

# **American Women's Club of Berlin e.V.**

## **2016 Annual General Meeting**

**14 December 2016**

**Hallesches Haus, Tempelhofer Ufer 1, 10961 Berlin**

Number of members present: 50

The meeting announcement and agenda were distributed to members on 1 Nov 2016.

Meeting leader: My-Linh Kunst, President

Meeting secretary (pro tem): Claudia Tessier

### **Welcome**

2016 President My-Linh Kunst, called the meeting to order at 19:20 and welcomed members and guests.

### **2016 Year in Review**

My-Linh reviewed activities, income/expenses, member geographic and age distribution.

### **Thank you to volunteers**

My-Linh acknowledged all members who had volunteered during 2016 and presented each with a coffee mug with the AWC Berlin logo on it.

### **Election of 2017 Board of Directors**

The election was conducted by Voting Chairs Jennifer Post-Draeger and Kathy Aleksic, who confirmed the following nominees as announced in advance of the meeting.

My-Linh Kunst: President

Rebecca Duke: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Karen Castellon: 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Claudia Tessier: Secretary

Jennifer Padfield: Treasurer

The nominees were asked to leave the room.

Members were given the opportunity to make additional nominations. None were made.

It was proposed that the vote be by a show of hands, and there was no objection.

The vote was taken by a show of hands.

Number in favor: 50    Number opposed: 0    Number abstained: 0

Announcement was made that nominees as noted above were elected.

Nominees were asked to rejoin the meeting, where they were congratulated as the 2017 Board of Directors. (See below for full information regarding those elected.)

Rebecca presented a bouquet of flowers to My-Linh in recognition of and appreciation for all her outstanding work for AWC Berlin in 2016.

### **2017 Club Outlook**

Rebecca Duke, incoming 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (programs), reviewed the programs of 2016 (culture, outdoors/active, family-friendly, and development/education), noting some

possible additional activities for 2017. She then had the attendees break up into groups by neighborhood to discuss and record some possible neighborhood-oriented activities in 2017. Their notes were then given to Becky so that the 2017 Board may use them to consider 2017 planning.

Karen Castellon, incoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (membership), reported that current membership is at 213, and our goal for 2017 is to maintain at least 200 members, since members who are leaving Berlin will not be renewing. Thus, recruitment is important, and members were encouraged to refer friends and acquaintances to AWC. She asked members to let her know if their kids' schools have an information fair because we have found that to be the best place for recruitment. We will also try to engage new members more and try to provide more support to newcomers to Berlin.

Jennifer Padfield, incoming Treasurer, noted that membership renewals are a priority and that the new Board will be developing the 2017 budget, which will be communicated to the membership. Also, a philanthropic committee will be appointed to develop a Philanthropic strategy for the Club and/or come up with a slate of organizations that the Club should support in 2017.

### **Keynote Speaker**

Olivia Schofield, Top Woman Speaker at the 2011 World Championship of Public Speaking in Las Vegas spoke about what really matters when we lose something valuable, i.e., that we find even more valuable its consequences, as well as about the importance of being the DISRUPTer.

### **A Bit of Moderated Fun**

Claudia Tessier, incoming Secretary, moderated a Berlin trivia game. Attendees broke up into groups to answer the questions. The winning group received AWC Berlin mugs.

### **Required information and signatures of those elected to 2017 Board of Directors**

My-Linh Kunst, President  
Birthdate: 22 June 1963  
Address: Kastanienallee 36A, 14050  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Rebecca Duke, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Birthdate: 7 November 1964  
Address: Nassauische Str 53, 10717  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Karen Castellon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Birthdate: 21 July 1967  
Address: Spanische Alle 109, 14129  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Claudia Tessier, Secretary  
Birthdate: 17 March 1943  
Address: Maerkisches Ufer 36, 10179  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Jennifer Padfield, Treasurer  
Birthdate: 5 May 1985  
Address: Lindenstrasse 75B, 10969  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

