

Minutes

16th WFDYS Meeting

26 – 31 July 2010

Caracas, Venezuela

World Federation of the Deaf Youth Section

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16th WFDYS MEETING

01. OPENING ADDRESS

1.1 President, World Federation of the Deaf Youth Section

(JAG) Good morning, everyone. I would like to thank you all for coming to Venezuela for our 16th board meeting. I am glad to host the meeting here in central city of Caracas, at the Office of Ministerio del Poder Popular par alas Comunas y Proteccion Social, right in the city of Caracas. I hope you all will have a wonderful time here visiting Caracas and enjoy the Venezuelan culture and cuisine.

I am also glad to have EUDY President, Philippa Merricks, joining us in our board meeting. I hope she enjoys Caracas too.

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

26-29 July:

Jonathan McMillan (JW), USA	WFDYS Intern
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30 July:

Philippa Merricks (PM), England	EUDY President
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Note: Non-members of board have right of voice but no vote.

03. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Decision: Sign and ratify all previous minutes, as in accordance with LK's proposal in previous board meeting.

04. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Agenda is accepted.

05. REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS

5.1 Signed Report from Juan Angel De Gouveia, President

(JAG) I was supposed to travel to Turkey for WFD Board Meeting in April 2010 but it wasn't possible due to fires in the mountains, right by the airport, which prevented me from catching a flight to Turkey.

In May, we welcomed Florian Gravogl to inspect the camp programme, accommodations, and meet the COC. We had several meetings during his stay in Venezuela.

A few weeks ago (July 2010) I went to represent WFDYS in Switzerland at the EUDY General Assembly and to sign and ratify the EUDY-WFDYS Cooperation. Before that, I grabbed the opportunity to travel to Copenhagen to meet with Knud Soondergaard and Lars Knudsen.

I also worked on a sample template for board reports. I will send it to you all.

Most of my time has been spent on my new job with the Ministry, and in planning the 16th board meeting.

Decision: Report accepted.

5.2 Signed Report from Lars Knudsen, Vice-President

(LK) From South Korea meeting to now, I will explain the situation of my resignation and my re-joining the board.

I did not have any representations with WFDYS other than JAG meeting in July.

Decision: Report accepted.

5.3 Signed Report from Melissa Malzkuhn, Secretary

(MM) From the meeting in Seoul to now, I have continued to work on website, emails, and worked with our intern at Gallaudet University. I also finalised the application, letters, and structure on the Youth Ordinary Membership system. I hope to start accepting applications immediately after this board meeting.

I gave presentations about Deaf Youth Organisations and mentioned some about the WFDYS at Deaf Youth USA Camp and the Deaf Canada Conference.

I met with Markku Jokinen, WFD President, at the International Congress of Educators of the Deaf in Vancouver, BC, prior to coming here. He wishes us a good 16th board meeting, and sends his regards to you all.

Decision: Report accepted.

5.4 Signed Report from Hee-Kyung Cho, Board member

(HKC) Along with MM, I have wrapped up our meeting in Seoul, and I am glad to say we helped in contributing to more awareness in South Korea.

Back at Gallaudet University, I participated in a presentation competition and won \$80 USD for the WFDYS. I also gave a presentation on WFDYS to international students at the English Language Institute.

Decision: Report accepted.

5.5 Signed Report from Florian Gravogl, Board Member

(FG) I've worked closely with the Camp Organising Committee of Venezuela to plan the Children Camp, including a visit to Venezuela in May for two weeks to inspect the location, facilities, programme, and to meet with the COC for detailed training. During my time here, I gave a presentation on WFDYS, leadership, teamworking, and cooperation to deaf youth in Caracas.

In March, I gave a presentation on WFDYS at an event in Austria to one of our youth groups. In June, I attended a conference in Kosovo and presented on the WFDYS, leadership, and organisational work. Deaf youth in Kosovo is planning on establishing a youth association in the next six months. They hope to invite one of the WFDYS board to attend their inaugural event.

Prior to coming here, I was a delegate of WFDYS at the EUDY General Assembly in Switzerland. They also asked me to moderate the GA, in which I was happy to do so. It was a very productive time with plenty of networking as I received plenty of questions from deaf youth. After this experience, I recommend that the WFDYS board send a representative to every EUDY General Assembly/Camp. JAG was there too, and between the two of us, we met with plenty of deaf youth representatives.

Now, here in Caracas, I am looking forward to the opening of the Children Camp.

