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FAWCO Biennial Conference 2019 – Edinburgh



Annual General Meeting – Session 3 Saturday, March 23, 2019

The session was called to order at 9:04.

Announcements

Sallie Chaballier (AAWE Paris), FAWCO President, announced that Biennial Conference charms could be specially ordered from Barbara Bühling (AIWC Düsseldorf), The FAWCO Foundation VP Fundraising, as the original supply was exhausted. People who needed cash for raffle tickets could get it from the hotel ATM. Anitra Kitts (Munich IWC) would hold a communion service before breakfast on Sunday. Interested participants should contact her about details. An additional workshop would be held today on audio description for the blind. Johanna Dishongh (FAUSA), US Liaison, reminded participants that FAWCO sponsors London & Capital would give a valuable workshop, and encouraged them to attend.

Roll call and approval of minutes

Mary Stewart Burgher (AWC Denmark), Secretary, called the roll. Forty-one FAWCO clubs were present, as follows: AWA of Aberdeen, AWC of Amsterdam, AWC of Antwerp, AW in the Aquitaine, AWC of Basel, AWC of Berlin, AWC of Bern, AWC of Bogotá, AWC of Brussels, AIWC of Cologne, AWC in Denmark, AIWC Düsseldorf, AW of the Eastern Province, AWC in Finland, AILO of Florence, AIWC Frankfurt Taunus Rhein-Main, AIWC of Genoa, AWO of Greece, AWC of The Hague, AWC of Hamburg, Heidelberg IWC, AWG of Languedoc-Roussillon, AWC of Lebanon, AWC of London, AWC of Luxembourg, AC of Lyon, AWC of Madrid, AWC of Malmö, AIWA of Marrakesh, AWO Moscow, ACIW of Mumbai, Munich IWC, AIWC Naples, AWC of Oslo, AAWE Paris, AWG in Paris, AWA of Rome, AWC of Central Scotland, AW of Surrey, AWA Vienna, AWC of Zurich. This constituted a quorum.

The participants reviewed the minutes for the first two days. Corrections were supplied by email, and from the floor, by Suzanne Wheeler (AAWE Paris, FAUSA), The FAWCO Foundation President; Laurie Richardson (AWA Vienna), UN Liaison; Sue Frick (AWC Brussels); Maggie Palu (AW in the Aquitaine); Kathleen Simon (AWC Bern); and Carol Strametz (AWC Hamburg). Cecily Garver (Munich IWC) moved that the minutes for March 21 be approved as amended; Anne van Oorschot (AWC The Hague) seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously. Julie Mowat (AWC The Hague) moved that the minutes for March 22 be approved as amended; Angie Aebersold (AWC Bern) seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Tribute to Lucy Laederich (AAWE Paris, US Liaison)

Sallie Chaballier (AAWE Paris), FAWCO President, introduced Paula Daeppen (AWC Zurich) and Georgia Regnault (AWC The Hague) to pay tribute to Lucy Stensland Laederich,

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a FAWCO icon, a brilliant thinker, an exemplary leader, role model and inspiration, a tireless advocate and friend, who had died peacefully on February 1, surrounded by her family, her two cats and the love of her friends around the world. Lucy had attended her first Conference in Paris in 1981, initially as part of The FAWCO Foundation serving as the Awards Chair, chair of the Status of Women committee, and Education chair in the early 1990s. She joined the Board as First Vice President in 1995, and FAWCO President in 1995. Lucy remained involved as a wise Counselor and, until recently, FAWCO US Liaison, in which position she had helped organize Overseas Americans Week (OAW), which had become an annual advocacy event, and had been instrumental in the formation of the Americans Abroad Caucus in the House of Representatives. The many condolence letters sent on Lucy's passing cited many initial memorable and inspiring encounters that had led to enduring friendships.

Her intelligence and passion would be sorely missed. The FAWCO Board had voted to establish the Lucy Stensland Laederich Memorial Fund to forward the causes she held dear. After a standing ovation, the Conference participants watched a video on Lucy made by Rick Chizmadia (FAUSA First VP Communications).

Cultural Volunteers Program 2019

Mary Dobrian (AIWC Cologne) and My-Linh Kunst (AWC Berlin), Co-Chairs, Youth Program, paid tribute to the work of the former Chair, Barbara Bühling (AIWC Düsseldorf), The FAWCO Foundation VP Fundraising, They gave a short history of the Program and its links to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Program offers various programs for young people aged 5-25 years. Participants interested in learning more about or participating in these should contact the Co-Chairs. AWC Berlin had hosted the 2018 Youth Cultural Volunteers Program, which had had 12 participants: a video made by them was shown. The 2019 Program would take place in October in Greece; Georgia Kallis (AWO Greece) described the plans for the event.

Proposed changes to the FAWCO Bylaws

Sallie Chaballier (AAWE Paris), FAWCO President, introduced a proposed change to the FAWCO Bylaws. Lauren Mescon (AWC Amsterdam) moved the following change to ARTICLE XIV, Section 1 of the FAWCO Bylaws:

ARTICLE XIV FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

SEC. 1. FISCAL YEAR

The Fiscal year shall commence on the first day of May.

To become:

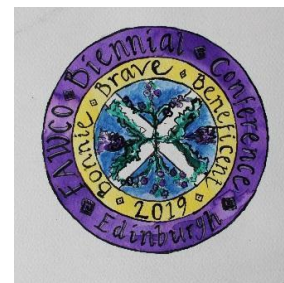
ARTICLE XIV FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

SEC. 1. FISCAL YEAR The Fiscal year shall commence on the first day of **January**.

