

# **Minutes**

## **15<sup>th</sup> WFDYS Meeting**

**1 – 6 March 2010**

**Seoul, South Korea**

**World Federation of the Deaf Youth Section**  
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# 15<sup>th</sup> WFDYS MEETING

## **01. OPENING ADDRESS**

### **1.1 President, World Federation of the Deaf Youth Section**

(JAG) Good afternoon, everyone. It is good to see you all again, here in Seoul! I am glad to have our 15<sup>th</sup> board meeting here with thanks to Hee-Kyung Cho for organising this. This meeting is supported by Seoul Deaf Youth Association, Korean Association of the Deaf, and Seoul Deaf Association.

## **02. ROLL CALL**

### **Present at the meeting were:**

Juan Angel De Gouveia (JAG), Venezuela	President
Lars Knudsen (LK), Denmark	Vice-President
Melissa Malzkuhn (MM), USA	Secretary
Hee-Kyung Cho (HKC), South Korea	Member
Florian Gravogl (FG), Austria	Member

### **Apology Received:**

Daniel Greenwood (DG), New Zealand	Member
Roberto Suarez (RS), Spain	Member

## **03. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

**Decision:** Meeting minutes is approved

## **04. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Agenda is accepted.

### **4.1 Review of Task List**

#### ***Refer to Task List***

#### **Comments from JAG:**

- I apologise for lack of emails; I have had internet problems and apparently I have not received any emails or you have received any emails from me
- I understand that most of you have not finished tasks, you are volunteers but we need someone to remind us about tasks
- Lars will take the responsibility

## **4.2 Signature and approval procedure**

**Discussion:** (LK) I would like to propose that all of the board members sign and ratify meeting minutes, instead of just the President and Secretary. This means all of us agree on the minutes.

**Decision:** Approved.

**Action:** MM to organise meeting minutes in Venezuela for board signatures before sending them out to associations.

## **05. REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

### **5.1 Signed Report from Juan Angel De Gouveia, President**

(JAG) I attended the WFD board meeting in Uganda, and it was a tremendous success with the deaf community. We had a march to celebrate international deaf day. I also gave a presentation to deaf youth there. It's very different in Uganda, the quality of life, and I hope we made a difference in their lives. After Uganda, I went to South Africa to meet with the COC and to attend a youth camp training weekend. I gave another presentation on WFDYS, and explained our camp guidelines. The youth training weekend was a success with 30 deaf youth attending (2 representatives per regional association). I also visited the location of the youth camp – it is a very excellent choice.

In November, I went to Panama to attend the conference and establishment of the youth regional section of Central America and Caribbean. The current board of the section includes representatives from Costa Rica, Panama, and Nicaragua.

Now, I am excited to share with you all that I have received approval from the Ministry of Social Development (Venezuela) to fund the establishment of youth office in Venezuela. This is a very big achievement for the WFDYS!

Lastly, I have been featured on TV, and several radio shows in Venezuela on my work with the WFDYS. This is good for spreading awareness about the work of the WFDYS and deaf youth in general.

**Decision:** Report accepted.

### **5.2 Signed Report from Lars Knudsen, Vice-President**

(LK) Since our last meeting in Norway, I've focused on wrapping up the Jr. Youth Camp. I've received the final report from the Norway COC and shared it with you all for comments and inquiries. No one has made any comments so far; the report has been accepted. The few remaining issues regarding the camp, I will discuss later in the meeting agenda. I attended the EUDY General Assembly in Amsterdam with Florian Gravogl. There, I met with EUDY President, Jenny Nilsson, and we signed a joint statement on

WFDYS and EUDY working collaboration. I also gave a presentation on the WFDYS at Castbergaard, for Frontrunners 5. I hope to get new project ideas with them.

