

Meeting Minutes of the World Federation of the Deaf Youth Section 23th board meeting

Location: Sydney, Australia

Date: 14-15 October 2013



Opening session

1. Roll call

President Jenny Nilsson opened the 23th board meeting on 14th October 2013 at 2.00 pm. She welcomes board members: EunJung Byun, Braam Jordaan, Jannicke Kvitvaer and Ana Navas Serna. Unfortunately Board Members Robert Ssewagudde and Florencia Laurencie are unable to attend this meeting. Jenny welcomes Florencia Laurencie as a new board member.

2. Approval of the agenda

Decision: Approved with some additions.

3. Approval of previous meeting minutes

3.1 Minutes from the WFDYS 22th Board meeting

Decision: Approved with some adjustments.

3.2 Meeting Minutes from 21st board meeting, Hong Kong

Information: Meeting minutes from board meeting in Hong Kong was sent out one month too late.

Reports & internal issues

4. Reports from WFDYS representations

4.1. 6th UN COSP 15-19 July 2013

Braam attended the 6th COSP together with Colin by the WFD. Braam was involved in several workshops and networks. Braam made an input at a side-event on inclusive education.

4.2. IDA, International Disability Alliance, board meeting

Braam attended IDA board meeting at same week as the COSP.

- 4.3. Youth Camp of Asia Pacific Youth Section (APYS), South Korea, September**
WFDYS were invited to the youth camp of APYS, which were held in South Korea. Eun Jung attended the camp on the behalf of the WFDYS board.
- 4.4. UN Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development (IANYD) 1st open meeting, New York, 18-20 September 2013**
Jenny and Jannicke attended IANYD's 1st open meeting in New York with different youth representatives from all over the world. Jenny and Jannicke on behalf of the board were involved at the education part of the meeting and the workshop during the meeting days.
- 4.5. International Coordination Meeting of Youth Organisations (ICMYO) annual meeting, New York, 21-22 September 2013**
Jenny and Jannicke attended the annual meeting of ICMYO in New York. Very interesting days with other non-governmental organizations (NGO). We had workshops there we discussed guidelines for ICMYO and for ICMYO's future work about how to use voices of youth-led organizations globally. It is a great opportunity for WFDYS to be a part of this international network.
- 4.6. UN High Level Meeting on Disability and Development (HLMDD), New York, 23 September 2013**
Jenny attended the HLMDD together with Colin. They attended several meetings during the day and were happy to see many government representatives on higher positions working on a inclusive post-2015 development agenda.
- 4.7. Global Partnership on Disability and Development (GPcwd) at UNICEF, New York, 24 September 2013**
Jenny was a moderator on GPcwd side-event seminar on inclusive development with several speakers during the day.
- 4.8. GPcwd Youth Council Meeting, New York, 25 September 2013**
Jenny was chair at GPcwd youth meeting. The participants agreed to develop a GPcwd action list and taskforces.
- 4.9. WFDYS lecture, Melbourne 11-12 October 2013**
Ana and Jannicke were in Melbourne, and did two lectures during the days; one at a breakfast seminar for Sign Language Communications, Victoria (SLCvic) in Melbourne, where WFDYS received a donation. The second lecture was held at a deaf school in Melbourne, followed by a workshop for deaf children and juniors. We also had a workshop and an open discussion with deaf youth in Melbourne, about creating a youth club in Melbourne and a youth section or a youth association in Australia.

5. Declined invitations & applications

5.1. International Disability Alliance GA 20 July 2013

WFDYS Board declined to attend because of our WFDYS junior youth camp was hosted in Rome at same time.

5.2. UNESCO Youth Forum October 2013

WFDYS Board declined to attend because of financial reasons.

5.3. The 1st Forum of the Arab Deaf People in Tunisia 6-7 September 2013

WFDYS Board declined to attend because of financial reasons.

6. Report from the Regional Youth Sections and Co-Cooperation Regional Youth Organization

6.1. EUDY

No report received. Email was sent to the president of EUDY by September 2013.

6.2. RSMCAC YS

No report received. Email was sent to RSMCAC YS by September 2013.

6.3. ADYS

Video report received, with great information where ADYS talked about their actions and ADYS camps.

6.4. South America

WFD Board has made an announcement in their board meeting that South America has a youth regional secretary. We have received a letter from Argentina that South America will have their first youth camp in 2014, but no more information is received from South America Youth yet.

Decision: Ana will talk with Alexeis Estbill from Chile, who represented South America at WFD Board meeting in Sydney, she will ask him about information and details around the South America's youth camp in 2014.

6.5. Creating new youth secretary

6.5.1 Africa YGA

No report received.

1.1.2 Oceania GA

Oceania is going to have their first general assembly at October 16th 2013, and in this meeting they may talk about to create a youth secretary for the Oceania region.

