

## **AWC Seville Annual General Meeting**

**June 6, 2024**

**at 7:00 pm (CET) via ZOOM**

**Present:** Donna Wolski, Barbara Guidera, Emily Nace, Elvira Becerra, Esther Weekes, Gemma Hopley, JoNell Kvamme, Beatriz Osorio, Maria Angeles 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 7.10 pm.

The bylaws require that a majority of those present at the new meeting approve votes. Since there were 25 members present at the start of the meeting, 13 members make up a quorum.

**The Minutes from the Annual General Meeting of June 1, 2023** were approved by the members present.

### **Summary of the Club Year 2023-2024**

President Donna Wolski briefly summarized the club's activities during the past year.

2023 was another wonderful year for the AWC, the Club remains strong and financially stable. The size of the AWC continues to grow with membership increasing from 240 in June of 2023 to more than 260 now.

Donna thanked the outstanding Board of Directors and a team of activity coordinators who planned activities and events to meet the varied interests of our members. All volunteers, the success of the Club's year rests on their leadership and willingness to get it done.

With half of our members' annual dues committed to supporting two Club charities, the work of the Charity Team and volunteers, under the outstanding leadership of coordinator Helen Morgan, has been impressive. Members have contributed an untold number of hours in hands-on support at Vivir Compartiendo's resale shop in Tomares, and dozens of others have regularly assisted La Sonrisa De Un Niño with its food distribution efforts whenever assistance was needed.

The AWC again provided support for Vivir Compartiendo's school vacation food program in the summer of 2023 as well as for the Christmas holidays. For Sonrisa, the Board approved funding to support Sonrisa's food bank. AWC members again enthusiastically supported the Club's annual Christmas Toy Drive for needy families served by Sonrisa. The

Charity Team organized two fundraisers this year, a Christmas Cheer, and the annual Book Sale, to add to our charity fund. Members also made generous additional donations to the charity fund during the Club's annual membership renewal process.

In other activities, the Cultural Activities team organized eleven events ranging from a variety of cultural tours around Seville and museum visits to a tour of an orange grove, a beer tasting and tapas evening, and a book reading by a local author. The monthly Wednesday Coffee Club has enjoyed a loyal following.

Again this year, luncheons occurred at different restaurants around Seville, our Book Club met monthly for lively discussions, the Kids and Family team planned picnics and holiday parties for the children and grandchildren of Club members. A loyal group of movie fans met often to discuss movies watched online as well as the local movie theater, members joined frequent walks and hikes on trails around Seville, and there were several activities for the teenage children of members. To say the least, the AWC has had a very busy year.

None of these things would have been possible except for the leadership of the Club's outstanding Board of Directors and a team of activity coordinators who planned activities and events to meet the varied interests of our members. All volunteers, the success of the Club's year rests on their leadership and willingness to get it done.

#### **Proposed Budget for 2023-2024**

Emily Nace presented the proposed budget for 2024-2025 and summarized where we stand financially, as well as expenses and donations that have been given in the past year. The negative number under charity donations was because we donated more due to our healthy finances.

The budget for the coming year is similar to this one's and looks financially healthy. 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 2024-2025**

(Nueva junta directiva propuesta para 2024-2025)

The President read the list of proposed Board Members for 2024-2025.

<b>President</b>	<b>Aekta Makhijani</b>
<b>First Vice President</b>	<b>Gemma Hopley</b>
<b>Second Vice President</b>	<b>Barbara Guidera</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Emily Nace</b>
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	<b>Beatriz Osorio</b>
<b>Correspondence Secretary</b>	<b>Elvira Becerra</b>
<b>Membership Coordinator</b>	<b>Donna Wolski</b>
<b>Charity Coordinator</b>	<b>Maria Angeles Herrera-Menchen</b>
<b>Member-at-Large</b>	<b>JoNell Kvamme</b>

**Member-at-Large**

**Esther Weekes**

**Proposed AWC Bank Signatories for 2024-2025**

**Donna Wolski, Emily Nace, Maria Angeles Herrera-Menchen,**

The President asked members to approve the proposed Board. The vote for the 2024-2025 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 6 de junio de 2024, 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 2024-2025.**

**Las personas autorizadas con firma en nuestra cuenta bancaria:**

**Donna Wolski, Presidenta saliente del Club de Mujeres Americanas**

**Emily Nace, Tesorera del Club de Mujeres Americanas**

**Maria Angeles Herrera-Menchen, Coordinadora de beneficencia 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 2025.**

**President 2024-2025**

**Recording Secretary 2024-2025**

**Departing President 2023-2024**

**Departing Recording Secretary 2022-2023**