



Women's Sport International

Minutes of the Advisory Board Meeting

May 21, 2010

Sydney, Australia

Present: Johanna Adriaanse, Kari Fasting, Takako Iida, Lydia la Riviere-Zijdel, Carole Oglesby, Carol Rodgers, Chris Shelton, Anita White,

Regrets: Stilani Chroni, Mary Jane DeSouza, Laura Gajardo, Janet Kabebiri-Macharia, Sock Miang Teo-Koh, Gertrud Pfister, Barbara Drinkwater

1. Welcome and Introductions

President Kari Fasting welcomed everyone to the meeting. A special welcome was extended to Anita White who was attending her first meeting as a member of the board.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved with minor modifications to the order. CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes – Tampa, Florida – April, 2009

The minutes were approved as circulated. CARRIED

4. Business Arising

- Updates on action items from previous meeting were incorporated into related agenda items.

5. Reports

- Website – CR/KF (see attachment 1)

The statistics reports highlighting website usage and search titles were circulated as part of the meeting package. KF also provided details of correspondence with Ross/Sue in which they suggested that the website could use an update/makeover so that it is modernized. There was lots of good information on the site and updating the site would help to make this more readily

available for users. Feedback on the idea of adding research papers/publications and suggestions on how to best do this was also provided.

The option to use other forms of social media [e.g. twitter, facebook] as a means to engage members and others interested in issues that WSI is involved in was discussed. Concern was raised on the level of engagement that would be required of the board to ensure that this is managed regularly and in a timely fashion. It was thought that until more clarity is achieved on “who” we want our audience to be that updating the website should be the priority.

It was agreed that **KF/BD and CR would set up a conference call with Ross and Sue to discuss potential changes to the website. The cost to make these changes would also be discussed at that time.**

The previous action item to clear the website of outdated information was “pending” as this would likely occur as part of the website update.

CO noted that she remains that “contact us” contact person and that she has noted a significant decrease in the number of requests she receives annually for information.

- Treasurer – BD (see attachment 2)

The treasurer’s report was accepted as circulated.

- Membership Committee – GP/JA/TI
 - Membership Update

Last year it was decided to invite Gretchen Kerr from Canada to become a member of this committee . She has agreed to take on this task and the committee has therefore now been established with representation from four continents. **KF will be speaking with the chair GP at an upcoming meeting about some of the planned initiatives and will report back to the board via email.**

The need to be more active in recruiting/acquiring new members was discussed. KF extended her thanks to JA for putting membership brochure in the IWG Congress package as this will greatly help increase the visibility of WSI.

JA has completed brochure translations into French and Spanish language and these have also been posted on the web.

- Task Force on Homophobia – KF

Vicki Krane has agreed to chair this committee and has proposed two projects for the task force; 1) develop a list of web resources to link to WSI website and 2) to develop a position statement to be submitted to the board for review.

It was also noted that Takako Iida has just received a grant to continue her work on homophobia in sport in Japan.

KF expressed that she was very proud of the fact that members of this committee are among the leading researchers and policy workers in the field. It was agreed that an announcement of this committee and its membership should be posted on the website once all members have been confirmed [one still pending – KF to follow-up]. **[CR to develop announcement]**

Members also discussed the importance of having the task force broadly define its work.

- Task Force on Sexual Harassment – KF

CB and KF continuing to do work for IOC on the project: The development of an athlete Protection Model of Best Practice and an Athlete Education program via an interactive on-line program. Interactive education program for youth 14-17 years and for coaches have been developed and will be tested at the upcoming Youth Olympic Games in Singapore. It was also noted that an education program for athletes (18 years and older) and for sports organizations will also be developed.

The importance of this initiative considering para-athletes was discussed.

- New Task Force on Sport, Women and Disability – LR

LR will begin to bring together a group of interested individuals to create this task force. Group would develop a draft for the mandate and explore options regarding task force name. LR - will be focusing on this in the upcoming month and will provide an update to the board via email.

- Task Force on International Development - KF

Laura Gajardo has agreed to chair this committee.

KF will send LG contact information of other members [AW; Lydia; Chris] of the committee, and follow up on Janet Kabebere-Machiaria (Kenya) and Juliana Jones Yassoda (Tanzania) to be additional members of the task force as decided upon last year. The group should be asked to develop a draft of the objectives and mandate for their work.

- Task Force on Energy and Nutrition - CR

Mary Jane DeSouza has agreed to chair this committee. CR and MJD to meet at upcoming ACSM conference to discuss potential membership and to develop the objectives for the Task Force. **CR will provide an email update to board members re. outcome of these discussions.**

6. International Organization Updates

- Updates from meeting(s) attended by WSI Representatives
 - ICSSPE 2009, Australia - JA

JA provided an overview of the meeting she attended on behalf of WSI. Pursuing the availability of funding from European Union for certain gender projects is a key area of focus for ICSSPE. Involvement of the ICSSPE Associations in ICSSPE activities is another targeted area of focus. Members were reminded that the members of the Association Boards are not fixed and there is opportunity to suggest new association members.