Decision: Braam is going to represent WFDYS during the general assembly, and he will observe how Oceania is following up this issue and other youth issues.

7. WFDYS board evaluation

7.1. Communication within the board

After the last board meeting the e-mail correspondence has continued in a good way with more international sign video added in the email. The draft of the meeting minutes from 22nd board meeting were a bit late, and this will not repeated. Jenny is interning at UN Human Right Watch during the fall period, and her internship period is making WFDYS more visible at international level, and this will give a positive effect at future WFDYS work. Jenny thanks the board for good work and are looking forward to work at the same way and for more WFDYS representations for the next half-year.

8. Responsibility areas of the Board Members

8.1. Follow up the task list from the 22th meeting

Almost all tasks have been completed before this meeting, those tasks which are not done will be taken to the next period task list.

Public relations

9. News from the WFD Secretariat/Board

9.1. Approved YOM:s

Spain, Chile, Uruguay, Kenya and Philippines have been approved as YOM by the WFD board. Kosovo's application as YOM is declined; the deaf association in Kosovo is Associate Member in WFD and not Ordinary Member. It will be discussed how WFDYS and WFD will do with Kosovo's youth association.

In our last board meeting WFDYS discussed how to get a faster process with YOM applications. Ana has had a meeting with WFD MACR working group and the result from this meeting is following: If a YS (Youth Section) and their national deaf association already is an OM in WFD then WFDYS can approve those applications at our own, after each approval WFDYS would inform this to WFD, with application papers attached. Application from independent youth associations would follow the same process as earlier: WFDYS goes through the application and send this forward to WFD MACR for a final approval.

10. Relationship between WFDYS and WFD

10.1. WFD Human rights work group

Jenny tells that Eeva Tupi is doing great in WFD, and that the working group will try to get a deaf person to UN CRPD committee. Latest news is that UN is now working for captioning everything in UN.

10.2. WFD media work group

WFDYS has not proposed Braam to be leader for this group concerning our decision in our last board meeting, because this group has now decided that Dmitry Rebrov from the WFD board is the group leader. WFD has approved H3 as Associate Member, where it also has been discussed to live stream from different WFD events.

Decision: WFDYS is concerned that live stream can lead to fewer participants in WFD events. Braam will follow up those issues with the media work group.

10.3. WFD congress workgroup

WFDYS had a meeting with WFD about WFD world congress 2015 at October 14th, in Sydney. WFDYS youth camp 2015 was also discussed in this meeting.

Decision: Jannicke will ask WFD congress workgroup to add Ana in the email group since she is the contact person for WFDYS youth camp 2015.

10.4. WFD legal committee

Ana has talked with Terry Riley about Internal Rules and tells that changes in Internal Rules are to be done before May 2014.

Decision: Ana is going to update and change Internal Rules with support from Jannicke. The rest of the WFDYS board will read through this for comments before we send our updates and changes to WFD.

10.5. WFD CI policy

WFDYS board has not heard anything from WFD board after our board meeting in Rome. We will wait for information from them and to see the draft.

Decision: Jenny follows up this issue.

10.6. Australia Conference

No much contact between Braam and the Australian's conference group. Braam asked if it is possible with a youth fee besides the participant fee for the conference; no reply is received about this issue. Braam got the youth programme before the conference and WFDYS board has sent our comments on this.

10.7. WFD congress 2015

WFDYS board had a meeting with WFD board about WFD congress 2015 at October 14th, in Sydney, Australia.

11.EUDY MoU

Jannicke has done some adjustments with the MoU between EUDY and WFDYS, WFDYS board agree with those changes. The MoU will be sent to EUDY, and we hope

that WFDYS and EUDY can sign this agreement at EUDY's general assembly in Bulgaria 2014. If not then in WFDYS' general assembly in Turkey 2015.

Decision: Jannicke will send the MoU to Ronan Dunne, the president of EUDY.

12. International Coordination Meeting of Youth Organisations (ICMYO)

12.1. Meeting with UN envoy on Youth 21th September

WFDYS is now involved in ICMYO with 20 other non-government organizations.

12.2. Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development (IANYD) System-wide Action Plan on Youth focus paper on Education

WFDYS is leading the IANYD's working group "Education" and will collect information about education for the focus paper with the aim to influence on UN-level.

12.3. ICMYO – internal Rules to approve

WFDYS approved ICMYO internal rules and is looking forward to work together with other member organisations in ICMYO.

12.4. ICMYO position paper, UN permanent Forum on youth

WFDYS support this letter.

13. International Disability Alliance Youth

13.1. Follow up this issue from last board meeting

WFDYS Board is happy that we are a part of ICMYO, and is now cooperation with other international non-governmental organization (NGO). In ICMYO we represent deaf youth. WFDYS has tried to cooperate with International Disability Alliance (IDA) about creating IDA Youth, so this organization can take a part of ICMYO with a perspective on disability. We agreed to postpone this try until we strengthening our network within the ICMYO.

