**Governing Body Meeting**

*Mottram Hall Hotel and Conference Centre, Mottram St Andrew, Cheshire UK*

*Wednesday 28th - Friday 30th September 2016*

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Elaine Hathaway        In attendance
Michelle Atkinson      In attendance

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### Board Directors

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### Apologies

None

### President Opening Remarks

President Yemisi had prepared a hardback book which she gave to the Board Directors relating to the issue of the challenges facing women in all parts of the world. The articles had been written by various members worldwide and compiled by the President into a coffee table book. This was a great surprise to both the IIW Executive and the Governing Body.

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### Proposed Sissel Hoihjelle Michelsen

Seconded Benedictie Haubroe

Approved.

### Matters arising

None

### Correspondence

None

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### Minutes of the previous Governing Body meeting

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REPORTS:

PRESIDENT

The President explained where she had been and showed a series of power point presentations relating to her visits. Visits had taken place in Africa within Nigeria and to District 909 which was encouraged to appoint a National Representative. She had visited Pakistan. Here she had attempted to resolve issues relating to the 17 Non Districted Clubs. (Her solutions would be sent again in writing to those concerned reiterating that IIW endeavours to resolve problems, does not take sides or participate in court cases taken by members against Inner Wheel.) She was also able to visit some very noteworthy and generously funded projects and lay a wreath at the Cenotaph (an honour usually restricted to visiting heads of state) The logistical problems in visiting Pakistan were great – many hours of travelling internally and on departure a 4 hours wait in security check at airport. In transit she visited Istanbul and had lunch with IW members followed by a visit to Finland that initially was a private visit but developed into an official one where she was taken to see school projects, a photographic exhibition and the work of the sniffer dogs trained to sniff contraband, narcotics and money. The sponsoring of sniffer dogs is undertaken by many Inner Wheel Clubs in Norway and Sweden as well. She then attended the Nordic Rally in Skagen the most northerly point of Denmark. There she was pleased to meet with the members in Iceland and also met with members to try and resolve issues in Denmark. Prior to her Executive committee meeting she met with the members of IWC Leigh in Greater Manchester (GB&) and following the Governing Body meeting would be off to the IW Conference in Australia.

Vice President Non Districted Clubs, United Nations + appointment of UN Reps 2016 – 2017

The Vice President explained that it was difficult to contact not easily accessible ND Clubs, hence Board Directors were allocated these Clubs to follow. Sometimes they did detective work too to follow up on google or fb. A comprehensive list of ND clubs information was formed using the information from previous years too & batch of BDs 2016-17 were contacted & were allocated ND clubs & all the relevant contact information to follow up with the allotted clubs was also sent.

She was pleased to inform you that most of BDs have been working hard & have collected the information. She had attached that along with her Report.

The 6 of the Board Directors were serving a second year, had the advantage that they were already in contact and that they could continue with same ND clubs. The others were very happy to receive the files of their predecessor.

Most of the Board Directors had sent reports, often kept me informed of their communications with ND Clubs. Just a couple of Board Directors she had not received a report, but maybe they would be able to give a report whilst at the meeting.

Not all the clubs had answered to the Board Director. Some were even surprised to have a new request, as sometimes they had only just answered the previous one.

It’s amazing how some very small clubs were still working well, even with only 7 or 9 members.

As some non districted clubs were on social media, it could be a boost for the others. It’s a way to know how they were doing. Besides the non districted clubs, she had made a list of the Districts, who had no National Representative or National Governing Body. There were 9. Even if it was in the rules of the Districts to send the minutes of their meetings to HQ, IIW has no news of some.

Only a few were sending their minutes. From others we have had no news. In fact she was now thinking of adding -D-99- Israel also to the list. It could be interesting to ask the Board Directors to stay in contact with them as well.

ND Clubs of Lebanon wished to contact directly only with IIW HQ, But the Vice President Kapila Gupta still allocated Board Director from Germany to speak to some of the clubs. There had been no response.

This year Board Director Pearl Jai Mohan was trying to revive IW Club Hatyai, due to her personal contacts.

It was generally agreed that personal contact was the best way forward in most situations of the creation of new Clubs. Vice President Kapila expressed her thanks to all the Board Directors and all the hard work they had undertaken.

UPDATE FROM BOARD DIRECTORS:

HAZEL HUNTER

We leave this evening to start our trip to the UK. Go to LA for a couple of Nights then onto Heathrow and relatives. I wrote by email to District 702 and Georgetown and posted a letter to Georgetown Central at the end of July.

Unfortunately I have not yet heard from either group. So cannot update you on any news. We will have email contact while traveling so should I hear from them I will inform you.

DATIN PEARL JAI MOHAN

Inner Wheel Club of Hatyai, Thailand

The Charter President Mrs Benjamas Sattayasevana responded and replied that she will try and convince the former members to revive the club again. She will be meeting me in Kuala Lumpur on 2nd October 2016. A Fellowship trip by members from IW District 330 will be organised later.
**Inner Wheel District 350 Nepal**

PDC Kamal Prava Kharel has replied and reported about the activities in her district. We are considering organising an Inter-District Fellowship trip to Kathmandu in the future.

**Inner Wheel Club of Sapporo Japan**

I sent an email to Secretary Mihoko Fukuyama and am awaiting a response. I contacted the Counselor of the Embassy of Japan in Kuala Lumpur to assist in organising a friendly visit to Sapporo. Hopefully it will materialise.

**Inner Wheel Club of Taipei West Taiwan**

I sent a letter in Mandarin to Secretary Margaret Chang and am awaiting a response. I shall be getting in contact with the Consulate of Taiwan in Kuala Lumpur if I do not get a response soon.

The Charter President of IWC of Hatyai Benjamas will be coming to Kuala Lumpur on 1st October 2016.

I shall meet with her and get her report on the potential interest from former members of this club in the club’s revival.

Is it better to set up a new club altogether or to re-register the former club? What would be IIW’s stand on this matter? What are the implications on unpaid dues if the club is revived rather than a new club be established?

**THELMA PACSOO**

**Barcelona:** I have written to the contact person, as per the database, but have heard nothing in return. I am now writing again.

**Marbella:** I wrote to Raija Aspegren, the contact person on our database. She replied promptly that she “no longer had any relationship with the Inner Wheel Club of Marbella” and gave me the email of their founder, Remedios del Rio, at remedios@remediosdelrio.com.