**Decision:** Report accepted.

### **5.3 Signed Report from Melissa Malzkuhn, Secretary**

(MM) Since our meeting in Norway, I have dedicated much of my time in setting up the internship program with Center for International Services and Programs (CIPS) at Gallaudet University, also collaborating with Career Center services for stipends. I am glad to report that we had a number of applicants and after interviewing, we selected Jonathan McMillian, a senior at Gallaudet, to be our intern. Jonathan brings a lot of ideas, experience, and motivation to the table and he will be a great asset to the work of the WFDYS. I have his report, which I will share later in the agenda.

I have also worked on another edition of WFDYS Newsletter, which I sent out in December 2009. I also planned to attend the conference in Panama but due to passport expiration, I had to cancel.

In planning for our 15<sup>th</sup> board meeting, I corresponded with Hend Al-Showaier, the contact person for Saudi Arabia, but due to time constraints, the meeting was cancelled. However, Hend expressed interest in hosting a future board meeting. I will continue our correspondence. However, for the time being, I am glad that Choy could organise a meeting in Seoul.

**Decision:** Report accepted.

### **5.4 Signed Report from Hee-Kyung Cho, Board member**

(HKC) I have devoted most of my time arranging for this meeting to take place in Seoul, corresponding closely with the Seoul Deaf Youth Association. I also assisted Melissa with the Internship Program. I have been corresponding with Asia-Pacific Deaf Youth Section, following their establishment and the plan to select the first official board. Right now the APDYS is being set up by three representatives (Japan, South Korea, and Macau). The official establishment will take place this October, at the APDYS Camp in Macau.

I have yet to finish the business card project for each of us. I also plan to work on the WFDYS powerpoint to add more information on it.

**Decision:** Report accepted.

### **5.5 Signed Report from Florian Gravogl, Board Member**

(FG) I have continued to work on website, and set up a twitter page for WFDYS. It is connected to the WFDYS page on Facebook.

I followed up on [www.supportwfdys.org](http://www.supportwfdys.org) information. It turned out that Jaroslav Ceharik and Carolein Doggen are responsible for the website. I contacted Carolein and she said she will discuss with Jaroslav, and reply back to us.

I attended the Deaf Youth Festival in Orvito, Italy (one hour north of Rome). Over 300 youth attended and it was very wonderful.

I attended the first Deaf Youth Assembly in Albania. Over 200 youth attended and voted on a new board. I helped run the General Assembly.

I attended the EUDY General Assembly with LK.

I met up with Venezuela Camp Director and discussed the programme and planning of Children Camp.

I got an invitation to give a presentation in Budapest, Bulgaria, but I had a conflict and cannot attend.

Deaf Youth in Poland has set up a festival but I have conflicts and none of the other board members could attend. I understand that it was successful.

**Decision:** Report accepted.

## **06. NEWS FROM WFD SECRETARIAT/BOARD**

### **6.1 WFD Project on Human Rights of Children and Youth**

(JAG) At the Uganda 2009 WFD Board Meeting, there was an ORG meeting focusing on a project on human rights for children and youth. I inquired about it. Laura Pajunen, the assistant to President Markku Jokinen, is now looking for funding to establish the project. This closely corresponds to the work of the WFDYS, so I will need to obtain more information on the project and see how the WFDYS can collaborate with the WFD on this.

**Action:** JAG to inquire for full details on the project.

### **6.2 Internal Rules of the WFD**

There is nothing in it about WFDYS.

**Action:** JAG and LK to check WFD Internal Rules to see where WFDYS fit in.

### **6.3 Situation: WFD and Italy OM on Legal Seat**

This will be settled out of court, as soon as possible. The legal seat will remain in Italy. This situation has cost WFD EUR 30,000.

#### **6.4 YOM/YIM Structure and Application (proposal from WFDYS)**

(JAG) The WFD board has approved our proposal on the YOM/YIM application.

#### **6.5 Communication and self-evaluation**

(JAG) WFD has its own communication methods to improve and I suggested that they can do a self-evaluation / peer-evaluation to improve performance as the WFDYS always does at every meeting. The WFD thanks us for this idea and they will do the same with their board.

