

Virtual General Assembly Inclusion International 2020 Minutes

- **Part 1** (from 2 November - 6 November) voting members were asked to approve [agenda items 1-5](#).
- **Part 2** (9 November & 10 November) 2 virtual General Assembly meetings hosted in Zoom and Attendify
- **Part 3** (from 16 November - 20 November) Voting members to approve resolutions and vote in election of the Vice-President

Meeting 9 November [English recording/](#) [Spanish recording/](#) [Arabic Recording](#)

Attendance [108 Attendees]

Full members (22): Parivar (India), Lebenshilfe Austria, Down Syndrome Mauritius, Asdown Colombia, Lev Denmark, Bridge of Hope (Armenia), KSh (Kuwait), Inclusion Ghana, Plena Inclusion (Spain), Landssamt_kin ThroskahjÃ lp (Iceland), Fundacion descubre (Chile), DSF Nigeria , Inclusion Canada, Insieme (Switzerland) , Insituto Jo Clemente (Brazil), CONFE (Mexico), LASA (Lebanon), ZAPDD (Zanzibar), NFU (Norway), UPPID (Rwanda), Fundacion contrabajo (Chile), Lebenshilfe Germany

Affiliate Members (12): People First Canada, Asociacion Azul (Argentina), UPHLS (Rwanda), United voices (Malaysia), Keystone Human Services (USA), SCHS (UAE), Asociación de Padres, Tutores y Voluntarios de Personas con Discapacidad. Tarija (Bolivia), Síndrome de Down Luz de Amor (Bolivia), Help Center (Saudi Arabia), Sierra Leone Autistic Society, APAPE (Togo).

Meeting 10 November: [English recording/](#) [Spanish recording](#)

Attendance [25 Attendees]

Full members (3): New inclusion Japan, Inclusion Australia, IHC (New Zealand)

Affiliate (3): People First New Zealand, VALID (Australia), Inclusive Practice (Georgia)

Agenda Item	What happened	Resolutions Approved
Welcome Address	<p>Sue Swenson, President, welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Sue explained participation and voting rights.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Resolutions for approval</p> <p>1.2020 GA agenda</p> <p>2.Minutes of the 2018 GA)</p> <p>3.Ratify new members</p> <p>4.Election of Vice- President process</p>	<p>Sue presented the 5 resolutions approved on 2-6 November</p>	<p><i>25 full members in good standing completed the poll</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. 2020 GA agenda (Approved by all)</i> <i>2. Minutes of the 2018 GA (23 approved, 2 abstentions)</i> <i>3. Ratify new members approved by the Council since the last GA in 2018 (Approved by all)</i>

<p>5. One-year extension of the current strategic plan</p>		<p>4. <i>Election of Vice- President process (Approved by all)</i></p> <p>5. <i>1-year extension of the current Strategic plan (Approved by all)</i></p>
<p>6 <u>The Work of our Organisation</u></p>	<p>Sue Swenson, President, showed <u>a short video animation that explains the latest work of our organisation.</u></p> <p>In these 3 areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Advocacy ● Support to Members ● Network <p>Connie Laurie-Bowie, Executive Director, presented the work of our network during the COVID19 crisis in 2020.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Note and accept the reports from the President and the Executive Director and the update on the work of the network

	<p>Sue introduced updates on the resolutions approved at our 2018 General Assembly:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chaica Al Qassimi, Self-Advocate representative of the Middle East and North Africa, presented the work we have done on the 6 Calls to Action 2. Fauzia Haji, Regional Representative for Africa, introduced our new programme on family leadership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Note the progress on the Calls to Action and the Families Taking Action for Inclusion program in the last two years and encourage the Officers and Council to ensure more progress in the future on both programs
<p><i>Is there work your organisation is doing that you would like to share with our network?</i></p>		
<p>7 &8 Treasurer & Secretary General's Report</p>	<p>Tim Gadd, Treasurer and Secretary General presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Our accounts for 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Note and accept the Treasurer's and Secretary General's reports

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● An update on our 2020/2021 finances ● The risks and our plan for future meetings 	
<p>9 Membership Matters</p>	<p>Tim Gadd, Treasurer and Secretary General, and Nagase Osamu, Chair of the Membership Committee presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Our progress with implementing the Membership Review since 2016 ● Proposals from the Council to the GA to adjust the membership fee bands based on our experience since 2016 ● An inflationary increase in membership fees from Jan 2022 recently approved by the Council. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Welcome the progress made since the 2016 membership review ● Approve the changes to the membership fees bands proposed by the Council and Membership Committee ● Note the increase in membership fees approved by the Council based on inflation from 1st January 2022

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ending of the Solidarity Scheme and the plans for a new Inclusion Fund 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the end of Solidarity payments and the launch of the Inclusion Fund
<p><i>We want to continue to grow our network. Do you know of any organisations and members that would strengthen our network?</i></p>		
Roll of Honour	During a two-minute silence the assembly paused to reflect on the people from our network we have lost since we last met.	N/A
10 Nominations and Elections	<p>Ralph Jones, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nominating process for Officers and Council members • Candidate videos from Mark Mapemba and Oswald Foellerer, for the position of Vice-President 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve the Nominating Committee's recommendation for appointment of the Officers (President, Secretary General and Treasurer)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video messages from Council Members who are ending their term (Elena Dal Bo, David Corner, Klaus Lachwitz and Sara Pickard) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve the Nominating Committee's recommendations for appointments of the Council. • Vote in the election of the Vice-President
11 Listen, Include, Respect	Luis Gabriel Villarreal Peralta , Self-advocate Representative for the Americas, presented our new programme work to develop guidelines on how organisations can make sure their work is inclusive so that people with an intellectual disability can fully take part.	N/A
<i>Do you have any examples of organisations that work in an inclusive way?</i>		
12 Any Other Business	No other business was raised.	N/A
13 Honorary Life Membership	Sue thanked Elena Dal Bo, David Corner and Sara Pickard for their valuable	N/A

	contributions to our network and awarded them with an honorary life membership.	
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