I will now write again in the hope of further information by the September Board Meeting. I also forwarded the change of contact to IIW Administrator Elaine for her information.

**Mombassa:** appear to be a very active Club, as can be seen on Facebook. The fellowship they share seems strong as they enjoy many social activities and welcome many visitors. Raising funds for a variety of charities, last November they held a very successful Charity Film Premiere of *SPECTRE 007*. They all looked extremely glamorous. From funds raised, they have donated 24 beehives to the Shimba Support Group, where three community groups were trained in bee-keeping, to help the Shimba Hills ecosystem, reducing the extraction of natural resources. For service, they held a Christmas Party at Mombasa Children’s Home, for the 35 children, with a great home cooked feast, as well as giving goodies and gifts, with a magic show for entertainment.

**Safia:** The Club has 45 members, plus over 65 other ladies, who help them in their efforts and attend some of their different gatherings and activities in Malakisi and surrounding areas - but are unable to pay for membership.

Inner Wheel Safia has many activities that help their community, which are still ongoing from previous reports - but their most important wish is to have a Centre of their own - A place where violence against women is addressed and where they can produce re-usable sanitary towels for nearby girls schools and for their own supporters in need. The need for these sanitary towels is to reduce the need for girls to be absent from school when they are menstruating. This of course leads to better attendance and improved education. Using washable towels also aids the environment which is being polluted by the lack of an organised rubbish collecting system.

It is also intended that the Centre will be a day school for women to learn tailoring and produce the cloths to earn money for the club as well as creating jobs, but most of all it is to be a safe centre for women who are abused. They do not however have the funds necessary.

**HILDEGUND SCHEIPERMEIER**

Thank you for your effective help concerning the correspondence! Meanwhile I completed a letter to the Lebanon clubs shaped by friendship. If they answer I will start the questions with reference to the clubs. Perhaps I can initiate a rich correspondence. I decided to send this letter to all Lebanon Clubs. And I am so hopeful.

And furthermore I am writing down a little report about “Expansion of membership”. By the way, IW Germany does not need the increase of memberships by loosening rules, but we use the opportunity for new memberships of ladies who are exceptionally suitable in our circle of friendship.

**IFY NDEFO**

Thanks for your mail. I have only established one contact in Uganda and is from IW club of Mengo. But I am not giving up. I shall continue to try the others.

Greetings, I wish to inform you that I am in contact with Jackie Mutamba of Inner Wheel club of Mengo. She told me that they have only two clubs in Uganda. They have Mengo and Inner Wheel club of Kampala. I have not been able to communicate with any one in Kampala club.

I found the two clubs on face book and I have been following them through the face book.

I will continue to reach out to them.
SWARNA SOYSA

I have written two mails to the two clubs in Dubai and Bahrain with no success. I would like to know whether I can get more information about ND clubs and how they function other than the info given in the IIW Constitution and handbook. Sorry to trouble you as I know you are in Melbourne. I sent three emails each to the IWC of Dubai Downtown and Bahrain with no effect. Afterwards I contacted our District ISO and found she too had given me the same email addresses.

Then I got the IIW minutes of the 4th Executive Committee meeting and I found that IIW BD Ashnadelle Hilmy Morguay was handling these two clubs last year.

IWC Dubai Downtown

I called Roshni Manwani the president Of the IWC Dubai Downtown. She was very cooperative and friendly and as promised wrote to me via email. She is a Charter member and the club president for 2015/16.

They have 25 members and there will be more after the AGM. As it was still the holiday time for them, they have not had their AGM yet. The AGM will be held in October. She explained to me that they are doing silent work as otherwise to register as an NGO in Dubai will cost them a lot of money.

The new president of the club for 2016/17 is Rachna Manglani.

President Rachna Manglani, IPP Roshni Manwani, Vice President Aparna Deepak, Secretary Nisrin Sepoy, Treasurer Shirin Khambata, ISO Gitika.

I will be writing to the new president once I receive her email address and the phone number.

IWC Bahrain

I called Jameela Mahmoud Alatassi the president of the IWC of Bahrain and she was not very enthusiastic. After another week with no reply to my emails I called her and she told me she received my mails and due to some retinal problem in her eyes she does not check her mail. Later she answered my mail to say that they had the AGM and they have 16 members now. They have not paid the capitation fees yet. The new president is Zahra Tabbara. Zahra corresponded with me via email and she said her objectives for the year are; To gain more members; To document all past experiences and contributions in the past 15 years in a booklet. She will have a committee of 2 members to help her. They also will be meeting in October. She also sent me her phone number and will keep in touch with them.

CORINNE DALLEUR VAN DER DRIFT

Cayenne Remire Montjoly — French Guyana
Schoecher & Lamentin — Dominique Martinique.

I will get in contact with Nathalie to hear from her the experiences she had with those Clubs. As I had a Dutch father and a Belgian french speaking mother I speak both languages. I am glad you gave me those Clubs. I will be able to speak french with them. This work will be new for me. Last year I had to make “one report” of all the National Reports which the Board received, as I had no “non districted Clubs”. In the hope that we will find peace in this world with so much sadness, I send you my best regards.

JANET DIONIGI

In preparation for the IIW Governing Board Meeting, I contacted the three assigned ND Clubs of Harare West - Zimbabwe, Blantyre - Malawi and Malta - Malta, and the newly formed District 255 Macedonia.

I asked them to share with us the following information:

- Number of members
- If annual fee is sent to IIW regularly
- Service projects
- If Club is active on FB
- If Club is sending reports to IIW editor to be put on IIW website

You will find attached:

1. Detailed Feedback Report (28 pages)
3. Report No1 District 255 Macedonia Skope
4. IIW District 255 2015-2016 Activities

BENEDICTE HAUBROE

I have had the honour of being invited to the charter ceremony of Tirana Inner Wheel Club 8th of July.

SISSEL HOIJELLE MICHELSEN

So far I've only been in contact with the Madeira Club. As there was a horrendous fire in the neighbourhood of the capital, I sent them an e-mail. No members were injured or no houses of theirs were destroyed, but they were taking care of a family with children who had lost everything they had. I asked if we as IW members could do anything concrete, but haven't got any answer.
Yemisi hadn’t put anything about the new club in Kenya from what I read in the minutes. The new club in Kenya, chartered 5 May is in Malaise on the Ugandan border. Their main purpose is to work to end female genital mutilation, FGM. Inner Wheel Club of Safia, named after Safia Abdi Haase, who is the godmother of the club. (See Thelma’s report on Safia.) I have become friend on Facebook with a Rotary club in Portugal so as to try to track down the possible IW club on mainland Portugal.

