unchanged from the one presented in January, was approved by all except Phillip. Possible timing options were then suggested for future elections, such as to coincide with the Congresses or be on a more regular schedule.

**8. An Economy of Our Own Collaboration Proposal** – Marybeth Gardam's proposal, for \$1,900 to continue this collaboration agreement – approved in 2021 and again in 2022, was approved by six Board members, with Jennifer not voting.

**9. Updates on WILPF US's 2023 Gathering & 2024 Congress**

1) 2023 (Virtual) Gathering – Dianne said the "Gathering" would be for two evenings, used to introduce and then have Q&A with staff, board, IC chairs, and branch reps. Approval of \$500 was unanimous.

2) WILPF 2024 US Congress

The Congress funding proposed budget of \$3,000 for Congress Coordinator was unanimously approved. Barbara suggested that the funds could perhaps be used by the Site Ctte. in some other way.

Dee, the National Congress Committee (NCC) Chair, reported that the NCC recommends the Minnesota Branch's bid for the Congress. She relayed that the branch is excited about hosting the Congress, and all voted in approval of the Minn. location.

**10. Social Media Staffing in 2023** This \$12,700 item, to fund staff for production of social media posts in specified areas, was cut from budget **line 64**. Darien proposed that it be restored, but her proposal, after a lengthy discussion, did not pass (vote: 3 (Darien, Dianne, and Linda) to 3 opposed (Jennifer, Barbara, and Phillip), with 1 abstention (George)). Dee noted the need for specifying a social media vision before proceeding.

**11. Development Staffing in 2023:** Marybeth Gardam expanded on the Development Ctte. proposal of \$57,067, on **line 65**, to increase donations, especially from major donors to help put WILPF on a sound financial footing. Philip wants the President and Finance Committee to get quarterly progress reports and thought each of the 3 development positions should be voted on individually. Mary spoke about her holistic approach to fundraising. The Board approved the staffing with a 5-2 (Phillip and Barbara) vote.

**New Business**

**12** Updated statements of Board Commitments, for candidates and Board members:  
The Board reviewed this one item from the Board Book. Barbara thinks a  
Parliamentarian would be good for board business.

**So the Board could complete business, the board members decided to meet the next day (Sunday, March 26) at the same time: 10 am PT / 11 am MT / noon CT / 1 pm ET. The Commitment documents (agenda item 12, above) will be discussed at the end of the agenda if possible.**

Dianne gave a meeting summary and WILPF member guests commented. We finished with George's groovy, funky "Doing it to Death" dance video.