

Meeting Agenda of the World Federation of the Deaf Youth Section 24th board meeting

Location: Santiago, Chile

Date: 21-23 April 2014



Opening session

1. Roll Call

President Jenny Nilsson opened the 24th board meeting on 21st April 2014 at 9.30 am. She welcomes board members: Eun Jung Byun, Jannicke Kvitvaer, Florencia Laurencia and Ana Navas Serna. Unfortunately Board Members Robert Ssewagudde and Braam Jordaan are unable to attend this meeting.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Decision: Approved with some additions.

3. Approval of previous Meeting Minutes

3.1 Minutes from the WFDYS 23th Board meeting

Decision: Approved with some adjustments.

Reports & Internal issues

4. Reports from WFDYS representations

4.1. Visit at a deaf school, Sydney, 15th October 2013

WFDYS board by Ana, Eun Jung, Jannicke and Jenny, visited the deaf school in Sydney. We met deaf children and juniors, and gave a short lecture about WFDYS and WFDYS' camps

4.2. Workshop with WFD's OMs, Sydney, 15th October 2013

WFDYS board held a lecture for WFD's OMs about the importance of WFDYS' YOMs.

4.3. Workshop with youth in Australia about creating an Australian Youth Section / Association and talking about Oceania Youth Section, Sydney, 19th October 2013

WFDYS board had a workshop with deaf youth in Australia about creating a youth section/association in Australia, and we also talked about creating a youth section for Oceania Regional Secretary.

4.4. UN Open Working Group on sustainable development (ICMYO), New York, 25th November 2013

Jenny gave a three minutes speech about accessibility. A positive effect with ICMYO is that WFDYS has got a wider network after we started to cooperate with them.

4.5. Workshop about UN CRPD, Japan, November 2013

Video report to the board meeting is received from Braam. Braam held a workshop about UN CRPD with deaf youth in Japan.

4.6. Workshop about UN CRPD, South Africa, November/December 2013

Video report to the board meeting is received from Braam. Braam held a workshop about UN CRPD with deaf youth in South Africa.

4.7. Global Partnership on Children with Disability (GPc wd), meeting through Skype, 5th December 2013

Jenny attended a Skype meeting with UNICEF, a follow up meeting will take place during spring 2014.

4.8. UN Inauguration Accessibility Centre, New York, 4th December 2013

Jenny gave a speech about youth and accessibility. She was also interviewed after her speech; there she mentioned the importance of sign language interpreters.

4.9. UN Human Rights Award Winners Program, New York, 10th December 2013

Jenny attended the big day when Liisa Kauppinen received the United Nations Human Rights Award Prize.

4.10. Frontrunners 9, Castberggård Denmark 3rd March 2014

Jenny were invited as WFDYS President by Frontrunners 9 to talk about Human Rights.

4.11. IDA/IDD Post-2015 in Africa

Robert attended the conference, but could not attend the meeting. Video report is published at WFD's Facebook site, and also shared on WFDYS' Facebook site.

4.12. Conference, Nairobi Kenya 8-9th March 2014

Robert attended the conference. Video report is published at WFD's Facebook site, and also shared on WFDYS' Facebook site.

4.13. OHCHR Research and Right to Development Division Women Section, Geneva Switzerland, 1st April 2014

Meeting about how WFD and this committee can work together to develop a better co-operation. Ana could not attend the meeting, but Jenny was at the meeting.

4.14. CJS-CNSE GA, Madrid Spain 4th April 2014

Ana was invited as WFDYS board member, she listened to the General Assembly and gave some information about WFDYS camps in USA and Turkey

4.15. Lecture in Bolivia, 18-19th April 2014

Ana was in Bolivia and gave lectures about WFDYS, camp structure and leadership. She also informed them about how Bolivia can contact us for YOM questions. It is

possible to create a youth section in Bolivia, since they have nine local deaf clubs, and almost everyone have a local youth club.

5. Declined invitations & applications

5.1. EUDY board meeting, Ireland, February

None of the WFDYS board were able to attend.

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

6.1. EUDY

No report received, but a video report was received after the board meeting closed.

No invitations for EUDY's board meeting in Portugal or EUDY General Assembly 2014 in Bulgaria is received. Jannicke will ask EUDY for support to get more YOMs from European countries.

6.2. RSMCAC YS

Report received: Guatemala has contacted Central America's youth section with questions about how to create a youth section / association, a meeting through Skype was held. They have shared information about WFDYS children camp in USA. WFDYS is thanking for the report.