UNITED NATIONS – Vice President – Kapila Gupta

I have been in constant contact with IW Rep at Vienna & NY but for Geneva not heard from her may be later in the year I would get feedback.

I shall be attending UN session from 7-11 th November. IW Rep Ceja is very active there along with Ulrike reporting on Narcotic drugs.

A compilation of reports received from UN Reps follows:

Martine Gayon – New York UN


The overarching theme of this year’s session was:

- Implementing the 2030 development agenda for all persons with disabilities : leaving no one behind.

The sub-themes of the Conference included:

- Eliminating poverty and inequality for all persons with disabilities
- Promoting the rights of persons with mental and intellectual disabilities
- Enhancing accessibility to information and technology for all.

Ceja Gregor-Hu – Vienna UN

vNo. 98, of the Quarterly Bulletin, ‘Families International’, published online by the Vienna NGO Committee on the Family, is available for downloading at: www.viennafamilycommittee.org. This issue focuses on the observance of the United Nations International Day of Families (IDF) on May 15th 2016. This year’s theme is: ‘Families, healthy lives and sustainable lives’.

AGEING MEETING JUNE 2016

The Vice-Chair, Dirk Jarré, reported about the outcome of a preparatory meeting of the UNECE Bureau of the “Working Group on Ageing” in Oslo in May.

The brochure, published by the Committee on Ageing, with Recommendations to Decision Makers was received very well and some of these recommendations are reflected in the present draft of the Ministerial Declaration.

The celebration of the Int. Day of Older Persons will take place during a special meeting on Monday, 26 September, 2016. Representatives of other NGO Committees will be invited, as well as other persons with an interest in topics on ageing. The Committee will invite pupils/young people to attend the meeting, in order to having young and old persons actively participating in the celebration meeting.

Plans for future activities of the Vienna Committee on Ageing:

Another topic for future discussions in the Ageing Committee could be how society deals with death, end of life, and which political consequences there are, which recommendations we could give.

The problem of isolation in urban areas was mentioned, as well as the problem that in some rural areas older persons were left behind when younger generations leave the villages and small towns.

Opportunities for active ageing and removing barriers. how can older people be better included into society, how can older persons’ participation in society be supported and encouraged.

We also discussed the topic of loneliness: how can those who are already lonely and isolated be reached and re-included? It was stressed that fighting loneliness was one of the most important issues.

The brainstorming session of the NGO Committee on Ageing Vienna on 27 June 2016 was conceived as a second phase follow-up to the seminar the Committee had already organised three years ago, on 01 July 2013, on the topic “Towards Improved Integration of Older Persons Into Society”.

At the beginning of the brainstorming workshop on 27 June 2016 the following basic questions were put forward in order to stimulate the debate and give some first guidelines to the common reflection:

- Why do we want to promote better integration and participation – and even co-decision – of older persons in society?
- Who in particular can benefit from enhanced participation of older persons in society?
- Which are important factors that are likely to hinder integration and prevent people from participating in society?
- Which kind of means need to be thought about – in particular innovative, promising ones – to create opportunities and incentives for participation?
Who can and should act to facilitate and promote the processes of integration and participation of older persons

CSW 2017 Written Statement First Draft.

Women's Economic Empowerment in the Changing World of Work

The undersigned non-governmental organizations with consultative status… and the member organisations of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women Vienna present the following to the participants of the Commission on the Status of Women 2017 for their consideration.

Economic empowerment of women is an important tool to enhance gender equality and secure women’s equal status and participation as equal partners in every professional and political field. Access to resources of one’s own is as important a factor for achieving independent, individual lives as education and personality, talent and abilities or place of origin.

1. Considering that legal status does not always reflect the real status in society, and that legal discrimination continues to exist, e.g. laws governing inheritance or ownership of land and property;
2. Underlining that education is critical for achieving equality;
3. Stressing that health care should encompass the entire life of girls and women and not be limited to sexual and reproductive health. Health in the workplace is a dominant feature in economic participation in industrial as well as developing countries;
4. Demanding the full implementation of all ILO Conventions;
5. Considering that implementation of the SDGs would further enhance gender equality and empowerment of women in the economic sphere as well;
6. Reminding that violence against persons is an increasingly frightening issue in our societies. The elimination of all forms of violence against women is important for fighting inequality, as violence is often used for domination and creation of fear.
7. Stressing that funding of activities to empower women is indispensable to create a level playing field. This funding cannot depend on voluntary donations, but must be included in public spending.

The member organisations of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women Vienna submit the following for the consideration of the delegates to CSW61:

A) Women and men must be paid equally for equal work, have equal access to internal training and promotion, and equal opportunities to choose working hours, holidays and fringe benefits;
B) Equal access to education (primary, secondary and tertiary) is a prerequisite to gender equality. Education should focus on abilities and talents not on gender, and train young people to lead as well as to work in teams. Science and mathematics are important and IT training should be emphasized;
C) Programmes to enhance occupational health for women and girls should be instituted, taking differing needs in different occupational fields into consideration;
D) Legislation to support gender equality has to be implemented and enforced, including elimination of all obstacles in the working sphere, introduction of quotas, and parental leave;
E) Creation of a level playing field requires the elimination of gender stereotypes and religious and traditional roles for women;
F) All forms of violence against women must be eliminated, in particular new forms such as cyber-bullying and cyber-harassing, as well as structural violence and abuse;
G) Implementation of sustainable development measures and fair trade practices will strengthen the economy worldwide and help to avoid austerity measures;
H) The female economic dimension must be considered in analysing aid programmes and evaluating countries’ budgets;
I) Financial instruments and products such as mini-credits and crowd-funding should be promoted to support female entrepreneurs;
J) Investment in local, regional and national infrastructure is required to provide women improved access to public transportation and market facilities;
K) The needs of woman refugees and migrant workers must be considered in employment policies and provision of social and health services, and the importance of remittances acknowledged;
L) Development of a fair and feminist economy; to be discussed
M) To be discussed: recognition of unpaid care work, more equal sharing of household and family responsibilities
Ulrike Nemling – Vienna UN

Latest information from the Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs:

The international Narcotics Control Board (INCB) has three countries listed for their upcoming mission (never before did INCB give this information to NGOs. It always was top secret!)