Decision: Report accepted.

5.6 Signed Report from Roberto Suarez (via video)

RS: My apologies for not being able to come to the board meeting. I hope to be able to set up a time for webcam to have more discussions. I wish you all a good and positive board meeting.

06. BOARD SITUATION

Refer to Appendix – Six Requirements

6.1 Six Requirements

Discussion: (LK) As the Vice-President, I have been frustrated by the serious communication problems with the President. I have attempted with many emails and requests for webcam but his lack of communication has caused several situations and problems to arise. After discussing with other board members about Juan's lack of communication, I decided I cannot accept his performance and proposed a no-confidence vote of Juan as President. The aim of this no-confidence vote is to show that the board cannot work with Juan and our work progress has been difficult. The next step would be to inform the WFD board and see how it can be best resolved.

The no-confidence proposal requires the majority of the board vote; but after the deadline passed I saw that no board members have given any vote. I decided it was the best to submit my resignation as Vice-President.

After submitting my resignation, I received a lot of comments from the board wishing me to rescind my resignation and return to my position as Vice-President. I gave this situation much thought and decided to try for another solution by giving six requirements (see Appendix) for the President and other board members to comply. The six requirements clearly outline the commitment to communicate from the President.

I wish to make it clear now that the six requirements must be adhered to, till the end of our term in South Africa 2011, and if the President violates any one of the six requirements, my resignation will be effective immediately.

I would like to remind you all that we have a responsibility as board members of the WFDYS, since we were voted by youth delegates at the YGA in Madrid. I want to be honest and open about our communication problems so it will not happen again in the next board. However, despite our problems with communicating, we also have our share of accomplishments. I seek to resolve our problems and improve. I wish to emphasize that this is not targeted to Juan only, but to other board members who have not communicated effectively.

(JAG) Thank you, Lars, for your honest explanation. I wish to apologise for my lack of communication since our board meeting in South Korea. I also apologise for my lack of communication when I was not able to attend the meeting in Turkey. The mountain fires prevented me from leaving Caracas, and the other reason for my lack of communication was due to my new job with the Ministry, which overwhelmed my schedule.

I accept full responsibility for all the problems my lack of communication has caused the board.

Decision: Six requirements are approved. JAG and the Board have agreed to follow the six requirements as outlined by Lars Knudsen.

Action: Inform WFD Board of Six Requirements

6.2 Lack of procedure from Turkey Meeting

Refer to Appendix – Letter from FEVENSOR (for Turkey meeting)

Discussion: (MM) I am not really happy with the procedure related to the WFD Board meeting in Turkey. I understand JAG was unable to attend due to mountain fires; but he could have communicated with the board and perhaps in the last minute, someone else could step in JAG's place and represented us in the WFD board meeting.

Proposal: (JAG) Revise our internal rules to clarify the procedure related with communication and roles of each board member. I also want to clear up the procedure and role of the WFD-WFDYS Liaison in our internal rules.

Decision: Approved, JAG and LK will revise internal rules.

6.3 New WFD-WFDYS Liaison for 2011 - 2015

Discussion: (JAG) I wish to recommend for a new Liaison person for 2011 – 2015. I feel that the role of the Liaison person is unclear and the communication channels have not been clear either. (LK) I agree, that Knud Soonderggard has a generous heart and good intentions, but our needs may demand more of him than he can give.

Proposal: (JAG) Make recommendation to WFD for a new WFD-WFDYS Liaison for the term 2011-2015.

Decision: Approved, JAG will make the recommendation in South Korea meeting.

6.4 Lack of Communication with other Board Members

Discussion: (FG) I would like to bring up the performance of other board members in regards with the six requirements. I am concerned about South America's complaints about Roberto's lack of communication and that WFDYS are ignoring them.

Proposal: (JAG) Compose letter to Roberto and Daniel about their performances, as they are not here to discuss.

Action: (MM) Compose letter to Roberto and Daniel about the six requirements.

07. REVIEW OF TASK LIST FROM SEOUL MEETING

Refer to Appendix: Task List from Seoul Meeting

Comments:

(No. 1) Outstanding balance issue: Venezuela owes Norway for leader/camper participation. Resolve camp balance with Norway Leader during the Venezuela camp.

(No. 7) T-Shirt Design for fundraising. No shirts were sold; idea was dropped but the donation came anyway.

(No. 10) FG to develop guidelines on work in Developing Countries. FG will take this on after his responsibility with Children Camp ends and he has participated in EUDY developing countries work group.

