

# GLOBAL INITIATIVES COMMITTEE MEETING

21 October 2019

## Present

Mehvash Ali (Chair) (MA)  
Victoria Argullín (VA)  
Rhonda Baker (RB)  
Ivette Barbosa (IB)  
Viví Consta (VC)  
Susan Corner (SC)  
Colum Cronin (CC)  
Matt Eng (ME)  
Effie Hortis (EH)  
Shabeer Hussein (SH)  
Margaret Mbindyo (MM)  
Chris Hutt (CH)  
Carol Pollock (CP)  
Penny Robinson (PR)  
Kathy Stockwell (KS)  
Oscar van den Wijngaard (OVW)  
Yisi Zhan (YZ)

## **In Attendance (for first item)**

Debra Dotterer (DD)  
Karen Lewis (KL)

KL and DD reported on the review of the regional structure. MA asked what would be the best way for non-North American members to be involved, and a discussion followed, centring on how people identified with different areas. OVW thought that, regarding this, time could be more important than space. SC talked about the importance of this in the North American (including Canadian) context.

**Scholarships:** it was reported that most of those applying were US citizens. It was felt that the terminology advertising these should be clearer, to emphasize that they were open to everyone.

**Regional Structure:** It was said that, when the regional structure was established, NACADA was a much smaller organization.

**Global Lounge:** MA said that she was excited about the Global Lounge. She encouraged everyone to introduce themselves to other people and make connections. She would be happy if spaces like this could be created at other conferences. She

thanked RB and SC for making it possible and others for bringing resources. Suggestions as to how to enhance the Global Lounge for future conferences would be very welcome.

**New Members:** anyone who knew of people who would be good additions to the GIC should contact MA or RB.

**VAP:** SC reported on this. NACADA had been asked to consider awarding scholarships for the program. There would be a presentation about it on the next day. OVW said that MA, KS and SC had worked long and hard on this, and the meeting applauded them. It would be a meaningful experience. There would be flexibility about the length of exchanges.

**Glossary of Terms:** Work on this had been going on for a couple of years. The GIC members had worked hard to provide terms from various countries. Thanks were expressed to Regan (copy editor), for her hard work. The global community page on the website had grown out of the GIC. Before the next International Conference the glossary would be circulated to prospective attenders, asking them to add to it. MA invited attenders to tell her if they could think of something relevant to their countries, which has not yet been included.

**Friends Network:** This was now live and many people had applied to be part of it. It would remain open until the end of the Annual Conference. It was intended to encourage informal relationships and connections. The form was available both on paper and on line. After the end of the Conference, the procedure of pairing people would begin.

**2020 Annual Conference/Translation of Documents:** IB said it was hoped that some sessions in Spanish would be available in Puerto Rico, together with a '*Hablo Español*' ribbon for those who could speak the language. Much of the website had been translated into Spanish; key documents had been translated into Spanish, Arabic and Korean. RB said it would be good to have them available in Greek before the Athens Conference. EH stated that she would work on the Greek translation.

SC mentioned that the map in the Annual conference program was not inclusive of anyone outside the US. It was noted that this map needs to be revised for the next conferences to be more inclusive of non-US members.

RB asked anyone who would like to be a member of the GIC to let her and MA know.

MA reminded the meeting that the GIC served in an advisory capacity to the Board. She looked forward to receiving people's ideas.