- Colombia late September
- Senegal - late October
- Kuwait - now postponed until last quarter 2016

The Vienna NGO Committee would very much appreciate input on NGOs which the INCB could visit on the margins of their missions.

The INCB reiterated that meeting with civil society from the field has been very beneficial to better understanding the background and the situation in each country.

The information about NGOs in these countries, which could give valuable informations to the INCB, should be sent to Katherine Pettus (kpettus@iahpc.com) Katherine is Vice-Chairperson of the VNGOC (Vienna NGO committee)

Please use the format:

- Name of the organisation
- Website
- Brief description (maximum 3 sentences)
- Contact details (contact person, e-mail, address, phone number)

Please be also aware that the information on the mission is confidential. We are allowed to share the information with our contacts in order to provide the best and most up-to-date input, but we are not allowed to make the information public or available on our own organization website.

So if you have knowledge of Inner Wheel Clubs in the three mentioned countries and feel that they could give valuable input to the work of the INCB, please give their contact data to Katherine Pettus (kpettus@iahpc.com)

UN SIDE EVENT

President Yemisi explained that an application would be made for space at the side event running parallel to the UN Conference on Women 17-24 March 2017, to present Inner Wheel to the other NGO’s present. Initially the first hurdle would be to get a room for the presentation. Leaflets and copies of the yellow coffee table book would be made available and self-funding volunteers would go if IIW got the room space to attend. She had already approached Ashnadelle Hilmy/Mortagy to prepare a ppt on Inner Wheel, Luisa Vinciguerra to draft the presentation programme around the UN theme. IIW Editor/MM would help with any technical issues. IIW would be able to apply for a small number of UN passes if we were successful, to enable the presenters to move about the conference venue

Extension – IPP Charlotte De Vos

Since 1 July 2016 we have 22 new clubs, 18 in India, 1 in Germany, 1 in Pakistan, 1 in France and 1 in FYROM.

She was especially happy to have a 5th club in Macedonia republic, as this was a very new country with a district since 1 of July. Charter ceremony will be week ending of 3 December which she would attend.

Unfortunately there have been 33 disbandment’s: 26 from GB&I, 3 from FAMAT, 3 from Australia, 1 from Italy.

As the period July-August is in European countries holiday period, Inner Wheel life starts again on 1 September.

She had a lot of contacts to create new clubs but she could not do this alone. She had already explained that there were possibilities in the Eastern part of Europe. Therefore she would have help from Sandra (NR Croatia), Nelly (BD Bulgaria), Gabi (NR Austria), Aneta (DC Macedonia rep)

Some contacts had already been made, now it was time to continue and she hoped to achieve some of the goals.

Last year she had some contacts with Murcia in Spain and Chile, but no answer to her mails to them anymore.

She explained that some Rotary Wives called themselves Inner Wheel in countries where there were no official Inner Wheel Clubs but as soon as they realized there were rules and fees to pay they avoided further contact after they had made an initial enquiry and realized they were not actually officially part of the organization.

She was really hopeful that when President Yemisi was IPP that we would see more communication with countries in Africa and a possible expansion into the countries around Nigeria and a re-emergence of Inner Wheel in Ghana in particular.

Communication

The Immediate Past President explained that communication had always been her priority. She was extremely happy when she could work close with IIW PP Catherine on the new website and database. Two items that she cherished the most.

Proposed Kapila Gupta
Seconded Sissel Hoijelle Michelsen

Before she ended her report – she proposed the names of appointing of IW members – Ceja Gregor–Hu and Ulrike Nemling for Vienna, Martine Gayon for NY & Genevieve Toriani for Geneva

Proposed Kapila Gupta
Seconded Lisbeth Speich
On all her trips and in each of her speeches she had always put the accent on communication and the use of social media and especially the website and the fantastic work our editor/media manager was doing for it.

She was astonished to read beginning of July, that the President had blocked every upload to the website, due to discussions with RMS and Editor/Media Manager. Executive Committee members were not aware of it.

She felt it very hard to attract people to the website and it was even more difficult to keep them on the website. By blocking every upload for 3 months she was concerned that IIW would lose the interest of the members.

She asked how could IIW motivate members to send their articles, when they were not published. Why should they consult the website, when nothing new was published? She reiterated that the website was our business card, our brand.

**Finance - appointment of Accountants/Auditor**

Azhagu Annamalai considered it an honour to present the Financial report for the year 2015-16.

She wanted to express gratitude to our Auditor Mr Martin Chatten and his team for auditing our accounts and to our Accountant Mr John Moss for his assistance and advice for the management of IIW Finances. She particularly wanted to thank Book Keeper Alison Bradshaw for her coordination with the IIW Treasurer in the maintenance of the accounts and to Admin Elaine Hathaway for her quick responses and methodical manner of execution.

It had been three months since she had taken over as IIW Treasurer from Dr Kapila Gupta, IIW Treasurer 2013-16 and she thanked her for helping with the smooth transfer of responsibilities.

All the entries against the receipts have been checked by our Auditors Royce Peeling Green.

The figures of 2015-16 can be compared with the figures of 2014-15.

The Income and Expenditure summary has been presented on Page 1.

**Income:**

There had been an increase in the capitation received, due to the increase in membership in some countries and there has been a marginal increase in the deposit interest.

Expenditure had been slightly more than 2014-15 because we had to purchase new badges for the Executive committee and other small increases in salary and Insurance. A detailed sheet giving expenditure was provided.

After taxation on deposit interest, there was left a surplus of £90,906.

**Publication Costs:**

The expenditure under publication was relatively less while compared to last year as we did not have to print any Convention documents, though the costs for the Directories and Newsletter which included the postage remained more or less the same. As more copies of the IIW Constitution and Handbook 2015 were required due to orders, a little more was spent compared to last year.

**Accommodation:**

This category of Expenditure remained almost the same as last year. There had been a slight increase in Insurance. The Rentals showed a lower figure in comparison to last year because of the difference in charges in the rent of the meeting room (depending on the number of days required). There had been a marginal charge for a small repair undertaken and the Electricity Charges remains the same.

**Administration:**

There had been an Increase in the expenditure in this category some headings had shown an increase while others showed lower figures or no change at all when compared to 2014-15.

**UN Representation:** It showed more than the sanctioned amount due to payment made to the UN Representatives for their travel.

**Salaries & Insurance:** Since we had only Admin Elaine Hathaway serving IIW full time, the amount spent for Salaries was well within the allotted amount.

