

World Computer Exchange, Inc.
102nd Meeting of the Board of Directors
July 24, 2019 2:15 to 3:55 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): September 10 (Friends & Family), December 10 (Nominations), February 11 (Annual Meeting), April 14 (Work Plan), June 9 (Budget)

Present: Peter Hellmonds, Robb Rill, Jeremy Griffiths, Jose Enrique Fernandez, Lisa Dale, Wayne Fritze, and Timothy Anderson. **Staff:** Pamela Cooney. **Absent:** Richard Gingras. Guest: Marimer Cruz, Director of Kinesis IT Academy.

Minutes: Upon a motion made by Peter Hellmonds and seconded by Jeremy Griffiths the Board all **VOTED** except for Robb Rill who abstained to approve the Minutes of the April 2019th meeting ([April Minutes](#)).

Strategic Allies: Upon a motion made by Lisa Dale and seconded by Robb Rill the Board unanimously **VOTED** to approve 3 Memoranda of Understanding: [Kinesis Foundation \(MOU\)](#) where Jose Enrique Fernandez of the WCE Board is Board Chair, [INDESEEM, Inc. \(MOU\)](#), and with [TechLit Africa \(MOU\)](#) where WCE will be their Fiscal Sponsor like we are for Computer Science for All – Puerto Rico.

International Advisory Council: Upon a motion made by Peter Hellmonds and seconded by Jose Enrique Fernandez the Board unanimously **VOTED** to elect Daniel Turikumwe, ([BIO](#)) former WCE Field Associate in Rwanda now with UN in Haiti, to the International Advisory Council until next Annual Meeting in February. Later in the meeting, upon a motion made by Lisa Dale and seconded by Peter Hellmonds the Board unanimously **VOTED** (contingent on her acceptance) to elect Cynthia Grace ([BIO](#)) Senior Vice President of Western Digital to the International Advisory Council until the next Annual Meeting in February.

Partners: Upon staff recommendation and a motion made by Jose Enrique Fernandez and seconded by Lisa Dale the Board unanimously **VOTED** to approve the following 6 partner organizations:

- **GHANA** (1): Lila's Child Care Foundation in Awoshie Anyaa working with [Point Hope](#) in Seattle seeks 10 computers to connect 220 students in their new internet cafe/library. They will include them in their container going from Seattle to Ghana. Referred by Free Geek. Sponsor: Laurie Thibert. **Amount Deposited: \$1,560.** ([Implementation Plan](#)) Contact: Laurie Thibert. [WCE Development Officers for Ghana: Ronan Caffrey, Jude Dela-Moses, Michael DeRosa, Marla DeRosa, Katie Bartel Gordon, and Bradley Palmer. WCE Regional Manager for West Africa: Jude Dela-Moses.] in eNews and summary
- **HAITI** (1): [Voice of Bethel](#) in Flemington, New Jersey seeks 36 computers to connect 300 youth per year in the Bethel School of Deschappelles. They plan to hand-carry. Their budget last year was \$18,000. They plan to connect all of the computers to the internet during the first year after arrival. **Amount Deposited: \$2,636.** ([Implementation Plan](#)) Contact: Dr. Jephthe Augustin. [WCE Development Officers for Haiti: Steven Cayford, Gilbert Corniglion, Modeline Duval, Peter James Edouarzin, Wayne Fritze, Eric Frothingham, Carey Radebaugh, Jan Saint-Macary, and Dr. John Steffens. WCE Regional Manager for Latin America & the Caribbean: Jack O'Donnell.] in eNews and summary

- **KENYA** (1): [Technical University of Kenya](#)'s Library seeks 100 computers to help connect their 10,000 students. They will all be connected to the internet within a year of arrival. **Amount Deposited: \$9,709.50.** ([Implementation Plan](#)) Contact: Sarah Kibugi, Library Director [WCE Development Officers for Kenya: Robert Karuga Kariuka, Wambui Kinya, Kiragu Maina, Jonathan McLean, Vincent Ndhlovu, Elizabeth Njendu, Joseph Opondo Carole Roberts, Semra Seifu, Yvonne Swain, and Henry Thairu. WCE Field Associate in Kenya: Sila Too. WCE Regional Manager for East Africa: Jon Holland.] in eNews and summary
- **MALAWI** (1): [Villages in Partnership](#) seeks one laptop to hand-carry to Malawi as a pilot. They will place it in an 8th grade classroom in Kalino village, Zomba district for 10 students and if this works will expand to many schools in the future. Their budget last year was \$793,000. **Amount Deposited: \$170.** ([Implementation Plan](#)) Contact: Trudi Veldman. [WCE Development Officers for Malawi: Eric Frothingham, Vincent Ndhlovu and Chiagozie Christopher Uchenwa. WCE Regional Manager for East & Southern Africa: Jon Holland.] in eNews and summary
- **NEPAL** (1): [Shree Nawasanjibani Secondary School](#) in Nuwakot seeks 4 computers to connect 500 students in their media center per year. After they figure out how to get this first shipment into Nepal they will want more. They hope to have these computers connected to the internet by the end of the second year. The school's budget last year was \$25,000. This is being done by a students at Reed College in Portland, Oregon. **Amount Deposited: \$191.** ([Implementation Plan](#)) Contact: Shisham Adhikari. [WCE Development Officers for Nepal: David Kleiman, Andris Bjornson, Jeff Huestis, Anumeha Narain, Jeff Snyder, Henry Boyd and Dan Krysztopa.] in eNews and summary
- **ZAMBIA** (1): [ALEJO Community Support Project](#) in Mufulira seeks 100 computers to as a first shipment to help connect 1,000 youth per year. All of the computers will be connected to the internet during the first year. Their budget last year was \$100,000. **Amount Deposited: \$1,333.** ([Implementation Plan](#)) Contact: Alex Mutale, Coordinator. [WCE Development Officers for Zambia: Zvondai Muchenje, Vincent Ndhlovu and Dr. Muna Ndulo. Field Associate for Zambia: Misheck Mutuzana. WCE Regional Manager for Southern & East Africa: Jon Holland.] in eNews and summary