#### **6.6 Florian Gravogl and Austrian OM situation**

The WFD board has approved of WFDYS' decision to keep Florian Gravogl on the board.

#### **6.7 YOM Survey**

This was not brought up at the WFD meeting; and this will need to be brought up in the Turkey meeting.

**Action:** JAG to bring up YOM survey at WFD Board Meeting in Turkey 2010.

### **07. REPORT FROM WFD CAMPS AND WFD WORLD CONGRESS**

#### **7.1 WFD Junior Youth Camp**

**Discussion:** (LK) Norway has sent us a final report of the camp. I have made statistics from the camp surveys. Most of the camp participants and youth leaders had high praise and we received mostly positive feedback. The most common complaints were: 1) the length of the camp was too short; 2) the food was not good; 3) there were too much lectures.

It is hard to consider # 1 as valid because it is difficult to schedule a camp longer than 7 days. Number 2 is not valid because it is a matter of culture; Norway will serve Norwegian food. However, we need to take # 3 into consideration, and how to improve the program to keep lectures short, and encourage more group discussions or participation.

**Decision:** Report accepted and comments acknowledged.

## **7.2 Outstanding balance from Venezuela**

Discussion: (LK) The registration of a leader and participant from Venezuela (300 euros) has not been paid to Norway COC / Norway Deaf Association for the camp registration. Norway Deaf Association has contacted me about the outstanding balance. (JAG) This is due to a new law that passed in Venezuela preventing any overseas cash/credit usage, but I assure you that we have the money ready. (LK) We need to reply to this situation.

(LK) I propose that we send a letter to Venezuela ask to pay by 30 April 2010, the outstanding balance of 300 euros, or Venezuela cannot participate in the next camp (excluding Children Camp as Venezuela is the host country).

**Decision:** Approved.

**Action:** LK will compose letter and follow up with Venezuela.

## **7.2 Children Camp in Venezuela**

**Discussion:** (FG) There has been progress, since I took over as the Camp Contact person, and I re-established contact with the Camp Director, Victor Baute in September 2009. By then, the deadline for the first announcement has already passed (15 months prior to camp).

What I have done to date:

- obtained information from the first Children Camp in Denmark and passed them on to Venezuela COC
- met with Victor during the EUDY General Assembly in Amsterdam
- the official Children Camp website opened in November (2009)
- the distribution of an official letter in January (2010)
- great accomplishment of free registration fees (Venezuela government/sponsors cover the fees)

What needs to happen:

- official documents showing the booking of hotel/facilities
- revision and review of camp programme
- list of proposed workshop/lecture speakers (who to invite)

### **7.2.1 Camp programme**

**Discussion:** (FG) Victor explained to me that he wishes to invite 4-5 members from Frontrunners 5 to help with workshops and the camp.

(MM) We need to remember the main purposes of WFD Camps: 1) focusing the program on the participants for their best benefit and; 2) to help structure and strengthen the experience of the host country youth organisation. If inviting Frontrunners 5 will help



achieve the 2 goals, then so be it; but if it will take away the experience and leadership-building skills of the COC, then I am not too supportive of it. (LK) I agree.

**Decision:** Obtain further information.

**Action:** FG to discuss with Victor in depth on this; and obtain more information.

### **7.2.2 Delayed confirmation of draft program and workshop speakers**

**Discussion:** (FG) I have not received more detailed information on the camp programme nor a list of planned speakers for workshops. (LK) I am worried about Venezuela camp because by then, Norway COC has already planned, and we see that South Africa has planned the programme in advance.

**Decision:** Give 2 weeks for COC to reply on the programme and speakers.

**Action:** FG to follow up.

### **7.2.3. Request from Norway**

**Discussion:** (FG) I got an email from Jannicke Kvitvaer, Norway, requesting if it is possible to send 2 leaders for 2 children, instead of one. Their primary concern is safety.