**Badges & Regalia:** An increase in expenditure could be noted in this category due to the purchase new badges and Regalia for the IIW Executive committee.

**IIW President’s Expenses:** The amount spent was well within the budget.

**Executive meeting and GBM:** The Expenditure for both categories was well within the sanctioned budget.

**Extension:** This had been divided into three categories and amounts were budgeted for each. However since we did not put up a stall at the Rotary Convention and the IPP did not travel to form new clubs the amounts sanctioned were not used. Details regarding extension could be found in the Budget sheet, which was presented later to the Board Directors.

**Postage, Telephone & Fax:** There had been an increase in expenditure due to rising costs though marginally less than 2014-15.

**IIW Website and Database:** IIW had appointed RMS, a PR company to take care of the IIW Website and all related work. The Proximity of their office had made working easier. RMS was on a regular monthly payment since its appointment in 2014-15. The IIW Editors had put in a lot of hard work to update the Website therefore once RMS was appointed and
the new website operational, RMS was now providing the database software. The information held could be accessed online. We paid Server charges too. The amount spent in 2015-16 was within the sanctioned budget.

Communication: An amount had been spent in the past two years (2014-15 & 2015-16) for printed communication by way of pamphlets and other material to aid marketing. Though nothing was sanctioned for this, the expenditure got accommodated along with other printing jobs.

Computer Expenses: Expenditure under this category was well within the budget.

Depreciation of Office Furniture and Equipment: An Amount is budgeted as defined by the law.

Audit and Accountancy: Divided into three categories

• Audit & Accountancy work
• Counting of Ballots (President-Vice President- Editor)
• Book keeping and related advice: Includes the appointment of Alison Bagshaw, our Book Keeper at HQ who comes in once a week to administrate the weekly accounts.

There was an increase in expense on Book keeping due to salaries, though the expense on Audit and Accountancy was as budgeted.

The Legal & Professional fees were always budgeted, but thankfully a need for it never arose.

The surplus for the year 2015-16 after taxation was £90,906/-

A Donation was made to the Charity of HRH Crown Princess following the 2015 Convention in Copenhagen to the amount of £10,834.00.

Debtors were the payments done in 2015-16 regarding 2016-17 (as some payment had been made to Board Directors for their travel for the GBM of 2016), and towards the advance payment towards the venue for the GBM 2016. Creditors were the Income received in advance for the Directory, the Corporation Tax, the accruals (payments of 2015-16 done in 2016-17) and the Bank balances.

Total assets less Current Liabilities show an amount of £1,558,080.00

This amount – the Reserves as on June 30th 2016 is £1,558,080.00 and split in three categories.

• The Office Equipment Replacement Fund: £8,447.00
• The Convention Business meeting Fund: £146,132.00
• General Reserve : £1,403,501.00

Pages 4, 5, 6 and 7 show the notes to the Financial Statement for the year ended 30th June 2016.

Item 1 shows the Accounting Policies

Item 2 shows Tangible Fixed Assets of Leasehold land and buildings, and Cost of Office furniture and Equipment.

Item 3 shows the Debtors and Prepayments

Item 4 Bank Balances and Cash held at HSBC Bank (Current account, Deposit account and Credit Cards Deposit), National Westminster (Current account, The Liquid Manger account, Direct Business Reserve account, Norwegian Kroner account, and Euro account).

Item 5 shows the Creditors List.

Item 6 shows the office Equipment and Replacement Fund.

Item 7 shows the Convention Business Meeting Fund.

Advance payments made to Convention 2018 Melbourne Australia -£5,324.00.

Item 8 shows the General Reserve — 2016 shows a figure of £1,330,095.00 as on 1st July 2015, added with the surplus of the year after taxation - £90,906.00 and increase in the value of the Norwegian Kroner - £7,500 after the deduction of the transfer of the Convention Business meeting fund of £25,000 The Total is £1, 403,501.00.

She concluded the Financial Report of the Accounts of International Inner Wheel for the year ending 30th June 2016.

She wished to thank Immediate Past IIW Treasurer Dr Kapila Gupta for her guidance and Mr John Moss, our Accountant for the speedy completion of the Financial Statement. She wanted to once again express her gratitude to Book Keeper Alison Bagshaw and Admin Elaine Hathaway for their kind cooperation in preparing this report.

Proposed: Azhagu Annamlai  
Seconded: Nelly Bratoeva
An email was sent to all National Treasurers, National Representatives, District Treasurers, and Treasurers of Non districted clubs giving information on annual Fees. We had received the dues so far from Canada, Germany, India, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, West Indies, Harare Zimbabwe, Switzerland, The Philippines and Non-Districted club of Beirut, Lebanon.

The receipt of the same had been acknowledged.

**Budget Presentation for 2017-18.**

She presented the proposed budget for the year 2017-18, which was approved at the EC meeting on 26th September 2016.

The tables show the Budget and Actuals of 2014-15 and 2015-16 and the budget figures of 2016-17 and 2017-18.

**ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE:**

1. **Governing Body Minutes:**
The printing of the Financial Statement and the Minutes of the Governing Body were being covered under this category as both were part of the GBM. The amount allotted remained the same.

2. **Convention Minutes/Agenda/Booklets/Proposal booklets/Voting Books:**
The same amount had been budgeted as of last year being the Convention year, the various Printed material would have to be done.

3. **Constitution & Hand Books:**
The amount budgeted had been increased by £1000 from that budgeted last year due to the increase in cost of making them and the actuals of previous years 2014-15 & 2015-16 show expenditure more than the budgeted amount.

4. **Newsletters:**
The same amount had been retained as last year, keeping in mind that the expense had been covered comfortably in the previous two years and giving enough cushion for increase in expense if it occurs. The postage was also covered in this amount.

5. **IIW Directories:**
The cost of printing and mailing the Directories was covered in this allotted amount which remained the same as 2016-17, less than that of previous years as an amount was received as income too from the sale of the Directories.

6-12. **Accommodation:**
Based on the figures of 2014-15 and 2015-16 budgets, the expenditure in these categories was covered quite comfortably so therefore there was no increase in allotment of funds. Only Insurance had shown an increase therefore the budget for that had been increased by £1000.

13. **Salaries:**
The same amount as last year has been budgeted as we have only Admin, Elaine working full time in the office and this would take care of any increment or extra payments.

14. **Badges and Regalia:**
The amount budgeted remained the same though an expense over budget is featured in the 2015-16 actuals due to the purchase of New Badges for the Executive committee members, and that kind of expenditure was not anticipated for the next two years. The money allotted would be sufficient to purchase IIW Board Director Badges and Margarette Golding Awardee Badges.

