

June 15, 2020
Zoom Video Conference

WCI Board of Directors' Meeting 2020 Report



***“Leadership
During
Uncertainty”***



MEMBER CLUBS PRESENT:

Anglo-German International Women's Association e.V.

Berkshire International Club

Broward International Women's Club

International Women's Club of Baku

International Women's Club of Hamburg e.V.

International Women's Club of New England

International Women's Club of Philadelphia

International Women's Club of Porto Alegre

The Women's League of Beirut

VIA Lebanon International Club

Welcome to Colorado International Club

Welcome to Florida International Club

Welcome to Korea International Club

Welcome to London International Women's Club

Welcome to Taipei International Club

Welcome to Turkish Cyprus Club

Welcome to Washington International Club

Women's International Border Club

Women's International Club Jakarta

The 2020 Board of Directors' Meeting, which was scheduled to be held in Jakarta, Indonesia, June 14–19th, was cancelled in early March 2020. Member club, the Women's International Club of Jakarta, was putting the final touches on what was to be a celebratory, sensory, and unique program when a global pandemic halted all international and national plans. The conferences have been WCI's hallmark introductions to international cultures and customs, offering a first-hand view into how our members extend friendship while building a more peaceful society in their communities through their programs.

The suspension of all face-to-face and live-contact activities inspired the first-ever virtual Board of Directors' Meeting held on Zoom on June 15th, 2020. All member clubs were represented and introduced to one another. WCI's President welcomed all past WCI Presidents, Executive Committee members, and special guests, Anna Kristina Sawtelle (founder of the IWC New England Club and former WCI Executive Committee member) and Pooja Assomull (Past-President of the WIC Jakarta Club). Next, all Board of Directors and representatives introduced themselves. It was indeed an honor and a pleasure to listen to the representatives of member clubs spread throughout continents around the globe.

The meeting's theme was "Leadership During Uncertainty." Underlying the challenges our uncertain times present to leaders was the charge that if a leader commits to life-long learning and leads with empathy, she can successfully navigate difficult times. Last year's Minutes and various reports were presented and voted on, all virtually, and a PowerPoint Presentation highlighting key characteristics observed in our leaders was shared with the participants.

The meeting ended with a presentation of three clubs highlighting how they are articulating education in their programs. WIC Jakarta talked about its more than 15 children and student-focused scholarship and student-support programs. IWC Hamburg shared its internal-education focus and deep-dive workshops and discussions on broad, global topics. IWC Philadelphia highlighted one of the four programs it supports called Musicopia, where musical instruments are restored and given to children, allowing them to participate in city orchestras and programs they otherwise would not be able to access.

A succinct 1 hour and 20-minute program was successfully presented for a Board of Directors' Conference for the first time virtually, demonstrating that

WCI is equipped and able to respond to challenging times and to support its members as they do the same. WCI supports a global community of like-minded women focused on transforming our societies, one friendship at a time.

A special thank you goes to our WCI Secretary and Media & Communications Co-Chair, Lea Hesse, for co-hosting and organizing a successful virtual Board of Directors' meeting. Thank you also to Media & Communications Chair, Reem Iversen, for her technical support and assistance before and during this historic meeting.

Reported by Kim Riedel, WCI President (2019-2021)

Zoom Photos of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee members in attendance