(MM) I agree and I propose that countries have the right to request to send 2 leaders by the deadline of April 15<sup>th</sup> and if countries are going to send one child to participate then it means they can only send one leader. If two children participate, then two leaders may come.

**Decision:** Countries may send 2 leaders; but must make request by April 15<sup>th</sup> (deadline for registration) and it must be 2 leaders to 2 children; or 1 leader to 1 child.

**Action:** FG to tell Venezuela COC to make an announcement.

### **7.2.4. Liability Insurance**

**Discussion:** (MM) In a correspondence with a friend involved with the British Deaf Association; there has been questions brought up about liability insurance coverage at the camp. Is there any?

(JAG) Yes, there is liability insurance and we will respond immediately to any sort of situation; including hospitalization. But, all camp participants are expected to have their own medical insurance as well.

**Decision:** Facts acknowledged.

**Action:** FG to follow up with Venezuela COC to make announcements: there is liability insurance and all participants are expected to have travel insurance.

### **7.2.5. Background check and clearance**

**Discussion:** (MM) In the same correspondence; BDA also raised concerns about doing background checks on the COC or anyone else involved with the camp and will have contact with children. (JAG) That is a good point, yes, we can have that done. (LK) I agree that this is important.

**Decision:** Venezuela COC must perform background checks and all who are cleared may work with the Camp.

**Action:** FG to follow up with Venezuela COC. FG will add information to website and add information translated in Spanish.

## **7.3 Youth Camp in South Africa, 2011**

JAG, in summary:

- I have done a site visit to the location of the youth camp in South Africa
- Did training with 30 deaf youth in South Africa
- Explained camp guidelines
- We discussed about the selection of a youth commission chair

Concerns:

- Registration price for camp, \$600
- Need sponsors
- Need to set up complete COC structure
- World congress program book is not clear and has little information on youth activity

Review of Camp Report:

- Theme: approved
- Logo: approved
- Location: board is happy with location and facilities but need more information on finances, how much it will cost per person for registration and for those from developing countries
- Schedule: approved with change” Deafhood” not Deafwood.
- July 4<sup>th</sup>- WFDYS Day
- Countries presentation, split among days
- Need presentation related to Global Deaf Youth Renaissance
- Workshop and discussions and forum related with youth activism in each countries
- Remove award; all are equal, no singular
- Add in resolutions, add media and technology, communications
- Approve: Ambrose as international president of commission
- Camp dates: 6 – 14 July

**Action:** DG to follow up with South Africa COC on Camp dates: 6 – 14 July.

## **7.4 World Congress, South Africa 2011**

Schedule:

- YGA Workshop will be on 15 July 2011
- YGA will be on 16 July, starting at the same time as the WFD General Assembly. WFD GA will end before the YGA to allow OM the opportunity to observe YGA.
- Congress program is from 18 to 24 July

## **08. WFDYS FUNDS AND BALANCE**

### **8.1 Balance**

**Bank Balance: 9,645.26 euros.**

**Discussion:** (FG) By looking at our balance sheet, I do not see how we are earning interest from our funds.

**Decision:** Obtain further information.

**Action:** HKC to follow up with Knud Soondergaard.

### **8.2 Fundraiser in USA, Obtain Letter**

**Discussion:** (MM) There has been a lot of changes with NAD, in particular, the youth program. A new director has been appointed, and it became difficult to follow up on the funds. I plan to check on this; but it will be longer than necessary.

