



**IWIRC BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 13, 2020 (9:00-10:30AM)  
VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE**

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THE FOUR ITEMS WHICH NEED BOARD APPROVAL ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN THE AGENDA

Attendees:

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Michelle Pickett

Leyza Blanco

Marjorie Kaufman

Karen Fellowes

Pooja Sinha

Eloise Matsui

Sara Van Allen

Rebecca Hume

Rita Gismondi

Nyana Miller

Kelly McDonald

Valerie Bantner-Peo

Blanche Zelmanovich

Hon. Mary Grace Diehl

Tara Schellhorn

Jodi Dubose

Anne Vanderkamp

Kristen Siracusa Eustis

Rebecca DeMarb

Genevieve Weiner

Chrissy Sanfelippo

Lauren McKelvey

Aisling Dwyer

Stuti Jain

Kim Brown

Amy Vulpio

Lacey Rochester

Camille Bent

Monica Blacker

Elizabeth Gunn

Rose Kehoe

Kerri Mumford

Leanne Williams

Demetra Liggins

Terri Freedman

Melissa Hager

Evelyn Meltzer

Jennifer Meyerowitz

Nellwyn Voorhies

Aruni Weerasekera

1. Quorum (if you dial in to the meeting via phone please email Shari, [sbedker@iwirc.com](mailto:sbedker@iwirc.com) to record your attendance). Quorum met –
2. M Pickett gave chair report – despite the challenges of Covid IWIRC had a great 2020
3. **Approve June 2020 Minutes/Chair's Report (M. Pickett)** – L Blanco moved to approved minutes, second by T Freedman; all approved
4. Financial Report (M. Kaufman/K. Fellowes)

- a) Financial results to September 2020 – M Kaufman gave financial update, including sponsorship and budget
- b) Sponsorship 2021
- c) Budget 2021 -M Kaufman discussed budget; L Blanco moved to approve 2021 budget, second by K Fellows; all approved

5. Committee Reports. The following committee reports were received and are attached for review prior to meeting:

- a) Networks – K McDonald gave summary of report.
- b) Membership – Blanche gave summary of report. Will be doing more new member virtual happy hours for new members to meet other members.
- c) Programming – T Shellhorn gave summary of report.
- d) Strategic initiatives – MG Diehl gave summary of report and discussed Frist Gen event; S Bedker noted we already have 18 people signed up for the next event on November 18<sup>th</sup>.
- e) UNCITRAL – see report

6. Regional Reports. The following Regional reports were received and are attached for review prior to meeting:

- a) Asia - E Matsui and P Sinha gave update. Several events planned between the Asia network's. They received good feedback on the Asia leadership program that was held for all board members in the region, similar to the Intl Summit. 2 ladies interested in starting a Korea network attended the leadership sessions also.
- b) Canada-S. Van Allen said their has been a downward trend in Canadian memberships. They have a very promising business development coaching program in the works that will have two tracks, one for new practitioners and one for established practitioners.
- c) Europe-R. Gismondi reported there have been talks with women throughout Europe who are interested in participating. Possible INSOL Europe panel.
- d) Latin America-N. Miller gave summary of report. Biggest news America Latina network up and running
- e) U.S.-K. McDonald gave summary of report

7. Expansion opportunities (S. Bedker, K. McDonald, L. McKelvey, L. Blanco)

- a) International Networks-L. McKelvey stated interest from New Zealand and South Africa outside of the current regions and she has been in touch with all the regional directors for other possibilities as outlined in her report.
- b) Domestic networks

8. **Membership fee proposal for Latin America/South America network** – M Pickett discussed using the same membership fee structure for Latin/South America as used in Asia (\$100 US), no rebates to the network. N Voochies spoke in support of proposal. E Matsui also spoke in support of the proposal and that the structure works well in Asia. For those member who have paid the \$250, it is proposed to extend membership for 2.5 years. Motion to approve made by R Hume and second by T Freedman; all approved.

9. Feedback from Leadership Summit and next steps-M Pickett referred to the details in her report with overall goal to continue to explore global connections by virtual and hybrid events to continue to be relevant including translations. N. Voorhies indicated she has an inexpensive option for translation as needed.

10. International, regional & local events (M. Pickett, S. Bedker, Regional Directors)

a) Insolvency 2020 – IWIRC Panel

b) WOYR, Founder & Rising Star Award Presentations

(1) WOYR & Ryan Award - October 16, 2020

(2) Melnik – October 19, 2020 in North America (Oct 20 in Asia)

(3) First Generation Networking –November 18, 2020

(4) Rising Star – December 15, 2020

11. Be Inspired, Be Informed, Be Connected Logos-M. Pickett to help make events more easily identifiable as we have seen that different people have different interests in what programming they want to attend.

12. **Code of Conduct (M. Pickett/K. Fellowes)** – K Fellows discussed Code of Conduct for IWIRC, includes whistle blower and conflict of interest policies; intended to cover all directors and board members as well as Shari’s staff. Everyone who is part of IWIRC is to sign off, which board members will sign when you become a board member. K Fellows moved to approve and adopt Code of Conduct, second by C Bent; all approved.

13. COVID – 19 (M. Pickett/Program Committee/All)

a) Round table on how networks, regions are dealing with COVID-19

b) Expectations for 2021?

14. Communications contract/ J. Mercer Proposal-M. Pickett reported social media presence has increased in 2020, but the exec thought a yearly strategic plan for communications would help the volunteers on the committee. Those on the call agreed.

15. Slating 2021 Update (C. Basler)-M. Pickett reported that Sept. 15 was deadline and that C. Basler is putting together the slating committee to meet in Oct and Nov with process to be complete by end of Nov and bootcamp in Dec.

16. Other Business

Documents being Presented at Board meeting

1. Minutes to June 2020 meeting
2. September 2020 financial results
3. Budget 2021
4. Membership report
5. Asia Networks Report
6. Canada Networks Report
7. US Networks Report
8. Europe Networks Report
9. Latin America Networks Report
10. New Networks Report
11. Programming Committee Report
12. UNCITRAL Committee Report
13. IWIRC Leadership Summit Feedback
14. IWIRC First Generation Meeting Report
15. IWIRC Logos - Be Inspired, Be Informed, Be Connected
16. Code of Conduct