6.3. WFD RS AYS

No report received. Next General Assembly finds place in Macao, and the next camp is in Thailand in November 2014.

6.4. Creating new regional youth sections

6.4.1. South America (SJ-SRSUR)

Report received: We got a live report from Rodrigo Campos, he told us about South America and their structure between the regional secretary and the youth regional secretary. He proposed WFDYS board to make Regional Secretary Guidelines, WFDYS told him that we have talked about this earlier and we are going to make guidelines for youth regional secretaries with the aim to support their work and to make the work easier. SJ-SRSUR is offering to translate the YOM information from English to Spanish; WFDYS board decided that Florencia is going to be the contact person for this work. WFDYS thank him for the report.

6.4.2. Africa

No report received.

6.4.3. Oceania

No report received

7. WFDYS board evaluation

7.1. Communication within the board.

WFDYS' email system was down for two months, November-January, this situation made the communication between the board slow during this period, and also the contact with the rest of the world. We do not know if some emails are missing. WFDYS has a What's App group, and is using this if this is necessary.

Decision: To use What's App group only if it is something urgent, and mostly should be videos in international sign. We also want to take back the system we used in email correspondence early in our WFDYS period; «info» if it is information, «reply» if we need reply and «urgent» if it is something urgent.

8. Responsibility areas of the Board Members

8.1. Follow up the task list from the 23th 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 YOMs

Argentina, Norway and United Kingdom have been approved as YOM. Jannicke has welcomed those sections through emails. Philippines has earlier been approved, but a signature in the application forms is missing. Ana has contacted them and informed them about this. WFDYS currently has 12 YOMs

10. Relationship between WFDYS and WFD

10.1. WFD Human rights work group

Jenny is telling about the work with WFD Human rights work group. In cooperation with IDA for the financial part the working group has projects in Chile, Costa Rica and other countries. Jenny receives lots of emails for being into this group; WFDYS is discussing how much time Jenny should spend in this group.

Decision: WFDYS board decide that Jenny should focus on the youth issue in this group, Jenny will send an email to Joe Murray and inform him about our decision.

10.2. WFD media work group

No news received

10.3. WFD congress workgroup and WFD congress 2015

Jannicke is now not a part of the group because of a misunderstanding, WFDYS has earlier explained WFD that Ana is the contact person for the youth camp, therefore Jannicke asked them about to involve Ana in the email correspondence for the youth camp issue, but Jannicke is still a part of the congress workgroup. Ana is telling about the process for this group so far; Carol Lee is working for WFD congress working group, not much is developed since last board meeting. WFDYS still has no contact person in Turkey for the WFDYS Youth Camp. First announcement should be ready in April 2014, the WFDYS board is discussing a plan B.

Decision: When the work group develop their work, Jannicke will contact them to be involved in the work for youth issues. Jenny is going to inform WFD about a plan B for WFDYS Youth Camp and WFDYS Youth General Assembly. A final decision about using the plan B will be decided in our next board meeting in USA.

10.4. WFD legal committee

Two new points will be added for WFDYS' internal rules; Youth Regional Secretary and Youth Ordinary Members (YOM) + Youth Individual Members (YIM).

Decision: Ana and Jannicke is going to make the changes and send them to Terry Riley for WFD board to confirm this in their board meeting in China, autumn 2014.

10.5. WFD CI policy

A decision will find place in WFD's board meeting in Moscow, May 2014.

10.6. Letter to WFD about WFD conference 2013

WFDYS has some evaluation points for the WFD's conference, which we want WFD to use for future WFD events.

Decision: Jannicke writes an email to WFD, before their board meeting in Moscow, May 2014.

11. EUDY MoU

The MoU with EUDY is finished; both parts will sign this in EUDY's General Assembly in Bulgaria, July 2014.

Decision: Ana is attending EUDY's events in Bulgaria when we receive an invitation. Jenny sign the MoU and send this to Ana for taking this forward to EUDY General Assembly 2014.

12. International Coordination Meeting of Youth Organisations (ICMYO)

12.1. ICMYO Advisory Board for Youth 21

ICMYO has made an action plan, WFDYS has been involved in this work, and we are waiting for an email from ICMYO for further work.

