

World Computer Exchange, Inc.
109th Meeting of the Board of Directors
December 8, 2020 2:15 to 3:54 PM
Hull, Massachusetts 02045

***Mission:** To reduce the digital divide for youth in developing countries; to use our global network of partnerships to enhance communities in these countries; and to promote the reuse of electronic equipment and its ultimate disposal in an environmentally responsible manner.*

Future Meetings: Second Tuesdays from 2:15-3:45 PM Eastern (Please let Timothy know if you foresee a problem with any date): February 9 (Annual Meeting and Signing Authority), April 13 (draft Work Plan), June 8 (Work Plan, Budget and Letter of Appointment for Field Associates), September 14 (prep for Friends & Family), December 8 (Board & Council Nominations),

Present: Peter Hellmonds, Jeremy Griffiths, Lisa Dale, Suzanne Grant Lewis, Ayesha Hassan, and Timothy Anderson. **Staff:** Pamela Cooney. **Absent:** Richard Gingras and Robb Rill,

General Check-In: Each Board member reported on how they are doing during the pandemic. It was mentioned that any future similar sessions focus more on the the Board members getting to know the roles of each. The schools in Puerto Rico are closed until the fall.

Minutes: Upon a motion made by Peter Hellmonds and seconded by Ayesha Hassan, the Board **VOTED** unanimously to approve as submitted the Minutes of the 108th Board Meeting ([September Minutes](#))

President's Evaluation: Peter Hellmonds reported that the evaluation is completed.

Treasurer's Report: Jeremy Griffiths reviewed the draft pre-audited [FY'20 Financials](#) that have not yet had the inkind and computer donations included. He reviewed the \$92,000 deficit and that it will be covered by the \$30,560 forgivable pandemic loan from the US Government and nonpayment of \$62,000 in salaries to Timothy Anderson and Pamela Cooney. He also reviewed the simplified [Financial Report](#) for July-October and estimated [revenue projections](#) for the next 8 months. He explained that we have thus far survived the pandemic as we now come into two or three months with our highest projected revenue due to our supplemental annual Friends & Family campaign. Board members reported that they like the simple report but some wanted to have access to graphics showing trends in shipments over the years as well as one who wanted the more detailed reported.

Plan for Projects: The Board discussed the substantial changes in the organization as shown in the progress toward planning and beginning to implement the [Distance Learning Projects](#) as posted on the Board Agenda a week before the meeting. The Board offered no objections.

Fundraising Strategy: The Board discussed the rough estimate revenue projections the Treasurer presented for the above Plan for Projects and briefly discussed the [Fundraising Strategy](#). Peter Hellmonds asked for volunteers for a fundraising committee. Two Board members wanted to wait until after December to send out fundraising emails to their friends. One is interested in doing a different slide deck and was offered assistance from our intern.

Nominees: The Board was asked to send potential nominees for Board and Council for February Annual Meeting

MOU / Partner Approvals:

MOUs: Upon a motion made by Peter Hellmonds and seconded by Jeremy Griffith the Board unanimously **VOTED** to approve both the [MOU](#) with iEARN Kenya and the [MOU](#) with CS4All-PR.

PARTNERS: Upon a motion by Jeremy Griffith and seconded by Suzanne Grant Lewis, the Board unanimously **VOTED** to approve the following three new partners organizations as recommended by the CEO.

- **CAMBODIA (1):** [52nd WCE Country] [SRU](#) Scholarship Scheme seeks 4 computers to connect 24 young scholarship women at Svay Rieng University. Their budget last year was \$10,000. The computers will be connected as soon as they arrive at the university. They work with the Plimmerton Rotary Club in New Zealand. **Amount Deposited: \$634.** ([Implementation Plan](#)) Contact: Bill Shields. [WCE Development Officers for Cambodia: Lionel Croteau, Ernst Valery, Alan Sargeant and Yuri Isshiki. WCE Asia Regional Manager: David Kleiman.] in eNews and summary
- **CAMEROON (1):** Cameroon Education Cooperation seeks 10 computers so connect youth in three schools: CRC Remedial Nursery and Primary School (CRC, Rem), Remedial Bilingual Comprehensive Secondary School (RBCSS), Remedial Teacher Training College (RTTC). The sponsor for this shipment is The Links Foundation that has previously been a partner in Haiti. **Amount Deposited: \$1,435.94.** (Implementation Plan) Contact: Marie-Alix Kima. [WCE Development Officers for Cameroon: Steve Cayford, Thibeau Djoumbissie, Blaise Dondji Ph.D, Yumi Masuoka, Alex Mbianda, William Tita Ph.D. and Bob Waxer (RPCV). WCE Regional Manager for Central Africa: Sarah Pouzevara.] in eNews and summary
- **COLOMBIA (1):** [53rd WCE Country] Escuela San Andres de Pisimbala seeks 4 computers to connect their 200 students. The sponsor for this shipment is the Lemonade Fund that has previously been a sponsor in Sierra Leone. The computers will begin to be used upon arrival. **Amount Deposited: \$540.** (Implementation Plan) Contact: David Tormo. [WCE Development Officers for Colombia: Emma Le Du, Kay Dixon, Liliana Pantoja, Cesar Villamizar, and Janet Auman.] in eNews and summary

[FY'21 Shipping To-Date: 380: Cambodia (4), Cameroon (10), Colombia (4), Haiti (30), Kenya (208 PAID but not yet shipped), Puerto Rico (50 PAID but not yet shipped), Sierra Leone (74 PAID but not yet shipped)]

Pamela Cooney
Clerk
December 21, 2020