(No. 11) Venezuela government to support leader and children from Haiti. JAG did investigate but due to collapse of infrastructure from the earthquake it was not possible to identify contacts and it will be difficult to obtain passport clearance.

(No. 14) Use of WFD logo and permission. The logo must remain the same and WFDYS can use it for youth. If we want a new logo, we need to develop one. HKC will take care of the logo design.

08. REVIEW OF TASK LIST FROM NORWAY MEETING

Refer to Appendix: Task List from Norway Meeting

Comments:

(No. 1) Youth Office establishment in Venezuela. JAG typed proposal in Spanish and will translate to English. *Awaits approval from Board.*

(No. 27) Youth Ordinary Membership. In progress.

(No.) Situation with ZODMSP v SR (Slovak Deaf Youth Association) has been closed.

09. NEWS FROM WFD SECRETARIAT/BOARD

9.1 WFD Board Meeting in Turkey

(JAG) I missed Turkey meeting so I did not have the chance to get news. I talked with Knud Soonderggard who informed me that the OM Italy and WFD resolved the disagreement about legal seat and it will be discussed at the General Assembly.

Finland has taken budget cuts and the WFD office is cutting down on work hours. They are looking for funding and support.

9.2 ICED Apology & New Era of Deaf Participation

(MM) I attended the International Congress of Educators of the Deaf in Vancouver, BC, before coming here. I met with Markku Jokinen and he had a few words to share with you all. He informed me that WFD supports the establishment of a youth office in Venezuela and he hopes we can accomplish this project. Of course, when all the documents are finalised, Markku and Juan will need to sign agreements with FEVENSOR and FAD. Markku also hopes we can bring up discussions on the Apology from ICED for the 1880 Milan Congress resolutions that have done much damage to deaf education in general. I will bring this up in our AOB.

10. REPORT FROM WFD CAMPS AND WFD WORLD CONGRESS

10.1 WFD Junior Youth Camp

Discussion: (LK) Norway Camp business is closed except for one small situation, the outstanding balance between Venezuela and Norway (7.1.1. from Seoul meeting). This will be closed after this camp.

Decision: Accepted

10.2 Children Camp in Venezuela

(FG) The whole camp programme is positive, with huge support from the Government of Venezuela who has committed more than 975,000 USD towards the camp. There will be further training with the COC before the Camp commences to ensure a successful program.

Thanks to Venezuela for sponsoring my visit and inspection. I have several concerns about the first location but since they changed the location, we will have to go with it.

10.3 Agreement with Venezuela

Discussion: (FG) We have a unique situation with the Government of Venezuela. Since they are sponsoring the camp, they have asked to send more Venezuelan children so they could benefit from the experience. We have accepted 10 children from Venezuela along with three leaders. I know this does not follow the camp guidelines but the Government of Venezuela is sponsoring the camp. We need to decide what kind of precedent this sets.

Proposal: (MM) I propose that we allow room for flexibility for the host country; especially if it means they can get funding for the camp. Maximum of 10 children from the host country.

Decision: Approved, camp guidelines need to be updated.

10.4 Youth Camp in South Africa, 2011

Discussion: (JAG) I can see that Bruno has met most of the deadlines, and communicates effectively.

Comments:

- a. Who is the COC? Need to see names, roles, and structure.
- b. Registration fee of 600 euros for the camp is expensive, especially for developing countries.
- c. Remove the “Hard of Hearing” from Camp application forms; because requirement to attend is deaf.

Youth Camp Programme additions and changes:

- d. Add presentation on developing countries work. Invite Megan Youngs to present on her experience with the WFD project in Central Africa.
- e. Edit July 13th schedule; add Closing Ceremony.
- f. Add media team; assign two volunteers for news reporting daily. To be posted on WFDYS website.
- g. Discuss the United Nations Commission of Rights for Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD). Invite Liisa Kauppinen and/or Adam Kosa.
- h. Opening Ceremony: invite WFD President, Markku Jokinen to attend.
- i. Open invitation/Call for Papers among camp participants to give presentations. Like Spain did in 2007; which helped youth share ideas about organisational activities.
- j. Add time slot for Regional Secretariats and/or Regional Youth Sections to give reports of activities and discuss regional growth.

Action: Email the COC about the launch of camp website. Advance notification would work better with a larger/mass announcements on WFDYS and WFD websites, facebook page, and other social media outlets.

