

## INLW General Meeting, New York 11<sup>th</sup> March 2023 230 West 56 Street 47<sup>th</sup> floor (between Broadway and 8<sup>th</sup> Ave.)

Attendees: Jayanthi Devi Balaguru (President), Margaret de Vos van Steenwijk (Past-President), Lysbeth van Valkenburg (Treasurer), Maysing Yang (vice-president), Josephine Vuylsteke, Sorina Woods, Anna Tung, Li-Hsiang Huang, Kimhun Thit, Knei Ling Chen. By zoom: Somaye Dehban (the Netherlands), Saida Ahmed (Somalia) now from Canada and later Ruth Richardson.

- 1. **Apologies of absence**: Khadija El Morabit was unable to attend. Ruth Richardson wil attend the Water Conference at the UN 22-24 of March but will join us later by zoom.
- 2. Agenda: is approved
- 3. Minutes of GM 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018 in Dakar approved
- 4. **The president report:** the president will give us a report of her activities during the past years. The report is added at the end.
- 5. Financial reports:

financial report 2018-2019 financial report 2020 financial report 2021 financial report 2022

Approval of the Budget for 2023, all the reports were approved.

- 6. **Repor**t: As the secretary general is no longer in our Board, there was no report.
- 7. Report of regions and Chapters: Our chapters are doing well as was told by some of our vice-presidents who were present during the meeting. It is important that our regions and chapters realize that they are responsible for their own finances.
- 8. **Re-elections of INLW Board members**, the following members were elected:

President: Jayanthi Devi Balaguru

Past President: Margaret de Vos van Steenwijk-Groeneveld

Deputy President: Khadija El Morabit

Secretary General: Ruth Richardson, (as well as special member Climate and Water)

Treasurer: Lysbeth van Valkenburg-Lely Vice President MENA: Loubna Amhair

Vice President Asia-Pacific: Josephine Vuylsteke

Vice President SEA: Kimhun Thit (nominated) Vice President West Africa: Awa Gueye Kebe

Member: Somaye Dehban (nominated)

Consultative Committee: Maysing Yang

9. Adaptation and amendments of INLW Constitution: The amendments for the constitution are accepted. This means that we will have our next General Meeting at the same time as LI, next year 2024. At that GM some more board members will step down. Suggestion to make the periods of payment of membership also somewhat longer, so 1 year, 2 years and 4 years. The treasurer will work out this idea.

This time Maysing Yang stepped down as vice-president. On the recommendation of the Board, she is appointed as member of the Consultative Committee.

President Jayanthi Devi Balaguru gives thanks to her for all her work and commitment to INLW. She helped to form the Chapter in Taiwan and is still active for women's positions in all aspects. President Jayanthi gives her a beautiful glass photo frame as a remembrance for all her work.

10. Input for CSW and Water conference: Ruth Richardson will attend the water conference and has organized a side event together with other parties. She will be moderator at one of the events and at others one of the speakers. The theme is women, water, education in past, present and future.
For the 206 LI Exc. comm. meeting in Ottawa 3 resolutions have been send in, Margaret de Vos and Lysbeth van V. will attend on behalf of INLW GM INLW in 2024 at next congress of LI.

- 11. Future plans and developments: On the way forward by:
  - partnerships
  - events in regions with local groups/communities/ civil groups
  - training & motivation workshops
  - identifying funding in regions

Our aim for the next year i.e. to focus on our 5Es:

- Eliminating all forms of discrimination
- Educate
- Empower
- Enhance women lives
- Equality
- 12. **Any other business**: a warm welcome to our new members, some are living in the USA but have close connections with Cambodia.

H.E. van Valkenburg-Lely, Treasurer

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Report of President Jayanthi Devi Balaguru about meetings and activities of INLW (2018-2023),
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1. 200th Executive Committee of LI, 22nd June 2018 @ Berlin 62<sup>nd</sup> Congress of LI 2018, INLW GM 28<sup>th</sup> November @ Dakar, Senegal ALN General Assembly together with promoting Women Leaders workshop 6th - 9th March 2019 @ Marrakesh, Morocco CSW63 @ New York, 10th - 17th March 2019 INLW Board Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019 @ Club Quarters, New York HRC LI - Discussion on Women's Advancement & Leadership Paper 11th – 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019 @ Stockholm CALD Women's Caucus, Women Leadership, 28th - 29th September 2019 @ Malaysia CALD - Innovating Democracy Through Technology & ExCom Meeting 18th - 23rd October 2019 @ Taiwan LI Exc. Comm., 21st - 24th November 2019 @ Fes Morocco CALD Election Mission to Taiwan, 8th - 12th January 2020 International Forum on Lawfare, 20th - 22nd February 2020 @ De La Salle University Manila Zoom Closed, When Justice Becomes Out of League: Asia in the Time of Pandemic 21st May 2020 12. Zoom Conference, Women, Power and the Pandemic: A Liberal Roundtable, 4th June 2020 13. CSW65 - virtual, March 2021 14. CALD Women's Caucus Workshop-virtual, 9th - 10th April 2021 INLW Board Meeting – Zoom, 27th August 2021 CALD Communication Workshop – Zoom, 30th - 31st October 2021 17. INLW Board Meeting – Zoom, 3rd December 2021 CSW66 Parallel Event Planning (1) – Zoom, INLW/LI/NDI, 31st January 2022 19. CSW66 Parallel Event Planning (2) – Zoom, INLW/LI/NDI, 14th February 2022 CSW66 Parallel Event Planning (3) – Zoom, INLW/LI/NDI, 4th March 2022 CSW66 Parallel Event Planning (4) – Zoom, INLW/LI/NDI, 10th March 2022 CSW66 - virtual, Political Women Addressing Gender, Climate Change and Conflict Hosts: INLW/LI/NDI, 14th March 2022

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CSW66 – virtual, Policy in Substantive Carbon Reduction, APL/INLW, 17th March 2022

CSW66 – virtual, Challenges in Gender Equality in Leadership & Economic Power APL/INLW, 18th March 2022

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CSW66 – virtual, UN NGOS on the Status of Women, 22nd March 2022

Democracy Talk – virtual, LI & CALD, 23rd March 2022

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INLW Board Meeting – Zoom, 24th June 2022

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INLW Meet via Zoom @ Sofia LI  $63^{\rm rd}$  Congress, 2nd July 2022

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INLW Board Meeting chaired by DP, Khadija El Morabit -Zoom, 27th November 2022 30.

CSW67 @ New York, 6-17 March 2023, INLW GM 11th March.

CSW67 @ New York, 6th March, forum organized by APL & STUFand INLW in attendance, theme "Leave No One Behind-Overcoming the Inequality of Digital Age."

2023 03 11 draft minutes of the **General Meeting** in New York.