Cecily Garver (Munich IWC) seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously. Votes on the remaining proposed changes would take place on Sunday.

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Target Program 4.0 – Health

Sallie Chaballier (AAWE Paris), FAWCO President, noted the close links between FAWCO's four pillars, and the issues addressed by the Target Program. Target 4.0 would address women's and girls' health, with the SDGs providing a framework. Martha Canning (AWC Amsterdam), Vice President Global Issues, had agreed to chair the Target Program 4.0, as she had a professional background in health and strong interest in women's and girls' health issues.

The new Target Program Chair thought that a Target focus on health was particularly timely, and closely linked to education. Over half of the global population lacked access to health care, disproportionately women, for a wide range of reasons. FAWCO's work on Target issues benefitted FAWCO, as well as to the topics addressed. SDG 3 on health was closely connected to all the other issues covered by the SDGs. International organizations recognized women's health as the key to development. Target Program 4.0 now began its three-year cycle with education and awareness raising; the project would be selected in March 2020 and fundraising would continue through February 2022. She asked participants to visit the World Health Organization (WHO) website to learn about SDG 3. FAWCO faced a big challenge, but she was sure that FAWCO women could achieve it.

Global Issues Team

Martha Canning (AWC Amsterdam), Vice President Global Issues, introduced the Chairs of the Global Issues Teams, who would describe how FAWCO clubs could become more involved with global issues. The Teams' full reports could be found in the [Annual Report 2018](#).

Education

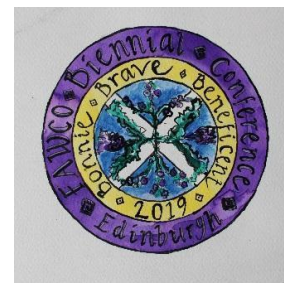
Carol-Lyn McKelvey (AIWC Cologne), Co-Chair, said that the Education Team focused on four areas of SDG 4, and recognized the Team members who were present at the Conference. It had published articles in the *Global Issues Digest*, held the second annual Global Book Read and promoted the celebration of four international days related to education. The Team had worked closely with Target 3.0, and supported the Human Rights Team in the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Campaign. She encouraged the Conference participants to attend relevant upcoming events, including the Global Festival of Action in May, the third annual Book Read to be announced in June. The Team had held a breakfast meeting that morning to plan ways to serve clubs better. Participants were invited to hold events and notify the Team about them, so that the Team could publicize them further.

Environment

Anne van Oorschot (AWC The Hague) and Renuka Matthews (Individual member, Dubai/FAUSA), Co-Chairs of the Environment Team, reminded the participants of the importance of food, water and air quality and sustainability as environmental issues. The Team worked to increase FAWCO members' awareness of and action on environmental

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issues that affect their lives. The four global issues were closely interconnected; similarly, the SDGs were closely related to the environment. The Team now published information materials in the *Global Issues Digest*. The Co-chairs recognized the contributions of the 11 Team members and listed the articles written by them, which clubs were encouraged to reproduce in their newsletters. The Co-Chairs asked participants to complete short survey and to visit their table at Face2Face.

Health

Blandina Steinhauslin (AILO Florence), Co-chair, noted that the Health Team aimed to increase awareness of and action on women and children's health issues among FAWCO clubs, and encouraged FAWCO clubs to promote their members' health. The Team focused particularly on the top 10 Issues in women and children's health identified by WHO, and published articles on these in the *Global Issues Digest*. She recognized the current Team members and invited other FAWCO members to join.

Human Rights

Therese Hartwell (FAUSA), Chair, explained that the Human Rights Team focused on four Issues: economic empowerment, political empowerment, violence against women, and women, peace and conflict. She recognized the contributions of the Team members. She was stepping down as Chair after two four-year terms, and Karen Castellon (AWC Berlin) would take the chair. The Team aimed to raise awareness and educate FAWCO members through the *Global Issues Digest*, encourage clubs to take part in annual human-rights-related events (particularly the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Campaign, a yearlong campaign in 2019), sponsor one-time events and administer the Stand Up against Human Trafficking Facebook page and cover the FAWCO Refugee Network. The participants were asked to share information on their human-rights-related events with the Team. The Team would take part in the 2019 Youth Cultural Volunteers Program.

Maggie Palu (AW in the Aquitaine) reported on many clubs' achievements under Clubs in Motion. For example, Munich IWC and AWC Luxembourg had clocked the largest number of kilometers in the previous year, and some clubs had combined physical activity with raising funds and awareness of good causes. FAWCO regional meetings and conferences also included physical activity. Since the 2017 Conference, FAWCO members had walked enough kilometers to circle the Earth.

Christine Funke (Heidelberg IWC) suggested that the *Global Issues Digest* include notifications of forthcoming events. The Teams were already working on developing a calendar. Maggie Palu (AW in the Aquitaine) appealed for members to contribute to an orange-themed cookbook connected to the 16 Days of Activism. The Vice President Global Issues thanked the Teams for all their efforts and for being such a pleasure to work with. Special thanks were due to the Co-Chairs of the Health Team for raising its profile and increasing its activity.

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The FAWCO President noted that the Global Issues Teams were an avenue for increased member involvement in FAWCO and its work. The *Global Issues Digest* comprised a series of links to the FAWCO [website](#), so any interested person could access and use its content at any time. The Public Relations (PR) and Media Committee would also promote this material through social media. The FAWCO Foundation VP Programs Tracy Moede (AWC Hamburg) reminded two remaining clubs to hand in their votes on the 2019 Development Grants within the next hour.

The session concluded at 11.05.