15. **IIW President’s Expenses:**
The Budget for the IIW President’s Reimbursement remained the same at £18,000.00 as it should cover her travel costs within the budgeted amount.

16. **IIW Vice President’s Expenses:**
This had been increased due to the extensive travel undertaken by the Vice President to the UN and its other offices.

17. **UN Representative and Committees:**
The amount budgeted had been increased to £5000.00 from £1,000.00 because some of the Representatives of IW at the UN offices claimed their travel expenses.

18. **Executive Meetings:**
The cost of travel of the Executive members and the rent of the meeting was being covered quite comfortably within the budgeted amount. Therefore £1000 had been reduced from £26,000 and £25,000 had been budgeted for 2017-18.

19. **Governing Body meetings:**
As of now, we had only one GBM, keeping that in mind the amount remained the same.

20-22. **Extension:**
The budget for Rotary Convention had been reduced to £2,000 from £6000 from that was allotted for 2016-17, as for the past two years we had not been putting stalls at the Rotary Conventions. The budget for visits to Non-Districted Clubs and the IPP had not travelled to create new clubs.

23-25. **Postage, Telephone/Fax, Stationary, Nomination & Ballot Papers:**
The actuals of the last two years remained the almost the same hence the budget in these categories remains the same.

26. **Communication:**
It had not been budgeted as the cost for the leaflets and other propaganda material was being absorbed along with other printing costs.

27. **Leasing & Maintenance:**
The amount allotted remained the same as it was necessary to renew and update the office equipment.

28. **IIW Website & Database:**
RMS, the PR Company had been appointed by IIW on a monthly payment in addition to yearly payments for Server charges. RMS maintained and updates the IIW Website. The amount allotted should cover all costs comfortably.
29. Computer Expense:
The same amount had been retained.

30. Depreciation of Office Equipment:
The amount remained the same.

31-33. Audit & Accountancy, Counting of Ballots, Book keeping:
The amounts budgeted were required due to the costs that were likely to increase in these categories. The amount budgeted for Bookkeeping had been raised to £15,000 from £10,000 as it could be noted that the expenditure in 2014-15 & 2015-16 had been much more than the budgeted amount.

34. Legal & Professional Fees:
The amount remained the same.

35. Indemnity Insurance:
The same amount is being retained as it was necessary to cover our responsibility.

36. Miscellaneous/General Expense:
This covered small expenses occurring at the Office. The Above description of the Budget was for the Expected Expenditure.

INCOME:

1. An Estimated Income from Capitation by way of Dues collected from 100,000 members at £3.50 per member should give us £350,000/- as the growth is positive in many parts of the world.

2. Interest net from Corporation Tax -£2000.00

3. Sale of Directories - £12,000

4. Sale of Constitution & Hand Books - £1,000

After taking into consideration all the estimated expenditure we would have a surplus of £7,650.

She explained that the Capitation fees could not be calculated exactly since the dues were collected in as Full year dues and Half year dues. Half year dues are collected from members joining after December 31 and new clubs inaugurated after the 31st of December. She concluded the presentation of the Budget for the year 2017-18 and proposed its adoption.

Proposed: Azhagu Annamalai
Seconded: Swarna Soysa

Every year the Auditors have to be approved and appointed for the next year. In the Executive Committee meeting held on the 26th of September 2016 a resolution was adopted, which read as:

Resolution to Appoint the Auditors for the year 2017-18.
The Executive has approved and appointed ROYCE PEELING GREEN LIMITED as the Auditors for the Accounts of INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL for the year 2017-18. Hence “It has been resolved to appoint ROYCE PEELING GREEN LIMITED (RPG) of Stockport as the Auditors for the accounts of International Inner Wheel for the year 2017-18”.

Proposed Azhagu Annamalai
Seconded Ify Ndefo

Constitution Report Constitution Chairman Phyllis Charter

Her first three months in the office of Constitution Chairman of International Inner Wheel had been busy and an eye opener.

She had received and answered many emails, phone calls and letters from around the world covering not only most of the subjects in our Constitution – but also the variations created by local bye laws.

She had kept the Executive Members up to date with copies of all correspondence regarding major disputes – especially where lawyers and legal advice was being taken by the various parties.

The main ones were the disputes in D322 Sri Lanka and the Disbanded D340 Pakistan – which were all still ongoing – and the various disagreements in D47 Denmark.

Sri Lanka D322

This dispute was still dividing the Membership of D322 – as could be read in the Minutes received 6th August 2016.

Disbanded D340 Pakistan

The Disbanded D340 had elected District Officers for this year 2016-17 and paid capitation fees for 17 Clubs – 250 Members – this payment had been accepted as payment from Non-Districted Clubs as in the previous year.

President Oluyemisi had met with Nasira Attique when she had been visiting Pakistan. She felt that some progress had been made by this meeting and it was agreed that the IIW Executive would confirm in writing the President’s suggestion for finally resolving matters there.

D47 Denmark

The Constitution Chairman hoped that after the meeting on 28th September a decision could be finalised to suit both parties and D47 could look forward to the future.

Germany

Reply from Margareta Momkvist NR Germany regarding 2/3 majority for the formation and election of National Council.

Nomination papers for offices on the International Governing Body for 2017-18 so far had been checked and found to meet the requirements for acceptance – closing date at the end of the week 30 September 2016.
Appointment of Trustees
The International Governing Body shall have the power to appoint 2 Trustees in whom shall be vested the responsibility for properties of International Inner Wheel.

1. On behalf of the membership, the Trustees shall be responsible for the general management of the property vested in them, and shall authorise major repairs and alterations as needed.

2. The International Governing Body shall indemnify the Trustees against all liabilities, costs, claims and demands incurred by them as Trustees.

3. The International Governing Body shall have the power to appoint or dismiss Trustees.

4. A Trustee must be a Past Board Member/Board Director, one from Great Britain and Ireland and one from another country.

Trustees 2017-18 = Dr Brenda Taylor GB&I IIW PP 1989/90 and Carole Buchanan Australia IIW PP 2001/02

Proposed Phyllis Charter
Seconded Corinne Dalleur

Appointment of Lawyer = SAS Daniels 2017-2018 were appointed.

Proposed Phyllis Charter
Seconded Pearl Jai Mohan

Proposals for the Convention 2018 to be submitted by the International Governing Body.