12.2. Partner UN Youth Envoy “Youth in the Post-2015 Development Agenda”

WFDYS has a partnership with UN Youth Envoy

13. UNICEF Global Partnership on Children with Disability (GPcwd) Youth Council

13.1. GPcwd Education Taskforce

According to our decision in the last board meeting, Robert is now involved in this group.

Decision: WFDYS wants to use more time for WFDYS internal work and the co-operation with ICMYO, we are still involved in the work with GPcwd, but it is an area of lower priority.

14. Youth Ordinary Membership

The WFDYS Board is discussing what kind of benefits YOMs gets from being a YOM, and how WFDYS should do with the process of the payment for the membership fee and when the payment process starts.

Decision: Being a Youth Ordinary Members means a direct communication with the WFDYS Board, voting rights in WFDYS' General Assembly, the opportunity of nominating candidates for the WFDYS board and bidding to host WFDYS camps. Youth Ordinary Members can also send articles to WFDYS for publishing this in WFD Newsletter. It is not necessary that the membership fee is paid for getting those benefits, the payment of the membership fee starts in Turkey 2015. Jannicke is going to send an email to our YOMs with information about the payment and bank information, a reminder of this email will be sent during March 2015. Countries who are not YOM are able to attend WFDYS' camp. Ana is going to make information about how to become a YOM. And Jannicke will make a list of what kind of rights a YOM has.

WFDYS On-going work and projects

15. WFDYS Action Plan 2011-2015

15.1. Timelines Follow up

WFDYS exchanged our timelines with WFD.

Decision: Jenny will make a draft of the action plan for the next WFDYS Board period. The current action plan is not clear, and we will make a clearer one for the future board.

15.2. Exchange our action plan with WFD

WFDYS exchanged our action plan with WFD.

16. WFDYS Camps

16.1. Junior Youth Camp, Italy, 2013 Evaluation

Jannicke has finished the evaluation of the WFDYS Junior camp in Rome 2013. We are still waiting for evaluation papers from GCSI, Italy. The budget and financial overviews are still not received. GCSI has a new board, and Jannicke has been in touch with them, it may take time for getting the evaluation papers.

Decision: Jannicke is going to send an email to the new board of GCSI and ask for a meeting through Skype to discuss those issues.

16.2. Children's Camp, USA, 2014

DYUSA has crossed the deadlines for the 1st and 2nd announcements. The WFDYS Board has given them red card by sending them a letter. DYUSA has sent their apologies and the 1st and 2nd announcements are published in their website, we are waiting for the third announcement for confirming this before its publishing. Currently four countries are on the camp list. DYUSA has sent a MoU which will be between WFDYS and Gallaudet for the Gallaudet's insurance criteria. The WFDYS board want to see the financial overview for the camp.

Decision: WFDYS Board want to add "financial overview" in the camp guidelines. We will also spread information about this camp to our networks.

16.2.1. Developing countries sponsorship

According to our decision in the last board meeting, Robert has this responsibility, but since no news are received Ana is now taking over this responsibility. So far, seven countries have contacted us for support after we published and shared our video with the theme "Developing countries sponsorship" in July 2013.

Those are: Latvia, Estonia, Uruguay, Kosovo, Kenya, Argentina and Venezuela.

Decision: WFDYS board gives 2000 euros for sponsorship for developing countries. 150 euros for one country (75 euros for one person). We support Kosovo, Kenya, Argentina and Venezuela. We cannot support the other three countries according our developing countries sponsorship criteria; those three

countries are not listed as developing countries in the World Bank. Eun Jung is going to inform DYUSA about our decision for supporting four countries, and she will ask DYUSA if they have received question from other countries that need support.

16.3. Youth Camp, Turkey, 2015

No news received.

17. WFDYS General Assembly and 20 years anniversary, Turkey 2015

WFDYS is discussing our General Assembly in 2015 and about General Assembly guidelines. We want to inform about the opportunity to candidate for the next WFDYS board period. We also want to prepare the 20 years anniversary for WFDYS, which will take place during the youth camp and also during the WFD congress.

Decision: We are going to make a video about how to candidate for the next WFDYS board period in our next board meeting, in USA, July 2014. Other information around the General Assembly is going to be sent out to the world more than six months before. Florencia will prepare ideas for the 20 years anniversary; this issue will be prepared by the board during our next board meeting, in USA, July 2014.

18. WFDYS Internal Rules

18.1. WFDYS internal rules process

Two new points to add: If a camp process does not goes well, then the WFDYS board will have the power to choose another country for hosting the camp.