Decision: WFDYS Board agrees that we represent deaf youth only, not wider youth with disabilities. We shall priority our network with other youth NGOs within the ICMYO for now until we find a need to establish another network, with other youth with disabilities NGOs.

14. UNICEF Global Partnership on Children with Disability, Youth Council

14.1. GPCwd Education Taskforce

240 different organizations are part of this, Colin Allen and Jenny attended the meeting, they were chairpersons for the meeting about education where they talked about UNICEF's global partnership. Jenny were there as a WFDYS representative,

there were only five person in this group discussion. It is a great opportunity for WFDYS to be involved, but maybe it can be too much if WFDYS board is going to lead the group.

Decision: WFDYS Board will ask our board member, Robert, if he wants to be involved on behalf of WFDYS Board.

Jenny opened board meeting day two with to congratulate Braam Jordaan for his birthday.

15. Youth Ordinary Membership

15.1. Pending applications

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16. Youth Individual Membership

WFDYS board is discussing what kind of benefits do a WFDYS 'Youth Individual Member gets.

Decision: WFD's newsletter and WFDYS meeting minutes would be sent to our Youth Individual Members, other information as our YOM:s get will also be sent to our YIM:s. National Deaf newsletter can publish information about YIM. Eun Jung will check with WFD secretary for which process to do with the membership fee.

WFDYS On-going work and projects

17. WFDYS Action Plan 2011-2015

17.1. Timelines, following up

WFDYS exchanged our timelines with WFD.

17.2. Exchange our action plan with WFD

WFDYS exchanged our action plans with WFD

18. WFDYS Camps

18.1. Junior Youth Camp, Italy, 2013 Evaluation

WFDYS have to fulfil our evaluation from WFDYS junior youth camp in Rome. Also we have to ask Italy to get their evaluations; one evaluation from the evaluation meeting between WFDYS and Italy's Camp Organize Committee. And also an evaluation from the Camp Organizing Committee. Evaluation from the country leader's evaluation in the last leader meeting during the camp.

Decision: Jannicke will write an evaluation on behalf of WFDYS, and collect the other evaluation papers from CGSI Italy, and also ask them to get the final financial overview for the camp.

18.2. Children Camp, USA, 2014

First announcement is delayed because of changing of the camp location. The new location is confirmed by WFDYS, the camp will find place in Gallaudet University, Washington D.C. The camp dates are 1-8 august 2014.

WFDYS confirm the first announcement, with comments. The second announcement will be done in November. Jannicke and Eun Jung will make a video to DYUSA and DYUSA's Camp Organizing Committee about changing of the WFDYS' contact person for the camp, Eun Jung is now taking over the contact person role.

18.2.1. Developing countries sponsorship

According to our decision in our last board meeting WFDYS has published video information about sponsorship of developing countries, the video was published in July. No new information is received.

Decision: Jenny will send an email to Robert and ask about how this issue is going.

18.3. Youth Camp, Turkey, 2015

WFDYS is wondering if the camp director in Turkey can get paid for the work, from the Turkey congress committee. Maybe it is necessary that Ana go to Turkey several times for supporting the work there.

Decision: Ana will ask EUDY about help from the Developing Country Group about to arrange a leadership training course in Turkey. Maybe the DC group can travel to Turkey with Ana.

19.WFDYS Internal Rules

19.1. Voting rights WFD board

Ana is going to have a meeting with Terry and send a letter to WFD about this issue.

20.WFDYS Bank account

Bank information is received. New bank balance, and this includes the donation from Gallaudet University. Jenny and Eun Jung have had a meeting with WFD's financial working group, and talked about how WFD and WFDYS can cooperate for WFD's fundraising. The question is if WFDYS can get a part of WFD's fundraising, 10 % for their fundraising each year. WFD told that they are saving some of the fundraising for WFDYS, the aim is to get a full-time secretary for WFDYS board. Eun Jung has paid for the WFDYS' USB, Eun Jung will give the receipt to Phillipa for getting the amount back.

Decision: WFDYS will add a new point in WFD fundraising Guidelines about fundraising for a full-time worker for WFDYS.

Because of that WFDYS now is earning money through selling items we will need our own fundraising guidelines, which will follow the WFD's guidelines. Eun Jung and Jannicke will write a sketch for the next board meeting.

21.Fundraising

21.1. WFD fundraising guidelines 31 December

WFDYS is following the WFD's fundraising guidelines. If we have ideas for how to fundraise we can check this up with the WFD board.

21.2. Mechanising proposal

Eun Jung has fixed USB with WFDYS's logo, and we will start to sell them in the WFD conference in Australia. Eun Jung, Jannicke and Ana have new ideas for what WFDYS can sell in the future, and how to sell them.

