

World Computer Exchange, Inc.
106th Meeting of the Board of Directors
April 14, 2020 2:15 to 3:54 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): June 30 (**new**) (Budget), September 8 (Fund Raising), December 8 (Nominations), February 10 (Annual Meeting), April 13 (Draft Work Plan), June 8 (Budget and Work Plan)

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

Minutes: Upon a motion by Jeremy Griffiths and seconded by Ayesha Hassan the Board unanimously **VOTED** to approve as sent the Minutes of the 106th Board Meeting (April Minutes)

Coronavirus: The Board discussed the impact on Future WCE Work Plan and agreed that this is not a good time for nonprofits. It was agreed that the Audit Committee would meet about halfway between now and the June Board meeting to review the financial projections for the next 12 months given the pandemic. The Board suggested finding ways to decrease the inventory on which we are paying rent. Ayesha Hassan spoke about sending a funding concept paper to Mozilla like she has to Disney and Salesforce. WCE is sending out simple questions to prior recipients. Draft [Planning Assumptions](#)

Puerto Rico: Robb Rill reported that the 20/22 Act Society is still fighting to get the Code of Incentives to work better for organizations that are not politically connected. The strict lock-down is expect to be extended to the end of May. WCE training for WCE Refurbishing Clubs Padre Rufo and Boys and Girls Club in Aguas Buenas continue to be delayed – now by the pandemic. WCE delivery of computers to 20 interested schools and community organizations in Puerto Rico continue to be delayed as the earthquakes were followed by the pandemic. The CEO continues to work with a team from the University of Puerto Rico and the Computer Science Teachers Association on a proposal to the National Science Foundation.

Shipping Report: The CEO reported that WCE had been on track to have had a great year in shipping and then the pandemic hit. We do not expect to ship very many more computers this fiscal year – however we have already shipped two hundred more than the 1,490 budgeted for this year.

(FY'19: 985 FY'18: 744 FY'17: 635 FY'16: 1,894 FY'15: 225 FY'14: 64 FY'13: 2,201)

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: (104) Tigray Development Association **Field Associate** AWAITING INSPECTION
6. Haiti: (36) Voice of Bethel SHIPPED
7. Haiti: (21) St. Paul, Passionists School SHIPPED
8. Haiti: (10) LINKS (prior recipient) SHIPPED
9. Haiti: (3) SAKALA (prior recipient) SHIPPED

10. Haiti: (4) Univ. Publique du Sud (prior recipient) SHIPPED
11. Kenya: (111) Technology University **Field Associate** SHIPPED
12. Kenya: (129) PACEmakers International for TechLit Africa **Field Associate** SHIPPED
13. Kenya: (204 PENDING) Technology University (prior recipient) **Field Associate**
14. Liberia: (50) Community Church (prior recipient) sponsored **Field Associate** SHIPPED
15. Malawi: (1) pilot (hand-carry) SHIPPED
16. Mali: (15) Massok School (hand carry) (prior recipient) SHIPPED
17. Puerto Rico: (154 unrefurbished) Padre Rufo and Boys & Girls Clubs Refurbishing Clubs SHIPPED
18. Puerto Rico (160) 8 schools and community groups SHIPPED
19. Puerto Rico (168) Boys & Girls Clubs of Puerto Rico [20/22 Act Foundation] SHIPPED
20. Puerto Rico (50 PAID) Kinesis Foundation Lab
21. Rwanda: (2) Inspire Girls Teaching Fellow (hand-carry) was **Field Associate** SHIPPED
22. Sierra Leone: (61 PAID) Lemonaid Fund (repeat) **Field Associate** PACKED
23. Sierra Leone: (80 PENDING) WCE **Field Associate**
24. Tanzania (533) Global Outreach (prior recipient) New **Field Associate** SHIPPED
25. Zambia (117) ALEJO **Field Associate** SHIPPED

5. Treasurer's Report: The treasurer reported on the FY'20: [financial report](#) and [balance sheet](#) for the first 9 months ending March 31. It had continued to be a bit better than the prior year with an increase in shipments over prior years and we continue to expect to exceed the shipping 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 on the completion of the FY'19 [annual independent audit](#) and the [IRS tax return](#) and 7 state tax returns. WCE has suspended WCE-Canada and written-off in the FY19 audit all remaining receivables. This was offset in the balance sheet in the FY19 audit by the staff donation of an additional \$100,000 in unpaid salary. WCE will apply for \$30,000 US SBA 7A Paycheck Protection Program loan.

6. New Partner: Upon a motion made by Jeremy Griffiths and seconded by Ayesha Hassad, the Board unanimously **VOTED** to approve of the following new WCE partner organization as recommended.

- **HAITI (1):** The Catholic Passionist order seeks 20 computers to connect the 374 students at their St. Paul school in St Louis du Sud. This is one of their 33 schools in Haiti. The computers will be loaded with WCE content in French. The last 1/3 will be sponsored by friends of Wayne Fritze. These will be flown to Les Cayes which is near this school. **Amount Deposited: \$2,350.** ([Implementation Plan](#)) Contacts: Bob Albano and Fr. Richard Frechette, CP. [WCE Development Officers for Haiti: Steven Cayford, Gilbert Corniglion, Modeline Duval, Peter James Edouarzin, Wayne Fritze, Eric Frothingham, Carey Radebaugh, and Jan Saint-Macary. WCE Regional Manager for Latin America & the Caribbean: Jack O'Donnell.] in eNews and summary

7. Sponsor Options: The CEO reviewed the hiring of two interns to help raise sponsor funds for the four WCE Projects: Youth Skills (in USA), Inspire Girls, Puerto Rico, and African Chapters, as well to help with the costs of future computer shipments – especially working with our Field Associates in Africa starting with Kenya and Zambia. ([Summary](#))

8. Fundraising: The CEO reported on the draft FY'21 [fund raising plan](#), and the [final report](#) on the most recent Friends & Family fundraising campaign in which 16 volunteers helped us raise \$89,000 from 95 donors. The Board expressed their gratitude for Robb Rill for his contributions and for those

from the 20/22 Act Foundation. The CEO also reported that 200 corporate sponsor emails are going out this week, a new website being developed, a 1st sports agent has responded to our sponsor proposal. In discussion of pursuing Sales Force, Disney, and Mozilla it was pointed out that Steve Song is there. Susan Grant Lewis said that she thinks that there is an opportunity for WCE right now is distance learning. Peter Hellmonds and Ayesha Hassad are looking at the Internet Governance Forum and possibly IDRC. [Distribution of work](#) between two interns.

9. President's Evaluation: Peter Hellmonds briefly reported on the progress and will follow up with the remaining Board member who has not yet responded and then he will summarize the findings and share it with the Board and then go over the results in a call with the president.

10. Other Business

Pamela Cooney
Clerk
May 13, 2020