

7th December 2010: On-line Conference

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Present

Cameron Neil
Connie Walyaro
Gbenga Sesan
Greg Nelson
Nick Byrne
Akindele Oyeyemi
Rosen Dimov
Cosmas Ba-Ana-Itenebe

1. Welcome and Meeting Agenda

- Cam welcomed everyone to the IYPF 2010 AGM and confirmed that the AGM presentation had been received by all present.
- The Meeting Agenda was as follows:
 - Welcome & Agenda for AGM
 - Participant Introductions
 - IYPF Annual Report for 09/10
 - 2009/2010 Financial Report
 - Announcement of the Director Election Results
 - Future Directions
 - Wrap Up & Close
- There were no comments or questions at this point.

2. Participant Introductions

- The following individuals introduced themselves:
 - Cameron Neil: I was one of the founding Director's of the IYPF. I currently work in the Fairtrade field. I'm passionate about tackling poverty and eco problems through business. I live in Melbourne, Australia.
 - Akindele Oyeyemi: living in Lagos, Nigeria. This is my first Annual General Meeting with IYPF. I'm currently researching on Education and Technology Impact so far on the Nigerian youths.
 - Nick Byrne: I'm from Brisbane Australia. I currently act as the Knowledge Manager for Engineers Without Borders Australia, have founded the ThinkActLive initiative and am passionately working within the Social Enterprise, Community and International Development scene.
 - Gbenga Sesan: I'm one of the current Directors of the IYPF. I've worked (post-college) in the ICT for Development field for about 9 years and I'm passionate about using ICTs for socio-economic development and (social) entrepreneurship. I live in Lagos, Nigeria.

- Connie Walyaro: I'm President of CWF and IYPF Director from Nairobi, Kenya. I am passionate about fighting poverty, adequately addressing HIV/AIDS, conserving the environment...building a better world. My favourite quote: *....as long as poverty, injustice and gross inequality persist in our world, none of us can truly rest. Nelson Mandela*
 - Greg Nelson, I am a self confessed IT geek as well as a board member and current President of IYPF. Before IYPF, I helped co-found one of Australia's largest refugee tutoring programs, connecting over 500 volunteers to refugee families in the community.
 - Rosen Dimov: from Bulgaria. I represent FLARE (an NGO network of 27 countries fighting organised crime worldwide), and I am also a university teacher and researcher in law. I believe in networking and to my utmost desire I hope to see young leaders changing thoroughly the whole world. Nice to meet you all and hope to cooperate in future!!!
 - Cosmas Ba-Ana-Itenebe: I work in the field of youth development, peace building and conflict transformation for a non-profit in Port-Harcourt, Nigeria, I am currently the Programs Manager and have passion for youth development.
- Some of our colleagues had trouble trying to connect to the AGM.

3. IYPF Annual Report for 09/10

- The last 2 years had been a struggle for IYPF as an organisation. Since the end of IYPS2008, held in Manchester UK, and the onset of the global financial crisis, things hadn't been overly active but the 4 sitting Directors have been working hard to get things back on track. Cameron extended his thanks to Connie, Gbenga and Greg for their hard work over the last 2 years to steer IYPF to where it is today. Unquestionably, there is a lot of potential within IYPF and today's AGM is the exciting new dawn for the foundation as it starts out its 10th year!
- The otherWISE project is pretty much done - youth and sustainable consumption - and almost everything is caught up.

4. 2009/2010 Financial Report

- Financials have been audited and all reports submitted to relevant authorities.
- -\$7487 is the outstanding amount owed to the conference venue for IYPS 2008 in Manchester. More recently, it is looking like this debt may be 'cancelled' and then possibly removed from our books - which would mean IYPF is back to a net cash positive position.
- The Board has also continued to pay down the \$7487 debt [now about -\$6000] since June 30. Our intention has been not to saddle the new Board with a debt moving forward: we are almost in that position - pending a few final arrangements.

5. Announcement of the Director Election Results

- Cameron reminded everyone of the IYPF vision, mission and structure: IYPF has 3 current directors - Greg, Connie and 'Gbenga - staying on until the AGM next year. They will provide some continuity.
- The current directors were very encouraged by the many exceptional candidates and thanked all who took part. A special thanks was given to Nick and Rosen who were the only candidates able to join the AGM.

- With the 23 ballots received - out of a possible 400 - the 3 new directors as voted by the membership were: Sarah Vann-Sander, Cristian Birzer and Nick Byrne. They were congratulated and welcomed by everyone and will serve for 2 years.
- We will be approaching those candidates who missed out on directorship to be on IYPF working groups to help deliver the next phase of the organisation.

6. Future Directions

- Short Term:
 - Get new Board, set up office bearers, compliance requirements, signatories for accounts, etc.
 - Establish working groups for key projects and tasks
- Longer Term
 - Next International Young Professionals Summit and regional meetings
 - International Young Professional of the Year
 - Educating and engaging YPs on the MDGs towards the 2015 goal and the communiqué from IYPS 2008
http://www.iyps.org/sites/default/files/user/iyps2008/IYPS2008_Public_Communique.pdf
- Cam also reiterated that given where IYPF was coming from - out of a period of difficulty - we wanted to make sure we get the ground work right with the new board and get the right people in place with the working groups, etc. An asset review - we have a lot, including a significant network - as well as a proper SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) were suggested.

7. Wrap Up & Close

- Nick wanted to know if there were any key dates set yet. In summation Cam mentioned that we hadn't done any work beyond what was necessary for compliance as we were being very sensitive to being able to take the whole new board through the process of reviewing and making decisions. As with the debt, he reiterated that we didn't want to saddle the new board with any particular responsibilities, even the 3 things alluded to above re the longer term direction of IYPF are up for discussion. There are also some infrastructure things that will need addressing re current website, membership system, email communication and updates to members, integrating twitter and facebook, etc.
- Cosmas suggested we consider certificates or something to show proof of membership. The directors all thought it was an idea to be deliberated further. The Board also thanked the participants for their continued contribution, commitment and support and promised good times ahead!!
- Cam will oversee the compliance bits and pieces with the new board, and also send out director consent forms.
- Connie will sort minutes for the AGM and the first Board meeting with all the new directors.