A paragraph about Youth Regional Secretary will be added to the internal rules.

Decision: Ana and Jannicke is going to make the changes and send them to Terry Riley for WFD board to confirm this in their board meeting in China, autumn 2014.

18.2. Voting rights WFD board

The WFDYS board wants to have voting rights in WFD; one vote from WFDYS Board in WFD's Board meeting.

Decision: Jenny and Jannicke are making a motion for the WFD General Assembly 2015.

19. WFDYS Bank account

New bank balance and this includes the fundraising from our USB sale, membership fees from Youth Individual Members (YIM) and a donation from Braam Jordaan.

Eun Jung has prepaid for the USBs, and has still not received the amounts for this from WFDYS. WFD Board says that a letter from Jenny that Eun Jung has prepaid for USBs is necessary.

Decision: Jenny is going to write a letter to WFD Board to inform them that the WFDYS Board has allowed Eun Jung to prepaying for the WFDYS USB.

20. Fundraising

20.1. WFD fundraising guidelines

WFDYS had an idea about selling WFDYS items through our website. It is not allowed according the law of Finland, WFD has its secretary in Finland and follows the law of Finland.

Decision: We cannot use this idea so we continue to sell our items in congresses, conferences, during our board meetings, presentations and at youth camps.

20.2. Mechanising proposal

The WFDYS USBs are soon sold out, Ana and Eun have other ideas for what we can sell. The WFDYS board is discussing if we can sell smart bags with a cool text about WFDYS.

Decision: Eun Jung is going to contact someone who can fix bags for us, we will try to use WFDYS card for paying this, if it does not work then Eun Jung will prepay for this, and WFDYS will pay her amount back. We are going to sell the bags during our board meeting in USA.

20.3. Fundraising action plan

WFDYS have decided to sell bags for the fundraising, we are done with the USB sale for now. Eun Jung will check for how much it costs.

Decision: WFDYS will use maximum 2000 euros for making bags. If we use 2000 euros, then the aim is to earn the double of this amount. 2000 euros for making bags = earning 4000 euros for the bag sale.

20.4. WFD funds

No information received.

21. My Rights (SHIA) project

21.1. Report and follow up

My Rights, whose former name was SHIA, is maybe not going to receive financial support from the government any more, which means that it will be hard to follow up our project.

Decision: If My Rights receive financial support, then we will contact them again for our project. Jenny will send a letter to South America and inform them about the situation.

22. WFDYS Internship

22.1. Next intern

WFDYS has not had any interns after our board meeting in Australia. We have received an email from one person who is interesting in being our intern for the next internship period.

Decision: We are going to announce for a new intern period. We will try to get two interns for the next period.

22.2. Task list

Task list for the next intern: One intern is going to work for getting more YOMs and the WFDYS action plan for the next WFDYS board period. The another intern is going to work with developing countries and give them information about how to create youth section/association.

23. Survey

23.1. WFD deaf education survey scope

No news received.

24. Publicity

24.1. Website

WFDYS has a media group, whose area of responsibility is our website, the work is on voluntary basic. The communication with this group is not going well and the flash issue is still not solved.

Decision: WFDYS board has agreed that one person from the board besides Braam will have the responsibility for publishing information on the website, and the whole board will have access to communicate with the WFDYS media group.

24.2. Social media

WFDYS is discussing that we have to be better in social media. WFDYS has missed to share information from some of our activities during the last time since our last board meeting.

Decision: WFDYS board will always publish information on WFDYS Facebook site when we are representing WFDYS, if possible with videos in international sign.

24.3. WFD Newsletter

Jannicke has made standard information, which is used for each number of the WFDs Newsletters, and it has already been used a few times now. Next deadline is May 31st. We have received an email from one of our YIM about that the WFDYS email address in WFD Newsletter is wrong.

Decision: Jannicke will follow up the email. And the email address will be changed for future Newsletters.

24.4. E-mail distribution

Some emails in our info@wfdys.org are missing, we have informed about this at our Facebook site. Jannicke wants that emails that are sent to info@wfdys.org should also be sent automatically to her WFDYS email address.

Decision: Jannicke contacts Braam for getting emails to her WFDYS address automatically.

25. Working groups

25.1. Website

WFDYS has a media group, whose responsibility area is our website, the work is on voluntary basic. The communication with this group is not going well and the flash issue is still not solved.

Decision: WFDYS board has agreed that one person from the board besides Braam will have the responsibility for publishing information on the website, and the whole board will have access to communicate with the WFDYS media group.