- IWG – 2009 - CO and 2010 – KF

IWG 2009 – CO attended meeting in Bogata.

IWG 2010 – KF – participating as a member of the board and as WSI president at current meeting. Progress report of WSI published in current conference materials.

- UN – CSW 54 session – JA/CO

CO provided a verbal reported and noted that timing and other ongoing activities limited attendance, although there were approximately 30-35 people at the session. The session was arranged in cooperation with IWG and WSF (USA). The panel members were CO, Martha Brady and JA. . It was noted that JA contributed to the Australian government CDAW shadow report that identified progress that had been made in sport and those areas still needing focus. It was noted that a suggestion to attendees that a similar “shadow” report be developed in each of their respective countries had been made. Panel and session was well received.

7. Updates on Ongoing Issues and Areas of Interest

- UNESCO Observatory on Women, Sport and PE
 - No update available – SC has been contacted and has agreed to follow-up. Unlikely that this will occur given the economy in Greece
- Publication on a book from the conference in Trikala
 - No update available – SC has been contacted and response is still pending.
- Translations of brochures (SH and Triad) - JA and LR
 - Still pending.
- Ski- Jumping in 2010 – CO
 - BD has posted an article on the web about this. Discussion about the danger for the female body arose as part of this issue. WSI has supported in writing [petitions] the request of the athletes.
- Collaboration Women's Education Worldwide – CS

- To date, CS has been unable to get us on their program. PE/Sport is still not a priority area. CS will continue to pursue as opportunities arise.
- UN - ECOSOC membership – KF and JA
 - Progressing.
 - Response to queries has been submitted.
 - Application will be reviewed next week.
- Women Win – LR
 - Lots of change in the past year. Has moved from just a funding organization to one which creates their own programs, guides etc.
 - LR encouraged KF to talk further with Women Win to ensure we are on their “radar” as an organization worthy of receiving project funding.
 - LR still on advisory board – term ends next year.
- ACSM Satellite Conference – June, 2010 – CR
 - Sexual Differentiation Disorders – this has been organized by Barbara Drinkwater and will be hosted on the final day of the upcoming ACSM meeting. Speakers and invited discussants include individuals from a multitude of research areas, including reproductive endocrinology, psychology and sociology. A representative from the IOC will also be in attendance and provide an overview of IOC perspective on this issue.

8. Sport for Women with Disability in an International Perspective – LR

LR to write a contribution to put on the website – for September, 2010

9. Strategic Plan - KF and AW

AW provided an overview of her thinking on this from her perspective as a new board member. Given the size and limited funding of the organization a strategic approach to decision making and project selection etc. might be of value.

JA/AW/KF to look into this further and determine whether this is a viable project for the organization to consider.

10. Future projects

- ACSM-WSI affiliation –

ACSM has approached WSI about the opportunity for WSI to be affiliated with ACSM. BD and Jim Whitehead will develop a memorandum of understanding and circulate it to the board for consideration.

The title of the symposium is Promoting Social Inclusion: A transnational study to increase knowledge and understanding of religious and cultural diversity for women in sport in migrant European communities.

KF provided background of the Symposium that she will be part of in Alexandria at an International Conference. She noted that this collaborative project has been extremely positive for all groups. In addition to KF WSI will be represented by Nada Knorre (Czech Republic) and Kristin Walseth (Norway). Gertrud Pfister will also attend.

- Physical activity for women in Chile – KF

KF introduced the idea of initiating a small project quickly in Chile related to physical activity for women, particularly in the context of psychological benefits given the recent tragic occurrence in the country. This could be done in conjunction with the International Development group work that LG is already undertaking. It was agreed that CO/CS/LG would determine what funding opportunities might be available and develop a project proposal if warranted.

11. Other

- The World Village of Womens Sport- KF

KF provided an overview of a recent initiative that is being undertaken in Sweden to develop The World Village of Women Sports which aim is to give sportswomen of the world the same opportunities to develop as their male counterparts. A total of €200 million is to be invested in this research development and training centre.. KF has been named to the executive board of directors along with several other high profile researchers. Members were encouraged to review the project's website for more details <http://www.worldvillage.se/home>.

- ICSSPE July, 2010 – Cuba

It was agreed that WSI could support the travel of an member of the advisory board to attend this meeting. CS will be approached to see if she is willing to attend on behalf of WSI.

12. Future Meetings - TBD