10.5 World Congress, South Africa 2011

10.5.1. Abstracts

Discussion: (JAG) I did not go to the Turkey meeting therefore I don't have any new news. (LK) I noted that the deadline for abstracts is on 31 October 2011.

Proposal: (LK) We need to advertise and encourage youth to submit abstracts for world congress.

Decision: Approved.

10.5.2. WFDYS Report at WFD GA

Proposal: (JAG) I would like to present WFDYS Report at the WFD General Assembly.

Decision: Approved; JAG to ask Markku Jokinen.

10.5.3. Booth with WFD

Proposal: (MM) Set up a WFDYS booth with WFD.

Action: MM write letter to Colin Allen about booth and our next intern.

11. WFDYS FUNDS AND BALANCE

Refer to Appendix: Bank

Comment: (MM) Correct statement “donate to support Gallaudet” to “donation from Gallaudet”.

Action: Ask Knud what is in WFD account 28.5 (for balance of 173,32).

Proposal: (MM) We should make an announcement that our balance is at 9.817,30 euros with our wish to have it hit 10,000 euros by South Africa in 2011.

Action: MM compose thank you letters to Gallaudet University for several different donations.

Action: LK will make budget spreadsheet of WFDYS expenditures and revenues from 2007 to 2011.

12. WFDYS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Refer to intern report.

12.1 Tasks completed

Discussion: (MM) JW has expressed how much he enjoyed this experience. He assisted the WFD office with vlogs and made a human rights video.

Action: MM to add videos to WFDYS website with proper credits to who helped film/edit the videos.

Action: JW will give his final report to the WFDYS including his feedback so the program can be improved with the next intern.

12.2 Human Rights Project by JW

Discussion: (MM) The project is still in progress but will be completed to be added to our website. This project included obtaining information and content from students at Gallaudet (from different countries) on their experience with human rights and accessibility. JW hoped to collect real life stories to share.

Action: JW will include the progress and update WFDYS.

12.2 Next intern

Discussion: (LK) It will be helpful for the WFDYS if our next intern focused on creating material such as the WFDYS News, Brochures, FAQs, etc.

Decision: Approved.

13. YOUTH OFFICE IN VENEZUELA

Refer to Appendix: Document from Venezuela

Discussion: (JAG) Venezuelan government is ready to open youth office, but we must follow protocol and have WFDYS and WFD approval. I did not receive WFD approval after our meeting in Seoul because I was unable to go to the Turkey meeting due to the mountain fires in Caracas which closed the road to the airport.

(LK) I have some comments. It might be from my experience in my country, but how we structure our project proposals differ from the document we got from you. We tend to organise our proposals with the following components: background, problems (if applicable), and proposal of project, budget, project goals and expected outcomes. What we have now is a general idea. We will need to develop more documents, appendices really, for different aspects. (MM) I have to agree with Lars. We will need to clarify the following in establishment with the youth office and the hiring of a youth project coordinator, (a) budget – who will pay the worker and how will expenses be taken care of; (b) duties and responsibilities, including on-site supervisor or contact person in case of problems or situations; (c) general agreement with the Government of Venezuela in liability, insurance, and such.

Decision: The establishment of the Youth Office in Venezuela and the process of hiring a youth project coordinator will be like this:

The WFDYS will supply documents outlining the agreement between WFDYS and the Venezuelan Government with all the details. Then the Government of Venezuela will need to approve the proposal and the next step will require the Government of Venezuela to contact the Embassy of Venezuela in Finland and set up a meeting between WFD,

Finnish Association of the Deaf (due to office location of the WFD, which is also WFDYS' office), and hold a meeting with WFD President for final agreement of terms.

Action: Edit current documents and submit to Government of Venezuela with a copy to WFD.

Note: The Government of Venezuela has expressed verbal approval and is awaiting documents to make final arrangements with the budget. Office location has been secured and reserved for the WFDYS Youth Office and for the hiring and employment of several youth members.

14. YOUTH ORDINARY MEMBERS & YOUTH INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Refer to YOM and YIM Forms.

Discussion: (MM) I have updated the structure, letter, and application forms. Please review and approve.

Decision: YOM and YIM forms are approved.

Action: Translate in International Sign, to be posted on WFDYS website, along with PDF documents. Letters are to be sent to Phillipa Sandholm, WFD Secretary, to be sent to all Ordinary Members.

15. YOM Survey

Discussion: JAG needs to follow up on this.

Action: JAG will bring up the Survey questions with WFD Board members in South Korea WFD Meeting to get WFD approval; then YOM applications will be sent with the survey attached.