Decision: WFDYS sells USB and other items only during our board meetings, presentations, at conferences and congresses and at Youth Camps.

21.3. Fundraising action plan

Add a new point, every time WFDYS has a presentation, we will also mentioning that we sell WFDYS items for WFDYS fundraising.

21.4. WFD funds

No information received.

22. My Right (earlier Shia) project

22.1. Report and follow up

The project will now develop to have a contact country in South America. WFDYS want to use Argentina as the contact country for the project, and have asked WFD board if WFD can help with to handle the economy issues.

Decision: WFD has said yes to help us. Jenny will have a meeting with Torun Eklund, who works in WFD about this issue. Because of a slow process with My Rights an evaluation after the end of the project will include our thoughts about how to cooperate with My Rights in the future.

23. WFDYS Internship

23.1. Interns summer 2013 Evaluation

WFDYS board has received a report from our interns, Drisana Levitze-Gray and Thomas McWhinney. WFDYS board is thanking them for the report, they have done a great job collecting WFDYS history. The work with collecting WFDYS history will now turn into a working group.

Two interns at the same time is maybe too much, WFDYS board will make an agreement or guidelines for the intern's role. To have interns at WFDYS camps is maybe not necessary if it is not in their task list.

Decision: Braam is going to make an agreement for the internship's role and this agreement shall be ready before the next intern period.

23.2. Next internship period, January/February – April 2014

Next internship period will be February- May. We will try to get intern from South America. A new video with information about the new internship period will be published in November / December.

23.3. Task list

Task list for the next intern: Spread information for more YOM, and work for developing the project in South America with My Rights.

24. Survey

24.1. WFD deaf education survey scope

No news received.

25. Publicity

25.1. Website

WFDYS board has received an email about that our website is too slow.

New updates in our website done, YIM info + new articles. And information about the World Bank is added. Braam will add a contact person for the YIM on our website.

Decision: Ana will send YOM information to Braam so he can publish it on the website. And Braam will fix the flash issue and also reply the email we received.

25.2. Social media

How can WFDYS get more likes on our WFDYS Facebook site? Maybe publish more information and other issues to get more likes? And we will continue to develop our activity at our Facebook site.

Decision: Everyone in the WFDYS board will send out invitation to our Facebook friends to like WFDYS Facebook site.

25.3. WFD Newsletter

Standard information for each WFD newsletter is not done.

Decision: Jannicke will do this for the next number, the deadline is at October 31st, and include the news around representations, and also add the standard information about YOM + YIM.

25.4. E-mail distribution

The info email of WFDYS, Jenny, Ana and Jannicke will share the responsibility of the info email address. Emails, which are sent to the info email address, will also be sent automatically to Jenny's email address. Ana and Jannicke want to have separate email addresses, it means that Jannicke and Ana will check the info email address at their own. Email that is not replied shall become unread. CC to the board will be added when we replies emails.

Decision: WFDYS will try this solution until next board meeting. Braam will fix that so Jenny gets emails from the info address automatically.

26. WFD office proposal Geneva

- 26.1. **WFDYS youth office**
No new information received.

Upcoming representations

27.Future invitations and representations

- 27.1. **Saudi Arabia 2014**
Invitation from Saudi Arabia about leadership training for deaf girls and deaf youth women, the date for this event is not clear yet. Ana can attend if she is available.
- 27.2. **Qatar, Muslim conference, Nov 2013**
Invitation received. Braam represent WFDYS with Colin Allen from the WFD board for the human right workshop issue.
- 27.3. **Geneva, 11th session of the CRPD Committee, March 2014**
Ana will attend, and maybe also Jenny.
- 27.4. **WFD board meeting, Moscow, May 2014**
Jenny will attend, but it despite on her job situation.

28.Future WFDYS meetings

- 28.1. **WFDYS 24th Board meeting Santiago Chile 8 April 2014**
8th April is agreed in email. Information about that they wish to change the date is received; Ana will contact South America Youth to ask if this is correct.
- 28.2. **WFDYS 25th Board meeting Washington D.C. USA July - 2014**
28th July – 1st August, Eun Jung will contacts DYUSA for WFDYS board meeting dates.
- 28.3. **WFDYS 26st Board meeting, Bosnia**
Board meeting with WFD, last board meeting before Turkey 2015. No more information received.

29.Any other business

- 29.1 **WFDYS 20 years anniversary**
Add this in agenda for our next board meeting, which is in Chile.

29.2 WFDYS board 2015-2019

Add this in agenda for our next board meeting, which is in Chile.

29.3 Business Card

Everyone in WFDYS board can print our business card by ourselves.

30.Closing

Jenny closed the meeting on October 15th 2013 at 17.55 pm, and thanking everyone for attending the meeting.