



News

Board of Directors of the World Foundation for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Inc.
March 2023

Greetings

The Board conducted its Annual Meeting of the Members and the Directors of the World Foundation for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Inc. Friday March 3 through Sunday, March 5, 2023, at the Edith Macy Conference Center, Briar Cliff Manor, New York.



In attendance were fourteen Directors, five Emerita and the Program Director, in person and via Zoom. The meeting began on Friday afternoon with a focus group lead by the World Foundation's Board Development Committee to address the strategic plans for the years 2023 and 2024.

Saturday's Annual Meeting of the Members received the report of the Board Development Committee's recommendations of the approval of the reappointment of Ellen Petrino, Treasurer for a second 3-year term, and Laura Robert-Rivera and Diane Saber for a third 3-year terms as Directors.

The Annual Meeting of the Directors was chaired by President, Barbara Grant Schliebe. She presented the President's Annual Report to the Members for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2022. Total income for the fiscal year, October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2022, was reported as \$ 1, 623,591 with grants awarded to GSUSA and WAGGGS totaling \$ 1,591,123. Programs supported Virtual Programming and Community Camps for Girl Scouts Overseas, and to WAGGGS Member Organizations impacted by economic issues related to the pandemic, World Centers Joint Development, Girls Leadership Program, and support of the Ukraine Emergency Fund.

The morning session included presentations from our two Members. Rumi Morales was introduced as the new GSUSA International Commissioner. Rumi has a wealth of GSUSA, experience including as a National Board Member for GSUSA since 2020 and is very excited about the future of global Girl Scouting.

Katherine Nolan Brown, Fund Development and Partnerships, and Lane Wallace, Executive Director, USA Girl Scouts Overseas presented reports for last year's funded projects and programs as well as a run-down of this year's funding request. Following some very exciting camp sessions worldwide with last year's Community Camp Grants, USAGSO is partnering with Our Chalet to offer a residential summer camp session this summer. A future USAGSO Camp Grants application would help to fund this and continued community camping. This is a great opportunity for the girl members who've placed travel and overnight camping as priorities!

The Board was joined by Heidi Jokinen, WAGGGS Board Chair and Anna Segal, CEO of WAGGGS. The World Foundation was thanked for its continued support of

global opportunities for girls and young women. Heidi and Anna also discussed wonderful results from the Ukraine Emergency Appeal and Juliette Low Seminar of 2022, excitement leading up to the first in-person World Conference since 2017 to be held in Cyprus this July, and the vision of Compass 32 for an “equal world where all girls can thrive.”

The World Foundation Board received and/or approved the following changes in World Foundation Committee membership:

Friends of Our Cabaña USA:

- Rebecca Daniels, Durham, NC to replace Edith Hubbard, Carrboro, NC as Vice-President
- Joan Kennedy Tolley, Black Mountain, NC to Emeritus Status
- Notification of deaths of Nancy Draper, Eugene, OR and Pat Newton, Past Committee Chair, 1996-1999, Pomona, CA

Friends of Sangam USA

- Karen J. Vis – Cumming, GA

Friends of WAGGGS USA:

- Joanne Fischer – Bala Cynwyd, PA
- Nayeli Zayas – Cuernavaca, Mexico

Our final guest speaker was Dr. Stefanie Argus, Chair of the Western Hemisphere Regional Committee. The Western Hemisphere team is enthusiastic in supporting the reopening of Our Cabaña in a few ways including through connecting with the Friends of Our Cabaña. She also shared that thanks to a donation from the Friends of Our Cabaña Hardship Fund, where seven Central and South American MOs facing challenging seasons were able to cover their fees to be voting eligible in advance of this summer’s World Conference!

As previously mentioned, Friday night the World Foundation Board Development Committee conducted a ‘Conversation Café’ to evaluate the current World Foundation Board of Directors and explore future needs. The results were incorporated into the meeting of the Board of Directors where plans to establish an Alumni group were approved.

Other Board agenda items included discussion from the Finance Committee and approval to simplify management of Endowments and how the World Foundation can better support opportunities for Girl Scouts of the USA, GSUSA, and the Western Hemisphere Regional Committee.

In other news:

The World Foundation Board of Directors met on February 21st, 2023, and approved grants totaling \$ 1,285,416 to support WAGGGS and GSUSA.

The World Centres Joint Development Project 2023 will use funds for the first six months of reopening Our Cabaña, Leadership Development projects at Our Chalet, Sangam, and Kusafiri, and the Volunteer Programs at Our Chalet and Pax Lodge. With co-funding by CAF Canada, WAGGGS will begin the Creation Phase of a new framework for a Quality Learning and Development Project. Additional funding will go to the Young Delegates Leadership Event 2023, Thriving MOs - Capacity Building, Campfire, Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting Visibility, and the WAGGGS Development Project 2023.

USAGSO was funded for continued virtual programming; support of Our Chalet residential camp; and Community Camps.



July 17-22, 2023

GSUSA National Council Session
and Hall of Experiences
Walt Disney World, Orlando, FL

The World Foundation’s Mission is to support projects and programs undertaken by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts and Girl Scouts of the USA, “to enable girls and young women to develop their fullest potential as responsible citizens of the world”.

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