These were discussed, some were reworded and in some cases rejected or withdrawn by the Governing Body. Others were accepted unanimously.

Canvassing – IIW elections
Discussions regarding canvassing resulted in the decision to reduce the time when nominees could not travel or be active on social media to 15 January to 31 March. This would enable individuals to keep in touch with friends for Christmas, New Year and Inner Wheel Day but after that they would need to be more circumspect until after the ballot deadline had closed.

Litigation
It was agreed that the Lawyer would probably have to be consulted on the matter of litigation. Increasingly time and money was being spent in some countries by aggrieved individuals taking fellow members, Club and District officials to court over disputes of personality and power. The IIW Governing Body wished to find a solution to prevent court cases being taken and IIW being cited in disputes by litigious individuals. The Lawyer would be approached for advice on such matters.

The Constitution Chairman explained that the closing date for Proposals was 12 October 2016. It was hoped that the large numbers sent in previously was not repeated as on the whole the Constitution worked extremely well and Vice President Kapila was keen that there was time at the Convention for more than just the Business Sessions.

The Constitution Chairman’s report was adopted.

Proposed Hildegund Scheipermeier
Seconded Lisbeth Speich

Editor/Media Manager Report
As IIW Editor/Media Manager for the 2016-17 year she explained that she continued to have the passion and determination to help move the organisation forward towards greater communication and awareness across the globe. In the first quarter of this IW year she had struggled to perform her media manager role but was hoping that in the coming days this would be rectified and she would once again be able to use social media and website to improve our communication to the global Inner Wheel community and beyond.

A Brief Summary of the year to date

Communication
Communication is vital for any organisation to succeed. She had continued to have good, clear communication with our Administrator, Elaine and had also sent all Board Directors and National Reps the Publishing Protocols to encourage reports and images to be sent in the correct manner for inclusion on the IIW website and media.

IIW Website
At the changeover and beginning of July we met with RMS to discuss the changes that needed to be made to the website and she produced a working document with them to make these changes. All immediate changes in IIW personnel were made at the very beginning of the month and a few other changes were made by RMS. RMS have also assisted in uploading documents for the 2018 Convention, the 2016 IIW magazine, as well as a few other uploads and technical changes that were requested.

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• 30 reports from countries on activity and service projects and President’s visits from July-Sept 2016
• Creating a Margarette Golding Award Hall of Fame
• Adding the President’s Theme to the Past Presidents Hall of Fame, changing the format of the hall of Fame and making it more easily accessible to the find on the website
• Re-introducing an active Events Calendar
• Creating new images and editing the Inner Wheel Song video, including shortening the length of the song for use in meetings

Website Analytics From Google Analytics of the IIW website:

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A summary of overall use of the website in comparison to July 1st – Sept 27th 2015:
In summary

- Between 2014 and 2015 we saw significant increases in the number of sessions and page views for the IIW website however between 2015 and 2016 we can see that the overall use of the IIW website had decreased.

- The bounce rate had increased meaning that people were leaving the website straight from the home page without looking further into the website, more than likely due to the fact that since July, there had been no changes made, therefore no need to venture further into the website to read articles or gather information.

- We can see a slight increase in new visitors, which was encouraging however we had a decline in the number of returning visitors. In the previous year it was the returning visitors numbers that we were encouraged to see increasing, as it meant that people were using the website to return to gather information or to read reports.

- We can therefore conclude that the website was beginning to see a decline in the numbers using it. In the previous 2 years we saw a considerable increase in number using the website, so although we had increased numbers from July and August, September was considerably lower and as a result, we will need to work much harder to attract users back to the site. We need to have regular and timely updates of information and reports.

- She was able to break this down much further and demonstrate the actual pages that people were visiting and could send separate reports on these if the Board Directors were interested in seeing more detail.

Social Media

FACEBOOK

Facebook continued to be our major source of social media. The Facebook page was still generating much interest and was being followed by many with an encouraging growth in the number of likes, comments and views of content that was presented on the page. This indicates that there was an interest for much more content to be provided to our members, in order to keep their interest and enthusiasm. We were at risk of more splinter groups forming if we were not able to keep our content fresh and interesting for the membership. Our Facebook page had not been updated very regularly this last 3 months, but she had tried to ensure that the occasional post was created in maintain some interest and activity on the page. Our reach was greatly reduced and it was more difficult to raise awareness and keep interest again when we were not sharing and producing much content. The Facebook Algorithms require constant use and activity to ensure that our posts are shared with a greater community of followers. One of the things that happens was that Facebook stops pushing posts to our followers if there had been long periods of inactivity, so it took a lot of effort to ensure that we can increase our reach and push rates.

She would love to see the number of likes grow to over 5000, we are so close – please remember to encourage your friends to “like” us on Facebook.

Facebook Page Likes:

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Summary

In the last 3 months she had worked at her Editor role, to collecting and preparing information for the website, however with the limitations placed on her regarding the Media Management aspect of my role she had found it very frustrating and it had saddened her not to be able to use our vital lines of communication to the Inner Wheel Community and to raise our global profile. She had taken pride in the last 2 years of her role to see the positive steps forward to increase our profile in Social Media and to keep a constantly changing and up to date website. Our website was our window to the world, it must be used to attract members and to enthuse our community to share their work. She was certainly keen to be able to continue managing the media and helping to create more content for our International website and social media again in the very near future.

She was passionate about International Inner Wheel Organisation and took great pride in the work we do. She loved to share the work of our Inner Wheel communities in all parts of the world but in order to do this she required the assistance of everyone. She encouraged each of you to please help her by encouraging all National Bodies and Inner Wheel clubs around the globe to share their projects, milestones and news with her so that it can be published on our official IIW sites and therefore inspire others to Touch A Heart this Inner Wheel Year.

Report proposed for adoption

Proposed Thelma Pacsoo
Seconded Janet Dionigi

Approved.
Convention 2018

Promotional Videos were shown and the Board Directors encouraged to promote the Convention as widely as possible. Vice President Kapila gave a brief overview of the Convention centre, the south Wharf and hotel availability in the immediate vicinity of the Convention centre. She explained that the Convention Hotel was the Hilton hotel beside the centre.

She explained that the Registration brochure was being finalised and she presented suggestions for symposium topics for the plenary on the Wednesday. She also hoped that there would not be so many proposals and amendments so some of the business session time could be used more fruitfully for discussions using a format that she believed would be both fun and educative for the attendees. The general feeling was that Proposals should be meaningful and any items that were of an administrative nature (minor word changes or similar) should not take up time but could be included administratively if required.

