

# MINUTES OF WISTA SWITZERLAND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held at 18:30 on the 31st of January 2019 at Société de Lecture, Grand Rue 11, 1204 Geneva

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**Present:** Yasmina Rauber, Stephanie Grech, Laurence Bousselot, Emmanuelle Dole, Martaxelle Erussard, Lina Jasutiene, Xenia Rospin, Maryana Yarmolenko, Laetitia Marsura, Josiane Tistounet, Patricia More, Sofia Lazarou, Elisabeth Wennek, Barbara Sovec and Renate Bochner de Araujo.

**By Proxy:** Ana Rieben, Nicole Buehler, Aurora Villacellino and Carol Tissot (to Stephanie Grech), Geraldine Bruere and Raphaelle Hemmerlin (to Emmanuelle Dole), Eliane Palivoda Herren, Françoise Deshusses Rufino, Jennifer Fraser, Irina Limonova, Barbara Oeuvray, Meruyert Jumadillayeva, Anna Bajzikova, Susanne Meyer-Dreyer, Geanina Gabathuler, Maria Reimann, Olga Blinova, Zeinab Al Hasan and Céline Bionda (to Yasmina Rauber), Sara Johansson (to Laetitia Marsura), Susanne Andersson and Yasmine Cachin (to Laurence Bousselot), Svenja Mette (to Martaxelle Erussard)

**Chaired by:** Yasmina Rauber

**Guests:** Mr. Kevin Cooper, Mrs. Rea Mitropoulou

Agenda Items circulated prior to the meeting were discussed as follows:

## 1. Issues Arising From and Approval of 2017 AGM Minutes

The Assembly had no comments on and approved the 2017 AGM Minutes.

## 2. President's Annual Message and Report

In terms of membership figures, the Association has continued to grow, reaching 94 members as of today, 25 of whom are in the Zug/Zurich area. Besides individual memberships, WISTA CH has both Institutional and Corporate Members.

Attendance to WISTA CH events has increased and been well-received with an average of between 50 and 65 attendees.

WISTA CH has continued collaboration with other local organisations with whom several events have been jointly coordinated. WISTA is an institutional member of the STSA and the ZCA. An agreement has been reached with the STSA, ZCA and the Propeller Club whereby a WISTA CH member can attend these other organisations' events at member rates and vice-versa. Events have also been organized with the Propeller Club, CTA and the Zurich Shipping Network.

During the year 2018, WISTA CH has organized various Networking lunches in Geneva as well as in the Zug and Zurich area. The feedback has been good. It has also been part of many activities, namely:

- Coaching Sessions in Geneva and in Zug;
- After Work Drinks organized by Shirin at Le Baroque in May and with a Fashion Show in October;
- Kazakh Dinner (Zug) / Summer Drinks (Geneva) with Photoshoot;
- Several Sponsorship or Joint Events: the Mare Forum Geneva, Thomson Reuters Commodities Soirée, Cruise on the Neptune with the Propeller Club, Argus Global Crude 2018 Summit, STSA Commodity Dinner, Participation at the International Registries, Inc. Cocktail in Geneva, Zurich Shipping Network Cocktail;
- Participation at the WISTA International AGM and Conference in Tromsø;

- Summer Conference in Zug with a Presentation by WISTA International President Mrs. Despina Panayiotou Theodossiou;
- Fall Conference with a Presentation by DNV-GL;
- Special events: Cailler Weekend and Moms & Kids Event;
- Thanksgiving Dinner in Zug and Gala Dinner in Geneva with a presentation by UNCTAD.

There were 3 sponsorships during 2018: Integral Petroleum (Gold Sponsor), DNV-GL and Refinitiv. WISTA CH and the Board thank all the sponsors for the support towards the Association.

The provisional calendar of events for the first half of 2019 is currently being formulated. The general overview is as follows, however this may be subject to change and all details will have to be managed by the newly elected Contact Person:

- January: 30<sup>th</sup> - Conference by DNV-GL in Zurich, 31<sup>st</sup> - Annual General Meeting in Geneva;
- February: 4<sup>th</sup> - Lunch (Zug), 14<sup>th</sup> - Networking Lunch (Geneva), 25<sup>th</sup> - Coaching Session at Swiss Re (Zurich)
- March 08<sup>th</sup>: Networking Lunch on Women's Day
- April: 3<sup>rd</sup> - Coaching Session at Cargill Offices (Geneva), 10<sup>th</sup> - Mare Forum (Geneva)
- May: 9<sup>th</sup> – WISTA International ExCo Spring Meeting in Geneva with Conference and Dinner at La Nautique, 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> – Trip to Gruyères, visit to the Cailler Factory with chocolate atelier and a train tour
- July: Neptune cruise with the Propeller Club
- WISTA International Events: WISTA Med Conference in Peloponnese Greece (23-25 May) and WISTA International AGM & Conference (October 29 – November 02)

The WISTA Swiss website (<http://wista-swiss.com>) has been updated with the creation of a Members' Area where members will have access to all the Constitution documents of the Association as well as the minutes of Board meetings and Board and Members' meetings over the years. Laurence, Laetitia and Stephanie have been working on the website. Laurence explained that some members will have started to receive an email with a code to access the Members' Area. If there are any issues, the Board may be contacted. The Assembly was reminded that the Events Calendar is kept up-to-date on the website.

The Assembly approved the President's Report.

### **3. Treasurer's Report**

Emmanuelle explained the financial situation of the Association and presented the Cash Flow Analysis for 2018 as well as the Budget for 2019.

The closing bank balance for 2018 was of CHF2,007.01 while the petty cash balance was of CHF728 and EUR250.

The receipts were from 78 paid memberships, participation fees at events and sponsorships. The expenditures for the year were more or less in line with what expected in the previous year's budget with several events being organized and paid for by the Association. Overall,

The budget is based on the assumption of 90 membership fee payments at the same level of CHF300 each and a similar allocation for expenses as incurred in 2018 with the addition of the ExCo events whereby additional expenditure is accounted for.

The Assembly approved the Treasurer's Report.

### **4. Membership Fee and Funding For Next Financial Year**

The membership fee amount was decided at the creation of WISTA Switzerland and will not be altered for 2019.

## **5. Election of WISTA CH Board Members**

The current Board consists of Yasmina as President, Raphaelle as Vice-President, Stephanie as Secretary, Emmanuelle as Treasurer, Laurence as Contact Person (Geneva) and Meruyert as Contact Person (Zug/Zurich).

For this year, there were two openings.

- The first was for Secretary and Stephanie will be stepping down after 3 two-year mandates.
- The second was for Contact Person (Geneva) and Laurence will be stepping down after 2 two-year mandates.

One application was submitted for the position of Secretary by Maryana Yarmolenko.

Three applications were submitted for the position of Contact Person (Geneva) as follows: Nina Eggert, Martaxelle Erussard and Patricia More.

Application materials were submitted to WISTA CH Members prior to the AGM. All candidates made a presentation to the Assembly in support of their application.

The Assembly voted via secret ballot electing Maryana and Nina.

Stephanie and Laurence were thanked for their commitment and work during their mandates.

The Board for the year 2019 comprises Yasmina as President, Raphaelle as Vice-President, Maryana as Secretary, Emmanuelle as Treasurer, Nina as Contact Person and Meruyert at Contact Person (Zug/Zurich).

Meeting adjourned at 19:45.

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