

AWC Seville Annual General Meeting

June 1, 2023

at 7:00 pm (CET) via ZOOM

Present: Donna Wolski, Carol Ann Siegel, Mary Fasal, Leanne Wood, Anna Fredrikson, Anne Sedman, Cheryl Walker, Helen Morgan, Esther Weekes, Shelagh English, Kathryn Oler, JoNell Kvamme, Fiona Watson, Elvira Becerra Pastor, Eileen Pink, Barbara Guidera, Gaye Sanchez-Pizjuan, Catherine Yaque, Maruja Herrera-Menchen.

The Annual General and Extraordinary Meeting was called to order by President Donna Wolski.

In order to comply with the club's Bylaws, a minimum of 50% plus one of the members are required to attend in order to constitute a quorum for voting.

Since a quorum was not reached the meeting was adjourned for 5 minutes and then reopened by the President.

The new meeting was called to order by Donna at 7.17 pm.

The bylaws require that a majority of those present at the new meeting approve votes. Since there were 19 members present at the start of the meeting, 10 members make up a quorum.

The Minutes from the Annual General Meeting of June 2, 2022 were approved by the members present.

Summary of the Club Year 2022-2023

President Donna Wolski briefly summarized the club's activities during the past year. This year saw a gradual return to in-person tours, luncheons, book club and other activities after the Covid restrictions. Some highlights were the Coffee Morning held in September 2022 and the Charity Book Sale held in May 2023, which raised over 1,000 EUR.

Donna thanked all of the board members and committee members for all of their hard work during the past year. Some board members will not be continuing in their roles next year, for example Catherine Yaque who will be stepping down from the Treasurer position after three years and Anna Fredrikson who will not be continuing in the role of Recording Secretary. Emily Nace will take over as Treasurer and Beatriz Hartman as Recording Secretary.

As we come to the end of another very good year for the AWC, the Club remains strong and financially stable. The size of the AWC continues to grow with membership increasing from 228 in June of 2022 to more than 240 at this time in 2023. Notably, AWC membership is truly

international with members representing twenty-eight countries, including 50% from the US, 15% each from the UK and Spain, and 20% from 25 other countries.

Charity Report

With half of our members' annual dues committed to supporting Club charities, the good work of the Charity Team and volunteers has helped to solidify our relationship with Vivir Compartiendo (VC), adopted as one of our charities in late 2022. In addition to other activities, members volunteer regularly at the organization's charity shop which AWC helps Vivir Compartiendo raise money for its good efforts in the community. The well provided support for VC's school break food program in the summer of 2022 as well as for the school Christmas holidays.

For Sonrisa, the Club's other charity, the Board will consider a funding request within the next few months for a project identified by Sonrisa as a priority. Members have regularly assisted Sonrisa with its food distribution efforts whenever assistance is requested. AWC members again Christmas enthusiastically supported the Club's annual Toy Drive for families served by Sonrisa. Gifts were purchased for more than fifty children and the families were also gifted additional food to compensate for organized shortages in Sonrisa's food bank. In addition to the Toy Drive, the Charity Team other fund-raising activities.

Other Activities

In cultural other activities, the Cultural Activities team organized nine events ranging from tours around Seville to an olive oil tasting and a book reading member Anabel Torres featuring Club members were and her recent publication. Proceeds from the sale of her book generously donated to our charity fund

In traditional 2022-23, first the Tuesday monthly Tuesday Coffee Club morphed into two Breakfast Clubs - the often as three times a month Breakfast Club and a Wednesday gathering that has met as at different Coffee Club has developed a locations around Seville, The Wednesday loyal attending. following with as many as 15 members regularly helps It is often the first Club activity in which new members participate so it to introduce them to the AWC.

Again this team year, planned Luncheons picnics occurred each month as did the Book Club. The Kids and and wonderful holiday parties for the grandchildren of Club members, children and a discussing movies on Zoom twice a month loyal group of movie fans enjoyed watching and as well as seeing several at the local movie theater. Other members enjoyed group walks and hikes, and a Teen Activities group planned get-togethers for the older children of members.

Proposed Budget for 2023-2024

Catherine Yaque presented the proposed budget for 2023-2024 and summarized where we stand financially, as well as expenses and donations that have been given in the past year. We only overspent on IT because of the web hosting fee, but that will be spread out over three years. We have decided to close the Zoom account, so that is one less expense.

The budget for the coming year is similar to this one's and it is based on a conservative estimate of 210 members. It can then be adjusted if needed during the year.

There was a motion to approve the proposed budget. It was approved unanimously.

Proposed Board of Directors for 2023-2023

(Nueva junta directiva propuesta para 2022-2023)

The President read the list of proposed Board Members for 2022-2023.

President	Donna Wolski
First Vice President	Gemma Hopley
Second Vice President	Barbara Guidera
Treasurer	Emily Nace
Recording Secretary	Beatriz Harrtman
Correspondence Secretary	Elvira Becerra
Membership Coordinator	Maria Angeles Herrera Menchen
Charity Coordinator	Helen Morgan
Member-at-Large	JoNell Kvamme
Member-at-Large	Esther Weekes
Member-at-Large	Dawn Risk

Proposed AWC Bank Signatories for 2023-2024

Donna Wolski, Maria Angeles Herrera Menchen, Emily Nace

The President asked members to approve the proposed Board. The vote for the 2023 2024 AWC Board and Bank Signatories passed unanimously and there were no objections.

Según consta en el libro de Actas, la Asamblea General Extraordinaria celebrada el día 1 de junio de 2023, convocada y válidamente constituida según lo previsto en los estatutos, con asistencia y participación de la mayoría de las socias, aprobó por mayoría de votos a favor de la nueva junta directiva propuesta para 2023-2024.

Las personas autorizadas con firma en nuestra cuenta bancaria:

Donna Wolski, Presidenta del Club de Mujeres Americanas

Emily Nace, Tesorera del Club de Mujeres Americanas

Maria Angeles Herrera Menchen, Coordinadora de socios del Club de Mujeres Americanas

(Para disponer de los fondos de la asociación se requerirá la firma de una de las personas autorizadas).

There was no other business to discuss.

The Meeting was adjourned.

The next Annual General Meeting will be held in June 2024.



President 2023-2024



Recording Secretary 2023-2024



Departing President 2022-2023



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