16. CAMP GUIDELINES

Refer to Appendix: Camp Guidelines

16.1 No. of participants for the host country

Discussion: (LK) From our experience with the Norway camp and now, the Venezuela camp, I have noticed that the host country always ask for an increase in the number of participants to attend the camp due to sponsorship.

Decision: Host countries are allowed to have maximum of 10 participants. This is only if there is space and an insufficient number of participants from other countries. Host countries have the right to send 4 participants. This is not applicable to Youth Camps.

16.2 No. of leaders

Proposal: Countries can send 2 leaders instead of one, if 3 or more participants are attending, or if there is a gender difference, e.g. one female leader with one female child and one male leader with one male child.

Decision: Approved

Action: LK, FG, and DG to review the camp guidelines and fix.

17. CAMP BIDDING GUIDELINES

Refer to Appendix: Camp Bidding Guidelines

Discussion: (LK) I have recently modified Camp Bidding guidelines from WFD's World Congress bidding guidelines.

To add in the Guidelines: The Camp Bid Presentation is limited to 7 minutes.

Decision: Approved, add to internal rules as an appendix.

Action: LK and JAG will review and revise.

Action: MM to send open letter to YOM/Youth Sections to bid for hosting a WFD Camp, with revised guidelines attached.

18. BOARD MEETING GUIDELINES

Refer to Appendix: Board Meeting Guidelines

Discussion: (LK) I have recently modified Board meeting guidelines from WFD's guidelines.

To add in the Guidelines:

1. The host country YOM/OM must confirm dates three months prior to the meeting.
2. The host YOM/OM should invite youth regional secretariats, if they can offer accommodation and meals with WFDYS board members.

Decision: Approved, add to internal rules as an appendix.

Action: LK and JAG will review and revise.

19. YOUTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY GUIDELINES

Refer to Appendix: Youth General Assembly Guidelines

Discussion: (LK) I have recently modified YGA guidelines for our use in the future and to help us run YGAs smoothly.

To add in the Guidelines:

1. If YOM not pay fees, other delegates at YGA have the right to bar voting rights of YOM. YOM can observe but cannot vote.
2. WFDYS can ask someone to host YGA.

Decision: Approved, add to internal rules as an appendix.

Action: LK and JAG will review and revise.

20. WFDYS-EUDY Cooperation

Discussion: (JAG) WFD and EUD have their own cooperation, and it will be excellent to have WFDYS-EUDY cooperation. It was a very nice moment at EUDY GA, with both signing the cooperation.

Action: Obtain original signed copy with EUDY President Jenny Nilsson and JAG
Action: LK will continue as the EUDY-WFDYS contact person.

21. REVIEW OF WFDYS ACTION PLAN 2007-2011

Refer to Appendix G: WFDYS Action Plan 2007-2011

Discussion: (JAG) I will review and identify our accomplishments to date:

(Action Plan 1.4) Establish Youth Regional Secretariats. Relations with EUDY is improving and communication structure is getting better; APDYS is getting there; and we hope to see establishment in South America.

(Action Plan 2.1) Host camps. Junior Youth Camp in Norway and Children Camp in Venezuela were successfully hosted.

(Action Plan 3.1) Achieved.

(Action Plan 3.2) Ongoing with Frontrunners 4 Project.

(Action Plan 4.1) Ongoing with the Establishment of Youth Office in Venezuela.

(Action Plan 4.2) Ongoing with the achievements in Albania and Kosovo.

(Action Plan 5) In progress with the Frontrunners 5 Project.

(Action Plan 6.2) In progress with developing countries task force committee.

22. WFDYS ACTION PLAN FOR 2011 - 2015

Discussion: The following themes/topics should be integrated into the Action Plan of 2011-2015 but are not limited to:

1. More involvement in politics and training for deaf youth in politics
2. Form collaborations with organisations working with refugees, focusing on deaf youth refugees
3. Form collaborations with Relief Aid organisations such as Red Cross, to provide assistance, and/or information on how to communicate with deaf people when disasters occur.
4. Establish WFDYS awards to recognise outstanding achievement/contribution from deaf individuals
5. Develop an expert panel focusing on youth issues, such as establishment of youth organisations and more.
6. Open call for proposals of projects from YOMs/Youth Sections; develop mechanism to welcome ideas and new projects, including film projects.
7. Continue an internship program with Gallaudet University
8. Develop a toolkit and media kit on human rights of Children and Youth.
9. Establish a Youth Office
10. Host/sponsor International Youth Seminars/Conferences/Festivals; to add more activities other than hosting camps.
11. Promote bilingual education and provide training and resources for youth to know how to demand for their right to a bilingual education
12. Establish cooperation with all youth regional sections, e.g. EUDY and APDYS.
13. Establish relations with UNICEF and other international youth organisations, like the IFHOHIP (Hard of Hearing Youth International).
14. Work closer with organisations involved in Education like ICED

Action: MM and JAG to discuss Action Plan 2011-2015 in email and make outline for next WFDYS meeting to be approved.

