

## World Affairs Council of Western Michigan

### Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, May 26, 4 p.m. via Zoom

Attendance: D. Gauthier, president; J. Tyler, vice president; G. Low, Treasurer; P. Liang, secretary; K. Araya, K. Brozyna, J. Dakoske, S. DeMeester, M. Harsevoort, K. Jeakle, I. Nelson, K. Yost, C. Young. Staff: E. Kubik, M. Van Denend. Not Attending: C. Justice, D. Lawson, K. Patterson, P. Quinn, R. Roth, T. Thill, B. Torres, A. Van Soest, J. Ward.

1. Opening remarks: D. Gauthier.
2. Consent agenda: Review of the Minutes of March 24, 2021 (P. Liang). No corrections.
3. Consent agenda: Executive Director's Report (M. Van Denend). Corporate renewals going well; will have most companies returning.
4. Consent agenda: Financial Report (G. Low). Financials look solid. PPP2 has been approved and PPP1 loan has been forgiven.
5. Nominations Committee (P. Liang). The committee recommends these candidates as new board members: Ingrid Shane (UFP); Frances Hogsten (Haworth); Sungjin Yoo (Ottawa Ave. Capital, Brent Case (Right Place), and Chris Hickmann (BDO). Full bios and information were sent to all board members for discussion.
6. Resolutions for Board approval having to do with the following: PPP2 loan forgiveness; Nominations Committee recommendations; Election of Directors: Annual Meeting notice and agenda for 2021; and General Resolution for staff to implement the meeting and these resolutions: read and explained by D. Gauthier.
7. **Consent agenda and all Resolutions noted (#2, #3, #4, #5 and #6 items above) M/S/P P. Liang/G. Low.**
8. Vandenberg Prize (C. Justice/M. Van Denend). The request for General James Mattis has been accepted and he will be our 2021 Vandenberg recipient. We'll do a virtual event on Monday, June 21, at 12 noon, with a live portion at GRCC's ATC Center. Congressman Peter Meijer will interview the General during our portion of the program.
9. Programming Report: E. Kubik. Good events coming with the Dutch Consul and the Anti-Corruption State Department guest—plus working hard on aforementioned Vandenberg Prize.
10. Reminder of Annual Meeting, **Wednesday, June 9, 5:30 p.m., at Warner and virtual.** Attendance either way desired.
11. Official adjournment at 5:05 p.m. by acclamation

Respectfully submitted,  
Ping Liang, secretary