



International Women's Club
BELGRADE

IWC BELGRADE BOARD General Assembly Minutes

DATE	2024/05/15
TIME	10:30 - 12:30
PLACE	Mediterranean/Adriatic Room of the Crowne Plaza Hotel
ADDRESS	Vladimira Popovića 10
PRESENT BOARD	Daniela Flury, Barbora Kuchtova, Sonja Punin, Rachel Stewart, Marianne Villalobos-Emonet
PRESENT	53 (2 arrived late, 1 left early)
PROXY	37

TOPICS	ISSUES	SPEAKERS	DECISIONS
1.1 Introduction 1.2 GA Meeting Agenda	1.1 Presentation of Gloria Gaber as Chairperson 1.1 Presentation of the GA Meeting Agenda	1.1 Daniela 1.2 Daniela	1.1 Daniela opened the meeting at 11:00 by welcoming IWC Members and presented Gloria Gaber as the chairperson. 1.2 Daniela presented the agenda for the meeting and Gloria called a vote of approval - 88 votes yes, 0 votes no, 0 votes abstain, quorum reached.
2. Board Activity Report	2.1 Presentation of club data 2.2 Presentation of IWC representation in Media 2.3 Open Door and Bridges Magazine	2.1 Daniela 2.2 Daniela 2.3 Daniela	2.1 Daniela introduced the current Board of Directors and presented data about the current meeting stats and fundraising. She also presented accomplishments of the Board in improving operational processes, introducing Yoloxochitl Aguilar Arreola as Bazaar Coordinator. 2.2 Daniela presented PR successes throughout Serbian media - TV, News Articles etc. along with successes through the Charity Bazaar and Breast Cancer Awareness. She thanked Emilija Stevanović (intern) for her work on our online socials presence (no voting) 2.3 Daniela spoke about our involvement now with the Open Door network and how it affects members. She also spoke about the new Bridge's Magazine project and thanked Marine von Koenig for her work bringing it to life.



<p>3.Financial Report</p>	<p>3. Presentation of Financial Report</p>	<p>3. Barbora</p>	<p>3. Barbora presented the status of the membership account and charity account. She then explained the make-up of sums raised in fundraising activities, projected budget for the next club year and why the Board had chosen not to raise fees for that year.</p> <p>Gloria called a vote of approval - 87 yes, 0 votes no, 1 vote abstain, quorum reached.</p> <p>Iolanta Mura raised a request that members be sent the financial report in advance next year so as to be able to vote more assuredly. (no voting)</p>
<p>4.1 Charity Committee Report 4.2 SWAG</p>	<p>4.1 Charity Committee Report 4.2 SWAG</p>	<p>4.1 Daniela and Christina 4.2 Gloria</p>	<p>4.1 Daniela introduced Christina and thanked the whole Charity Committee team for their work over the last 5 months. Christina then introduced the members of the Charity Board and explained the processes involved with selecting Charity projects. She then presented the projects selected this year, the sums and goods already donated and contracts that were signed on April 25th with funding transferred on May 13th.</p> <p>Questions raised:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marine von Koenig asked what happens next? <p>Christina explained that the projects now commence work and are monitored along the way. Financial reports are requested at the end of the project and they are expected to mention IWC in any output on social media.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Caroline Ferguson asked if the projects have or will be visited? <p>Christina replied with a hope to visit, perhaps in organised small groups from IWC, but also explained the difficulties regarding distance and safeguarding.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Branka Celeketic asked how the charities found out about the IWC funding initiative? <p>Christina talked about the Balkan Catalyst Newsletter and IWC's reputation ie. word-of-mouth. She highlighted that we give "small projects, small amounts" and mentioned what is special about IWC volunteers.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Iolanta Mura asked if the Board considers this option to be the most strategic for gift donation?



			<p>Daniela replied that essentially, yes it is, further explaining how as a voluntary organisation there are limits to our time, energy and general workload. Barbora also talked about the workload of the Board.</p> <p>Emilija Stevanović took this opportunity to thank everyone at IWC on “behalf of the Serbian Youth” for all that the club does in Serbia.</p> <p>4.2 Gloria presented SWAG and introduced Katarina Silevski. (no voting)</p> <p>This was followed by a video presentation for Bazaar 2024, with thanks to Katarzyna Lason. (no voting)</p>
5. Activity Groups	5. Presentation of Membership Stats Coffee Mornings and Activity Groups	5. Rachel & Sonia	5. Rachel presented the membership stats and where monthly coffee mornings had taken place. Sonia spoke about the different Activity Groups and their coordinators, thanking them all and calling for new coordinators to take over from Sabine Keiser, Julie Ktrezschmar and Valerie Lane. (no voting)
6.1 Call for volunteers 6.2 Call for Secretary and President	6.1 Call for volunteers 6.2 Call for new Secretary and President	6.1 Daniela 6.2 Barbora	<p>6.1 Daniela called on club members to put themselves forward to volunteer for different aspects of club life. She also mentioned RSVPing to club events - “If you sign up, show up!”</p> <p>6.2 Barbora called on club members to put themselves forward to be the new Secretary and President of IWC. It was explained that if no-one comes forward for the role of President, Daniela will act up until a suitable candidate can be found. (no voting)</p>
7. Approval of continuing Board members	7. Vice-President - Daniela Flury, Legal Representative - Sonia Punin, Treasurer - Marianne Villalobos-Emonet	7. Gloria	7. Gloria called a vote for the ongoing approval of Board members - 89 votes yes, 0 votes no, 0 votes abstain, quorum reached
8. Approval of the Board Report	8. Approval of the Board Report	8. Gloria	8. Gloria called a vote for the approval of the Board Report - 89 votes yes, 0 votes no, 1 votes abstain, quorum reached
9. Closing	9. Closing	9. Daniela	9. Daniela thanked members for attending the General Assembly.



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Meeting ended 12:20

Minutes made by Rachel Stewart