23. WFDYS AWARD

Discussion: (JAG) I would like for the WFDYS to start giving awards to individuals who have contributed to the growth of the WFDYS, e.g. founder, former presidents.

(LK) I think we should award outstanding deaf youth involved in politics, activism, or other ground-breaking work.

(PM) I would propose to open award nominations where YOMs and Youth Sections can send in their own nominations that you can choose from.

Decision: JAG and HKC will work further on this.

24. PUBLICITY

24.1 WFDYS Newsletter

Discussion: (LK) I think it will be easier for us if we design our WFDYS Newsletter with OM in mind, and for it to be sent along with WFD News monthly. Meanwhile, we will proceed with all news of deaf youth on our website, et al.

Decision: Approved.

Action: MM and LK to work on Newsletter.

24.2 Website

Discussion: (MM) We need to update our profiles, biographies, and some other information on the website by our 17th board meeting. It should be ready for the Youth General Assembly and for the next board to take over.

Action: Each board member is responsible of updating each other's own bios and profiles.

25. INVITATIONS

25.1 Invitation to Asia-Pacific Deaf Youth Camp

Discussion: (JAG) I received an invitation to attend the Asia-Pacific Deaf Youth Camp in Macau. It will take place in October 2010.

Decision: Approved.

Action: JAG to confirm invitation and attend the camp.

26. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

26.1 Internal Rules Revisions

Discussion: (JAG) We need to organise internal rules again due to the additions of guidelines, e.g. camp, bidding for camp, and youth general assembly.

Decision: LK and JAG will work on the internal rules to be reviewed at the 17th Board Meeting.

26.2 EUDY Cooperation

Discussion: (JAG) Upon our signing of the WFDYS-EUDY Cooperation in Switzerland I have not been able to obtain the original copy. I would like to have an original copy in our files, and EUDY to have the other original copy for their archives. JAG will sign another document and give it to PM, and she will send the other signed copy over to Venezuela.

Decision: PM will follow up with JAG.

26.3 ICED Apology from Milan Congress 1880 Resolution

Discussion: (MM) I attended the recent ICED Congress in Vancouver, BC. There, the Congress hosts announced an apology about the resolutions made in the Milan 1880 Congress that has affected deaf education for the worse. I think that is definitely a milestone, and we, the WFDYS should share that information with deaf youth and do something. I propose an open letter from the WFDYS.

Decision: WFDYS will send an open letter about the ICED apology and the resolutions, and a call for cooperation to push for bilingual education.

Action: MM to compose open letter and translate in international sign video to be put on WFDYS website.

27. FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

27.1 17th 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 are Costa Rica or India.

Option B: Board to contact the Turkey OM to see if they can host our 17th board meeting; as they have hosted for WFD board. Turkey is interested in bidding for the 2015 World Congress so this may be a good opportunity for our board meeting and to see their relations with youth.

Option C: Saudi Arabia as the destination of the 17th 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.

Option D: As a last resort if all other fails, Florian will host board meeting in Vienna, Austria with the support of Vienna Deaf Association.

Action: MM to continue correspondence.

27.2 18th Board Meeting

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

28. CLOSING

(JAG) I wish to give big thanks to everyone for coming here. I am glad we had a good and productive week here. And I wish to recognise the efforts of Philippa Merricks, EUDY President, in joining us for our 16th board meeting.

(LK) I would like to also say, on behalf of the board, that we appreciate your time in organising the board meeting in your home country, Venezuela, and in obtaining the support from the Ministry. Please give our thanks to the Government of Venezuela and the Ministry of Social Protection.

Ratified 27 January 2011

Juan Angel De Gouveia
President

Melissa Malzkuhn
Secretary

Lars Knudsen, Vice-President

Hee-Kyung Cho, Member

Florian Gravogl, Member

Daniel Greenwood, Member

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