



INTERNATIONAL AMBASSADORS GUILD aisbl

Short Report

IAG General Assembly

(by ZOOM)

Sunday, 15 November 2020

The General Assembly in Brussels scheduled for March 2020, was cancelled due to Covid19 and was replaced by a virtual General Assembly which was held on 15th November 2020.

The members of the Board present were Bjorg Walstad, Mida Rodrigues, Martine Levy, Jane Wardropper, Anthony Florizoone, Nana Gentimi and we were very happy to have with us the Chairman of the ISGF World Committee, Zalillah Mohd Taib.

Present: were members of the General Assembly: Jean-Luc de Paepe, Anton Penneman, Hans Slanec, and observers: Cecile Bellet, Roeland de Boel, Margarita Garcia Arrizabalaga, Dave Mowbray and Christos Kouzis.

Members were welcomed by the Chairman Bjorg Walstad, and the Minutes of the 2019 General Assembly (GA) plus the following reports for 2019, (Annual Report, and Financial Report) were presented and approved.

Short reports were presented on the projects supported by IAG during 2019 these were:

“A Hundred Percent Green”, a training course for new volunteers, Romania.

“Friendship Across Borders” a scout camp Brønnøysund, Norway,

Support for Kinyago Scouts and Guides, Nairobi, Kenya

“Improving relationships between refugees and host communities” Lebanon girl guides.

The GA agreed that the work done was good and that the grants given had been well spent.

It was announced that in 2021 grants would be offered for projects associated with the community including supporting elderly and people with disabilities, education for girls and further information will be in the next newsletter.

It is planned to produce a book illustrating the projects completed in time for the World Conference in August 2021

There was a fruitful discussion regarding the future of IAG, ways to increase membership despite the difficulties, mainly due to COVID19, as well as the kind of projects to be supported and ways for advertising them to Scout and Guide groups in different countries.

The meeting welcomed the Chairman of the ISGF World Committee, Zalillah Mohd Taib who spoke about the effect of COVID on the running of ISGF and the decision made to postpone the World Conference planned for August 2020 until 2021. She explained that the World Committee and the Conference Host Committee are currently monitoring the COVID-19 Global Pandemic and its implication for our World Conference in 2021. They will also explore other options including to postpone the 29th World Conference further or to have a virtual World Conference.

Zalillah told everyone that the project undertaken at the Imvepi Refugee Camp, Uganda, was completed just before the pandemic spread to Uganda. Within the update the meeting was also informed that from 1st January 2021 the address of the World Bureau would change as new premises had been found.

Bjorg announced her resignation from the position of Chairman of the Ambassadors Guild and the new Chairman, Nana Gentimi was welcomed. Bjorg was thanked for her work as chairman and the meeting was reminded of the many initiatives introduced during her term in office.

It was agreed that given the difficulties caused by Covid19, the General Assembly of March 2021 should be held virtually by Zoom, on Sunday, March 21 at 10 am ,Brussels time, and then if the circumstances allow an extraordinary GA would be held in Brussels, sometime in the autumn of 2021.

At the end of the meeting Margarita Garcia Arrizabalaga , International Secretary of Spain, representing the Conference Host Committee, made a very positive presentation regarding the World Conference planned to be held in Madrid in August 2021. She hoped that members will attend the Conference and be able to participate in a an Ambassador's Guild meeting whilst there.

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