FY'20 Work Plan: After review and upon a motion made by Peter Hellmonds and seconded by Lisa Dale the Board unanimously **VOTED** to approve the FY'20 annual Work Plan ([FY'20 Work Plan](#)) as presented and also approved the FY'20 annual Letter of Appointment for Field Associates ([Letter of Appointment](#)) ([Bios](#)).

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer reported on the annual independent [audit](#) and [tax filing](#) for FY'18. He pointed out the recent Staff donation of \$200,000 in unpaid salary bringing total to \$417,032 to be followed by another \$100,000 during the FY'19 audit. He also reported on the FY'19: [financial report](#) for 12 months showing a deficit of \$46,000 but not showing revenue of \$20,000 owed from 3 Field Associates. He noted that WCE is seeking to close the WCE-Canada affiliate and writing-off its \$31,000 receivable to WCE.

FY'20 Budget: After review and upon a motion made by Lisa Dale and seconded by Wayne Fritze the Board unanimously **VOTED** to approve the FY'20 annual Budget ([FY'20 Budget](#)) as presented.

Puerto Rico: Board members discussed the status of government and the new Code of Incentives changes in Puerto Rico and the CEO reported on the recruitment of 3 Refurbishing Clubs and 4 additional schools and community centers so that we are half way to our goals of 8 [schools](#) ([Spanish](#)) and 4 Refurbishing [Clubs](#) by January ([PR Work Plan & Budget](#)). He also described that WCE-PR has hired Andrea Barrientos as our Puerto Rico Coordinator ([read story](#)). And also outlined that WCE would be submitting a \$300,000 proposal to the National Science Foundation ([Proposal](#)) in support of Computer Science for All – Puerto Rico for which we act as fiscal sponsor. Board members suggested the CEO meet with Kinesis IT Academy and with Ana Maria of the 50 Montessori schools under the Puerto Rico Department of Education. Jose Enrique Fernandez kindly offered to pay for the trip expenses and he introduced the Board to Marimer Cruz, Director of Kinesis IT Academy.

Inspire Girls: The CEO reported on our 1st Inspire Girls Teaching Fellow ([read story](#)) and the project she is developing to be shared through WCE.

Refurbishing Club: The CEO reported on the development of our Refurbishing Club in Andover, MA and about to expand in Puerto Rico and in Silicon Valley, CA. He referred the Board to a story about the students leader of our Andover MA club ([read story](#)).

Shipping: FY'19: **985** of 1,800 goal. [FY'20: 1,070 of 1,490 goal paid for and nearly ready to ship]
FY'18: 744 F Y'17: 635 FY'16: 1,894 FY'15: 225 FY'14: 64 FY'13: 2,201

1. Bangladesh (4)
2. Belize [*WCE country #50*] (5)
3. Ethiopia: Field Associate: [*WCE country #51*] (22)
4. Ghana (10)
5. Guatemala (4)
6. Haiti: Flights: (4) (10) (1) (25)
7. India: (17) (5)
8. Liberia: Field Associate: Chapter & Club (484)
9. Mali: Field Associate (2) sample
10. Mexico: Rotary & Rassini (200)
11. Nepal (2)
12. Nicaragua (15) (5)
13. Nigeria; Field Associate (1) sample
14. Rwanda: Field Associate (2) sample for Inspire Girls
15. Tanzania: (12) (54) (61) (11)
16. Zimbabwe: (29)

Other Business: The Board was asked for ideas for potential female Board nominees who could help raise money and/or who know international development.

Pamela Cooney
Clerk
June 26, 2019