26. WFD office proposal Geneva

26.1. WFDYS youth office

No new information received.

WFDYS documents

27. WFDYS Guidelines

27.1. Camp Guidelines

The board has discussed new changes and updates for the camp guidelines:

Insurance:

Countries in the world will have their own insurance for attending WFDYS camps, the host country will not have the responsibility of insurance issues outside the camp area.

Bid for hosting WFDYS camp:

When a YOM bid for hosting WFDYS camp, information about camp budget and a signed contract with a camp venue should be attached for the WFDYS General Assembly.

Power to change the host country for the camp:

If the WFDYS board find this necessary, WFDYS will have the power to change the host country for hosting camp when the first and second announcements are delayed. The WFDYS board is then able to announce for a new country to bid for hosting the camp, the procedure will follow the camp bid guidelines. WFDYS board will also have the power to decide which country should host the camp. This point will also be added in WFDYS' internal rules.

Items to sell in camp:

It is not allowed to sell items in camps, WFDYS can sell WFDYS' items in youth camps only.

Materials, movies and photos:

WFDYS will receive all materials from the host country; materials such as videos, movies and photos which is taken during the camp

Paying for the WFDYS board staying in board meeting and camps:

The host country will stand for the WFDYS board costs during the camp and also the board meeting before the camp. If WFDYS has interns who have camp task, host country will stand for those costs too, and if it is possible the host country will also stand for costs for regional secretary/co-operation representatives.

Information about country leaders role:

Country leaders should be able to understand international sign, leader experience is required and that they also have the responsibility for that the camp goes well.

The WFDYS board will always have a workshop for leader's role and responsibility with country leaders during the leader meeting the first evening.

STAFF in the camp:

Maximum 1/3 international volunteer in the STAFF-team during the camp.

Contact person:

Make clear that only one contact person from the Camp Organising Committee and only one contact person for WFDYS board will have the entire contact during the camp process.

OMs' responsibility:

OMs must take their responsibility for sharing information about camps to deaf youth in their countries.

27.2. General Assembly Guidelines

The board has discussed the General Assembly Guidelines.

28. WFDYS History

The interns who worked with this issue have sent all materials to Braam.

Decision: Jannicke contacts Braam for getting these materials.

Upcoming representations

29. Future invitations and representations

29.1. Canada Youth Leadership Camp, 27-29 July 2014

Jannicke is able to go.

29.2. Saudi Arabia Workshop, Young Deaf Girls, 2014

No more information is received, Ana or Jenny will contact them for more information.

29.3. World Conference on Youth, Colombo, Sri Lanka 6-10 May 2014

It is decided that Robert will go, but it is not clear with if Robert gets any interpreters. Jenny have asked IDA for financial support of the interpreters.

29.4. Linguistic Rights of the Deaf, 20-22 May 2014

Ana is going to attend.

29.5. WFD board meeting, Moskva 23-25 May 2014

Jenny is going to attend.

29.6. UN Conference of State Parties to the CRPD, 10-12 June 2014

Braam is going to attend.

29.7. EUDY Youth Camp 2014, Primorsko, Bulgaria 4-10 July 2014

Ana is going to attend.

29.8. EUDY GA, Primorsko, Bulgaria, 11-12 July 2014

Ana is going to attend.

29.9. Deaf Hope “The Future and the Vision of Development Cooperation on the Field of Deaf people” Prague Czech Republic 13-14 November 2014

WFDYS board decided to not attend. Jenny is going to reply their invitation.

30. Future WFDYS meetings

30.1. WFDYS 25th Board meeting and WFDYS 3rd Children Camp, August 2014, Washington D.C., USA

Board meeting at 29th -31st July, and the camp at 1st – 8th August 2014.

30.2. WFDYS 26th Board meeting Sarajevo Bosnia-Herzegovina, January 2015

This board meeting is the last one before our final board meeting in Turkey 2015, and will be paralleled to WFD's board meeting. No dates are received.

31. Any other business

ICED conference, 6th -9th July 2015.

Ana and Jannicke can go, with a theme on Global youth movement – education; about the importance of youth movement for deaf children and youth's social life.

The conference's fee is expensive; Jenny will ask WFD about who are going to pay their attendance to this conference.

32. Closing

Jenny closed the meeting on April 23rd 2014 at 15.55 pm, and thanking everyone for attending the meeting.