Office Administration

The Administrator explained that the November mailshot for India would be printed and posted in India to see if that helped the better arrival of papers to India and reduce the costs of the usual courier. If it worked it might be that it could be extended to other areas of Asia, but initially it would be confined to India alone. All other countries would receive their mails from the UK as usual.

The Administrator explained that options were being explored for changes after the 2018 Convention relating to the office administration. Once these had been explored more fully, news would be circulated. Contingency plans had also been put in place to cope better with emergency and succession planning. RPG would be approached to possibly increase the hours of Alison Bagshaw, depending on her availability and costs, in Altrincham office and an outsourcing contract would be drawn up with M&M to enable better on-going communication management.

Board Directors Presentations

Each Board Director made a presentation on a pre prepared topic. These were most informative and educational. It was suggested that those which had been presented in the form of ppt be made available on the website if the Board Director in question agreed. President Yemisi was most grateful for all the work undertaken. It really gave everyone a great insight into the various aspects of the work undertaken in Inner Wheel around the world.

IWI Board | Directors Topics
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Beverley Crowe | AUSTRALIA - Cord Blood Bank Project
Corinne Dalleur Van Der Drift | BELGIUM & LUXE - Effect of IWI Past President
Nelly Bratoeva | BULGARIA - Success story of Extension
Dona O’Brien | CANADA - Membership Growth
Benedicte Haubroe | DENMARK - Registration as Non-Profit Club
Maija Leena Virta Kangas | FINLAND - Retention of membership
Thelma Pacsso | GB&I - Inside stories of School in Bag project
Hildegund Scheipermeier | GERMANY - Expansion of membership
Janet Diogini | ITALY - Women for Europe Seminar and impact
Pearl Jai Mohan | MALAYSIA & SINGAPORE - Advantage of Unison
Marijke Van Der Meijden De Dreu | NETHERLANDS - Membership Growth
Hazel Hunter | NEW ZEALAND - Ancient & Modern membership
Ifeyinwa Ndeofo | NIGERIA - Benefits of Women for Africa Seminar
Sissel Hoihjelle Michelsen | NORWAY - Fistula Project in East Africa
Swarna Soysa | SRI LANKA - Problem of Litigation
Lisbeth Speich | SWITZERLAND - Membership Drive

As an extra surprise gift President Yemisi had, had the presentation text created into a book, a copy of which she gave to the Board Directors. They remaining copies would be distributed on her travels to National Representatives.

National Representative Reports 2015-2016

These reports were discussed. There were some missing reports and a few were still not in the requested format.

However they gave a comprehensive picture of the work of Inner Wheel worldwide and were gratifying reading.

Janet Diogini would summarise them all and circulate her findings.
Any Other Business

President Yemisi announced that she wanted to change the picture gallery on the website to include a new project picture (to replace the children already featured with School in a Bag charity) a picture of the Governing Body to replace the picture of the ladies who featured on the website, leaflets and promotional banners etc. The Governing Body felt that replacing the project picture was a good idea, but were not so enthusiastic about their picture appearing. They felt that the picture of the women provided a better image for the organisation as it showed a greater spread of ages and backgrounds. They were concerned that the organisation needed to attract younger women and a picture of mostly retired older ladies was possibly less attractive to outsiders wanting to find out about the organisation than the one already used. They also felt that as their pictures appeared elsewhere in the website they did not need to be featured more often.

President Yemisi suggested a compromise – that the 6 ladies of the brand remained for now, the School In A Bag charity featured briefly (could be replaced in time with other projects and supported charity pictures) and the Governing Body picture replaced her individual President picture on the slider. If more pictures on the slider were needed this would constitute a change to the website that RMS would have to be involved with. It was suggested that the Convention in 2018 might be the opportunity to photograph a cross section of members which could be used on brand literature in the future.

Length of Governing Body Meeting

Board Director Thelma Pacsoo queried the need for there to be rest periods built into the timetable of the Governing Body Meeting and wondered whether the working sessions of the event could be done without a break. It was agreed that sometimes Directors would like to work without a break and cut down on the overall length of the event. Most particularly wanted the chance to have small group discussions. However it was agreed that for people working in a second or third language putting gaps in the timetable gave them a break. It also gave those with jet lag and those who inevitably caught coughs and cold whilst travelling to the meeting some respite from working non-stop for the whole meeting period.

Open Forum

Other matters were discussed including extension of membership, the damage to the reputation of Inner Wheel when members got involved with conflicts and litigation, the relationship of Inner Wheel and Rotary, having invited Board Directors attend Executive meetings, the revival of old clubs and District byelaws having to be uniformly observed throughout a country’s Districts.

President Closing Remarks

President Yemisi reminded the Governing Body not to talk about confidential matters until the Governing Body Minutes were published.

Vote of Thanks

Kapila Gupta gave the vote of thanks.

“Madam President & dear friends — all good things must come to an end, I am sure each one of u must have been enriched by all deliberations done in last two and a half day, congratulate IIWP Oluyemisi for conducting the meeting meticulously as well as handling sensitive issues with modesty. IPP with her vast experience at IIW, as silent observer to see if everything is going within constitutional frame. IIW Treasurer Azhagu for presenting her reports well in her first GBM. IIW CCC Phyllis had a great job to handle queries from countries as well as preparing proposals to amend the constitution on behalf of IGB, I thank her for her approach to all issues with a very balanced approach. I thank each one of you dear BDs for presenting your reports & presentations well & taking full participation in all discussions. Last but not the least a big thanks to Admin Elaine, competency is her speciality, is always ready with all quick replies, penning down imp point, care & concern for IIW, we cannot think of IIW without her. I fail in my duty if I do not thank IIW Editor Michelle for her being there all time either at Laptop taking control of presentations on screen or clicking moments of actions for website & social media. Keep it up dear.

“I wish each one a Safe journey back home. Continue working, serving IW at your respective post, Enjoy IW, Empower IW.”

International Social Project

The problem of choosing an International Social Project was aired. Suggestions immediately followed included Tuberculosis from the Netherlands, FGM from Norway. Cord Blood from Australia, confirming the IIW Executive’s concerns about finding a single suitable matter worldwide.

It was agreed to ask the National Representatives to suggest a project suitable for worldwide adoption. Deadline to submit 1st February 2017.