

World Computer Exchange, Inc.
105th Meeting of the Board of Directors
February 11, 2020 3 to 4 PM
Hull, Massachusetts 02045

WCE 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): April 14 (Work Plan), June 30 (new) (Budget), September 8 (Fund Raising), December 8 (Nominations), February 10 (Annual Meeting),

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

Election of Officers: Upon a motion made by Ayesha Hassan and seconded by Lisa Dale the Board unanimously **VOTED** to elect the following officers to 1 year terms:

Chairman of the Board: Peter Hellmonds
Vice Chairman of the Board & Treasurer: Jeremy Griffiths
Vice Chairman of the Board: RobDecemberb Rill
President: Timothy Anderson
Clerk: Pamela Cooney

Annual Signing Authority: Upon a motion made by Peter Hellmonds and seconded by Lisa Dale the Board unanimously **VOTED** to approve the following Annual Signing Authorities: Until the next Annual Meeting, to authorize the following three actions as included in the Board-approved annual budget: (1) Any one of the following: Board Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, or President to sign a Bank or Fidelity check or authorize a bank or Fidelity transfer alone for up to \$7,500 or any two of the above for any amount above \$7,500; (2) Any one of the Board Chair, Vice Chair, or Treasurer to approve a bank transfer or sign a check to reimburse or pay the President or Clerk; and (3) The President to sign contracts or agreements for the corporation and when specifically voted by the Board, the Board Chair or Vice Chair shall also have such authority.

Minutes: Upon a motion by Peter Hellmonds and seconded by Lisa Dale the Board unanimously **VOTED** to approve as sent the Minutes of the 104th Board Meeting ([December Minutes](#))

Puerto Rico Update: The CEO and Jeremy Griffiths reported that most of the schools in Puerto Rico remain closed since the earthquakes while they await inspections of the structures of the buildings. Robb Rill has connected WCE with a group working with out of school students in the south of the island. WCE has shipped computers to Puerto Rico for the next 10 schools and as the stock to begin our first two Refurbishing Clubs in a school and a Boys and Girls club. WCE continues to act as the fiscal sponsor for Computer Science for All-Puerto Rico and we are about to submit a proposal to the National Science Foundation with them ([Proposal](#)). Just before the earthquakes, WCE heard from 25 schools interested in computers. Delivery and our training for our two new Refurbishing Clubs have been delayed due to the schools being closed.

Shipping Report: The CEO reported that in this FY'20 the Board set a goals of 1,490 computers – more than our prior 3 years. To date we have shipped 1,410 in the first 7 months with another 111 paid and 229 pending that are expected to be shipped before the end of the fiscal year at the end of June. Below is the list of shipments for this fiscal year. Several of the shipments have been helped by our Field Associates. The CEO gave a summary of the background and contacts of one of the Field

Associates, Sila Too from Kenya. Aysha Hassan said she will talk to CEO about contacts for each of our Field Associates and other contacts for fundraising.

1. Strategic Ally: (14) Sample Books For Africa SHIPPED
2. Strategic Ally: (40) Books for Africa SHIPPED
3. Bangladesh: (6) Teach My Children (prior recipient) SHIPPED
4. Bangladesh: (18) FED (prior recipient) sponsored SHIPPED
5. Ethiopia: (50 PAID) (50 more PENDING) Tigray Development Association Field Associate
6. Haiti: (36) Voice of Bethel SHIPPED
7. Kenya: (111) Technology University SHIPPED
8. Liberia: (50) Community Church (prior recipient) sponsored **Field Associate** SHIPPED
9. Madagascar: (84 PENDING) Peace Corps Volunteers
10. Malawi: (1) pilot (hand-carry) SHIPPED
11. Mali: (15 PENDING) Massot Scholl (prior recipient)
12. Puerto Rico: (154 unrefurbished) Padre Rufo and Boys & Girls Clubs Refurbishing Clubs SHIPPED
13. Puerto Rico (160) 8 schools and community groups SHIPPED
14. Puerto Rico (168) Boys & Girls Clubs of Puerto Rico [20/22 Act Foundation] SHIPPED
15. Rwanda: (2) Inspire Girls Teaching Fellow (hand-carry) was **Field Associate** SHIPPED
16. Sierra Leone: (61 PAID) Lemonaid Fund (repeat) **Field Associate** PACKED
17. Sierra Leone: (80 PENDING) WCE **Field Associate**
18. Tanzania (533) Global Outreach (prior recipient) New **Field Associate** SHIPPED
19. Zambia (117) ALEJO **Field Associate** SHIPPED

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer reported on the FY'20: [financial reports](#) for the first 7 months ending January 31. It is a bit better than the prior year with an increase in shipments over prior years and we expect to exceed the goals as set by the Board in June. Many of the shipments this year were paid for in the prior fiscal year. He also reported that the draft of the FY'19 annual independent audit will be sent to the Board within two weeks for comment and reaction prior to it being finalized. WCE plans to suspend WCE-Canada and write-off in the FY19 audit the remaining in receivables. This will be offset in the balance sheet in the FY19 audit by the planned staff donation of an additional \$100,000 in unpaid salary.

New Partner: upon a motion made by Peter Hellmonds and seconded by Lisa Dale the Board unanimously **VOTED** to approve the following new partner as proposed:

- **ETHIOPIA** (1): [Tigray Development Association North America](#) in Washington DC seeks 50 computers for their new Tiruwork Abraha Elementary School in Tigray and 50 additional computers for 5 other schools in the area. Their school will have 1,200 students and they estimate the same amount for the others. They plan that all computers will be connected to the internet during the first year. **Amount Deposited: \$6,250.** ([Implementation Plan](#)) Contact: Kiros Gabriel. [WCE Development Officers for Ethiopia: Abiyu Berlie, Semere Lemma, Bethelhem Getachew Negash, Semra Seifu, Yonatan Tadese, Samson Teffera, Hanna Tsetsaye and Lydia Yemane. WCE Field Associate for Ethiopia: Mulugeta Assefa. WCE Regional Manager for Southern & East Africa: Jon Holland.] in eNews and summary

Fundraising: The CEO presented the final results of the annual Friends & Family campaign where 16 people helped us raise \$89,000 from 95 donors: [Final report](#) the Board expressed their gratitude for Robb Rill for his contributions and for those from the 20/22 Act Foundation.

President's Evaluation: Peter Hellmonds asked for Board members to respond

Pamela Cooney
Tigray Development Association North America
Clerk
February 18, 2020

