

Draft Minutes of INLW General Meeting Thursday 18 May 2017

At the Hotel Golden Tulip Fenix in Andorra

Attendees of the Board: President Margaret de Vos van Steenwijk, Past President Joaquina Alemany, Deputy President Hakima El Haiti, Secretary General Mireia Huerta, Treasurer Lysbeth van Valkenburg, Vice President Maysing Yang and Vice president Khadija El Morabit.

1- Welcome and introduction: President opens the meeting and welcomes many members and other interested persons.

2- Apologies for absence received from: vice Presidents Marianne Kallen, Kaba Fofana Yaya Fanta and Patricia Olamendi, member of the Board, Leticia Gutiérrez.

Adoption of agenda: the agenda is adopted by the meeting.

3- Minutes of the last General Meeting in Mexico in 2015: No changes are suggested to the minutes. The minutes are approved. A remark was made by the President that the Vice President of a region can in general also be appointed as President of an "INLW Chapter". In some regions it is appropriate that the Chapter is headed by another individual than the Vice President.

4- President's Report

The president Margaret de Vos Van Steenwijk says that to see what activities have been attended to by the President more information is to be seen on the website.

The President asked members to send in reports about their local activities to be put on the website under the chapter: News from Members.

In this way members can learn from the experiences of other liberal women and organizations.

5- Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer reports that she has written letters to interested persons and parties to become members. There has been a significant increase in the past year.

The membership fee that INLW has to pay to Liberal International is still under discussion with the Treasurer of LI, Mr M.Eisenbach. The president and Treasurer have been in London to discuss this and hopefully we will be paying a special small membership fee to LI. The discussion will continue this fall when the LI financial advisory group in which we are participating continues to discuss the membership fees for all members of LI.

Everyone agrees with the financial report.

The GM decides to heighten the yearly subscriptions of individual members from €15 to €25 and make another category Groups €150,- and Party's €250. There is also the possibility of paying say 3 years together to avoid losing too much money on bank transfer fees.

Mr Eisenbach explains that the fee has to change that member parties should also all become members of INLW. He understands that with the present membership of INLW it is not possible for us to pay in the same way as member political parties.

7. Report of the Secretary General

Outstanding

8 Report of the regions

Khadija el Morabit tells that in Morocco the INLW Chapter is being established. Friedrich Naumann Stiftung in Morocco has promised to finance the INLW Chapters events for the coming 3 years.

Maysing Yang from the Asian Region invited all to Taipeh in August to attend the CALD caucus conference there. The President of INLW will attend this to stimulate the cooperation of CALD and INLW. She encourages INLW to ask for funding for events from the Foundation in Taiwan where she is on the Board.

9. Confirmation of appointment of new INLW Board Members: Patricia Olamendi was appointed vice President for Latin America and Leticia Gutiérrez as member of the Board.

10. Election and appointment of a new Board member: Ruth Richardson, born in Aruba and living in the Netherlands, was appointed as member of the Board. She will concentrate mainly on debate and following the UN Human Rights and other subjects at the United Nations.

11. Input to the LI Congress by INLW: INLW resolutions were discussed and accepted to be presented to LI Congress. Also it was decided who would attend the working group meeting on the resolutions.

12. Liberal Manifesto: The new Liberal Manifesto was discussed, especially the passage on women's rights, equalities, political representation and personal freedom. We were sorry that there was not more about the position on women, but satisfied with the content of the passage that was finally put in under pressure of many women at the LI meeting in Marrakesh.

13. Future plans and developments: Our Deputy President Hakima El Haité is nominated for the Deputy Presidency of LI. We expect her to be appointed on Saturday. That implies that she will resign from her position in the INLW Board and that INLW will have to look for a new Deputy President for the future.

14. Any other business:

Past President Joaquina Alemany has written a book on Women and Liberalism. And she will present this after the General Meeting at the start of the Panel Event "20 years INLW" to INLW President and LI President Juli Minoves.

President Margaret de Vos thanks all the members and other Congress attendees for joining us this morning in Andorra.