**Decision:** Situation closed; MM to follow up if can.

## **09. WFDYS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

**Refer to appendix A.**

### **9.1 Shirt design / fundraising project**

**Decision:** Change design to “deaf” in many languages; forming an outline of YOUTH. Intended to sell globally.

### **9.2 Human Rights project**

**Decision:** Please give outline and further information on how this project will be executed.

### **9.3 Assigned tasks**

The following tasks are assigned to the intern:

- Archive old files; organise WFDYS history
- Edit film footage from Norway Camp
- Obtain news on deaf youth (internationally)
- Continue with the fundraising project
- Develop WFDYS News
- Create a new up-to-date brochure
- Create a FAQ from website emails inquiries

**Decision:** Approved

**Action:** MM to follow up with Intern.

## **10. ESTABLISHMENT OF YOUTH OFFICE IN VENEZUELA**

**Discussion:** (JAG) This project first started in 2003 with Alda Padeiro, former board member. We tried asking Denmark, Sweden, and Finland to establish a youth office for WFDYS. I have decided to take this project proposal to my contacts within the Venezuela government and I have received tremendous support. The Ministry of Social Protection agreed to fund this project, starting immediately.

*Refer to Letter (Appendix B)*

**Decision:** Approved *with documents in English* and JAG to bring up in WFD Meeting for final approval.

**Action:** JAG to follow up with Venezuela; MM to compose thank you letter for the support.

## **11. YOUTH ORDINARY MEMBERS & YOUTH INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS**

**Discussion:** (JAG) WFD has approved the procedure in the last board meeting in Uganda. (MM) I am happy to learn of this; now we can proceed.

**Action:** MM to contact Phillipa Sandholm on distributing the application and a letter announcing the YOM/YIM membership system.

**Action:** MM will work with intern and HKC to film explaining the procedure and put on website.

## **12. YOUTH ORDINARY MEMBERS SURVEY**

**Discussion:** (FG) The survey has to be approved by the WFD board; JAG needs to bring this up in the next board meeting.

**Decision:** Once approved by WFD; MM and JAG will follow up with Phillipa Sandholm to get this distributed among OMs.

**Action:** JAG to follow up with WFD board.

**Note:** To be discussed when survey is completed; the results are to be shared at WFD General Assembly workshop.

### **13. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES GUIDELINES**

**Discussion:** (FG) What is our mission, philosophy, and volunteer with developing countries? Many youth go out to countries to work with people but what is our philosophy? How do we best develop connections? Need guidelines, and a vision.

(MM) This is pretty similar to a proposal made by LK in one of our meetings about developing our guidelines for deaf youth working in other countries including developing countries.

(FG) EUDY has a work group, toss ideas, to how to help. For example developing countries asked for help how to establish youth association; EUDY sent 2 representatives to work with them.

**Decision:** Establish a work group on developing countries guidelines and volunteer guidelines.

**Action:** FG to lead workgroup.

### **14. HAITI AND CHILE SITUATIONS**

**Discussion:** (MM) I brought this up in agenda because I believe the WFDYS should release a statement on the situation in Haiti. (LK) And Chile, too. (MM) In fact, this should set a precedent for any sort of crisis occurring. Originally I planned to participate in a Haiti fundraiser to donate money and supplies by representing WFDYS; but the fundraiser got cancelled due to snowstorms in DC. Instead, we donated money. Still, I believe we should make a statement. (FG) WFD has released a statement but they did not include WFDYS.

**Decision:** JAG to discuss with WFD board on how to collaborate on this.

**Action:** JAG and HKC will make a short video on WFDYS' support for Haiti and Chile.

**Proposal:** (MM) I propose that Venezuela covers the flight of Haitian participants in Children Camp only if it is possible.

**Decision:** Approved

**Action:** JAG to follow up; see if Venezuelan government will cover flight.

## **15. ASIA-PACIFIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **15.1 Youth Camp in Macau**

**Discussion:** (HKC) There will be an Asia Pacific Deaf Youth Camp in Macau. Originally it was scheduled to occur at the same time we have our Children Camp but the APDYS has rescheduled the camp so both will not conflict. APDYS also wishes to invite at least one representative of the WFDYS to attend the camp and give a workshop.

**Decision:** Obtain more information.

**Action:** Board to decide who can attend; send confirmation within registration deadline of camp.

### **15.2 Japan's interest in hosting Children Camp**

**Discussion:** (JAG) Japan has expressed interest in hosting the Children Camp but they need more information and a letter of invitation for them to host the camp. (LK) This is fine, we can provide information anytime; but it is up to the delegates at YGA to vote on who will host the next Children Camp.

**Decision:** Send letter with more information to Japan Deaf Youth Section.

**Action:** MM to compose letter.

### **15.3 Presentations in Thailand**

**Discussion:** (HKC) I wish to inform the board that I will travel to Thailand and I plan to give workshops and presentations on WFDYS to deaf youth in Thailand.

**Decision:** the board supports HKC.

## **16. WFDYS – EUDY RELATIONS**

**Discussion** (LK) In Amsterdam, EUDY GA, we signed agreement, to have a good working relationship and keep communication open. EUDY had meeting in Brussels, and they have made a list of ideas on what kind of relationship with EUDY.

(FG) My concern is that youth organizations in Europe pay fees to EUDY and WFDYS both. We need to keep that in mind; and if we have a relationship with EUDY where we share information, the information will go to the other country-members, which is fine. But if information goes to country-members who are not YOMs of WFDYS then will that be a problem? (LK) Our relationship is only EUDY-WFDYS, not to members.

(MM) I propose we see documents, if any, between WFD and EUD to see how they word the collaboration between two organisations without overstepping.

In Agreement of WFDYS and EUDY Collaboration:

1. Communication between WFDYS/EUDY (meeting minutes)
2. EUDY delegate at WFDYS Board meetings; has voice but no vote; and vice versa
3. EUDY delegate at Youth General Assembly; and vice versa
4. Recognition of EUDY as the an organization for Deaf Youth in Europe
5. EUDY can send delegate(s) to WFD camps (one person – self pay); vice versa

**Decision:** Approved; with aim to finalise by EUDY General Assembly in Switzerland in Fall 2010

**Action:** Reply to EUDY with our proposal of joint collaboration.

## **17. REFUND TO SLOVAKIA**

**Discussion:** (LK) This situation continues with Slovakia, ZODMSP v SR, about Jr. Youth Camp. They donated EUR 2,000 to the WFDYS for supporting attendance of developing countries. But, since the Jr. Youth Camp was cancelled in Slovakia, they request the refund of the money. I got an email from them on 28 December 2009. (Refer to email – Appendix C)

(FG) This is standard; if a project is incomplete the funding needs to be returned. (MM) I agree with the refund of EUR 2,000 but I want to remind you that Slovakia has not paid me back from Deaf Days 2008. I wish for both situations to be resolved at once.

**Decision:** Resolve the repayment to MM from Deaf Days 2008 first and the refund is approved.

**Action:** LK and JAG to compose letter to Slovakia.

## **18. REVIEW OF WFDYS ACTION PLAN 2007-2011**

A majority of aims are pending and/or ongoing. The aim on strengthening relations with UNICEF is ongoing. There was a UNICEF meeting in September 2009 but the plan for a representative of the WFDYS to attend did not come through.

**Note:** (LK) UNICEF is planning on establishing an office in Denmark. More information will be sought.

**Action:** Check with WFD about involving WFDYS to UNICEF meetings.

## **19. PUBLICITY**

### **19.1 WFDYS Newsletter**

**Discussion:** (MM) I've discussed with the intern about this.

**Decision:** Deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup>; all board members to contribute news. Intern to coordinate this.

## **19.2 Website emails**

Discussion: (MM) I think it is easier if I coordinate all the emails from now and on. I will forward an email to the board member I think is the most appropriate to reply.

**Decision:** Approved.

## **19.3 Website improvements**

Discussion: (FG) I want to add 3 items: 1) Twitter link; 2) Facebook link; 3) email address there under the contact us section.

**Decision:** Approved.

**Action:** MM to follow up with Jane Jonas, web designer.

## **19.4 Website updates**

**Discussion:** (FG) There is information that needs to be updated. (LK) Especially our bios.

**Decision:** Approved

**Action:** Each board member is to send updated bios to FG.

## **20. WFDYS LOGO**

### **20.1 New Logo Design**

**Discussion:** (FG) I made a new logo. (JAG) I like it; but we should check with WFD about developing our own logo. (MM) I think it is good to have a new logo, and a lasting brand to our work and image; but I want an excellent design. For the time being, let's remain with the current "temporary" logo.

**Decision:** Obtain further information.

**Action:** JAG to inquire on the logo with the WFD board.

### **20.2 Logo Contest**

**Proposal:** (HKC) If it is approved by the WFD board to have our own logo; let us open a logo contest through our website.

**Decision:** Approved.

## **21. WFDYS EXPERT PANEL**



**Discussion:** (LK) I have made this proposal before but I want to bring this into discussion now. I think we ought set up our own expert panel on youth issues. (MM) I agree; and I think the panel can start on a few specific issues with a few people each, and we can go from there.

**Decision:** Approved; and to be added into WFDYS Action Plan 2011 – 2015.

## **22. WFDYS HISTORY**

**Discussion:** (FG) I obtained a copy of a film on the first Youth General Assembly in Austria, thanks to Ana Navas' father's personal film collection. I will share it with you all.

(JAG) This is wonderful. I have a stack of letters, and information I obtained from Phillipa Sandholm on WFDYS' early years.

(MM) The intern can work on archiving and organising of the information.

**Decision:** Approved.

## **23. INVITATIONS**

### **23.1 Invitation to EUDY Camp**

**Decision:** LK will follow up.

### **24.2 Invitation to APDYS Camp**

**Decision:** HKC will follow up.

## **25. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **25.1 Youth Regional Secretariat for Africa**

**Discussion:** (JAG) When I was in Uganda for WFD Board Meeting I met with Ambrose Munigara and 2 other representatives from Uganda. We discussed about a joint collaboration with WFDYS and the Uganda Deaf Association to seek funding for a youth conference in Africa.

**Decision:** Approved.

### **25.2 DNUR – Nordic Youth Association:**

**Discussion:** (LK) I received an email from the Nordic Deaf Youth Association. They want to receive WFDYS meeting minutes to follow information and work closer with us in any capacity possible. They will send an official letter.

**Decision:** Await for letter; meeting minutes can be shared.

## **26. FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

### **26.1 16<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting**

The next board meeting will take place in Caracas, Venezuela, from 25 – 30 July 2010, prior to the Children Camp (1 – 8 August 2010). The requested date is due to media coverage in Venezuela and meeting with government officials related to the youth office establishment.

### **26.2 17<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting**

Option A:

WFD has approved our proposal to have a board meeting at the same time WFD has theirs; but it is up to the Deaf Association OM – if they can provide the facilities, accommodation, and meals.

Possible locations: India, Ghana, or Central America/Caribbean.

Option B:

Saudi Arabia as the destination of the 17<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. (MM) Hend Al-Showaier expressed deep interest for a board meeting to take place in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, to coincide with a deaf youth conference also.

**Action:** MM to continue correspondence to whether this is possible.

### **26.3 18<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting**

The last board meeting for the 2007 – 2011 term will take place in South Africa, prior to the Youth Camp.

## **27. CLOSING**

(JAG) I wish to give big thanks to everyone for coming here, and especially to Choy for helping organise this meeting. It has been a truly positive experience for each one of us to experience the Korean culture, and meet the deaf youth. I hope this meeting has made an impact on deaf youth here.

Once again, we extend our thanks to the following associations for their great support: Korean Deaf Association, Seoul Deaf Association, Seoul Deaf Youth Association, and Korean Social Welfare Association.

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