

The GLC is composed of elected Leader-representatives from each Direct Connect Entity (DCE) to facilitate communication between Leaders and the LLLI Board of Directors and staff.

Attendees: Ann Calandro (Board Chair LLLI), Lee Claassen (Executive Director LLLI), Emilia Bertolo (LLLGB), Mary Bird, Herrade Hemmerdinger, Lydia de Raad, (European Area Network); Guille Vazquez, Vicky Reynell (International Area Network); Mary Roach (LLLNZ); Debbi Heffern, Tina Pursley Castellanos, Marianne Vakiener, Linda Anderson, (LLL USA); Michelle Pensa Branco, Mel Neal (LLL Canada),

Linda Smith (Board Member)

Update on Health Advisory Committee (HAC):

Linda Smith spoke to the GLC about dissolution of the HAC. It was dissolved per March 27 Board vote. Linda is still in contact with members. She hopes to form a new group of healthcare providers to better serve LLL going forward. Not sure on any future plans at this time. She could find no documents about the HAC origins or structure. The Founders Advisory Committee provided a report as well about the HAC to Linda. The GLC asked about Netcode and the relationship with LLLI. At this point LLLI has applied to Netcode but not been accepted yet. GLC asked for the dissolution of the HAC to be made public, beyond Leader Today due to a petition and the broader community interest in the HAC. The GLC also asked about a Board Advisory Group made up of previous board chairs to help fill in the gaps that exist with the change of leadership, such as the loss of the documents concerning HAC origins and structure.

Inspire:

Concerns were raised by the GLC about Inspire's links to formula companies and data mining of parents seeking help. The GLC was informed the contract would end in September 2018 and LLLI was obligated to finish it out. If LLLI failed to finish the contract it could cause a lawsuit. Inspire employees presented to the board and reassured them that they would honour our requests for no advertising. A webinar hosted by Inspire was planned. GLC members asked if board members could share their feelings on the webinar to help reassure Leaders as well. Inspire was looking into a way to make sure Bayer was not funding the LLLI Support page on their site. Inspire has changed their policy to allow referring to Facebook pages so Leaders can refer to local groups. GLC voiced concerns that the website was US based and in English which does not meet the needs of world- wide parents.

Reporting inconsistencies:

GLC was seeking clarification of the events leading to the firing of the HAC and a timeline as some talk was that things had happened and others that it was under review.

The GLC requested the 2016 document about Website requirements for LLLI new website.

Webinars:

LLLI plans 6 webinars with the first by Kathleen Kendall Tackett.

GLC questioned the Dec 5, 2017 Board minutes about LLL Canada.

LLL Canada does not participate in cost sharing. LLL Canada pays LLLI in accordance with its Affiliate agreement, then from time to time, on a wholly voluntary basis, makes a donation to LLLI. LLL Canada has decided that instead of donating to LLLI, this year they will allocate funds to Code training for its entity.

GLC requested their objection be noted regarding disparaging comments made in the January 2018 board minutes about LLL USA's "preferred communication and negative public relations practices." It was implied by the Board minutes that LLL USA did not give Leaders all the information about Board skills needed. In fact, the LLL USA did send information about open Board seats to all USA Leaders' personal email addresses and further details were provided to all interested. Their candidates were not interviewed by the Board Nominating Committee, and LLL USA believes the Nom Com did not consider the candidates merited interviews.

The Nom Com measures each candidate against an objective scale, and they said LLL USA's candidates scored low. However, there was no communication from NomCom to USA about the candidates nor how they were evaluated. One candidate who had applied in September 2017 was deemed well-qualified by NomCom but was rejected by LLL USA because they were not involved in LLL as a Leader or administrator. Three other excellent candidates were submitted and two were elected at that time to the USA open seats, so LLL USA feels the person not nominated is irrelevant.

Three seats remain open if LLL USA finds candidates the election would be re-run correctly.

GLC requested an apology be sent to LLL USA Candidates.

Budget: GLC members are encouraged to ask questions on the budget report

Social Media Policy

The GLC asked for clarification of minutes from Dec 19 2017 board minutes stating need for a policy for behaviour of Leaders on any social media platform due to risk of litigation.

The GLC questions the need for such a policy, suggested LLLI's Code of Ethics should be sufficient to prevent litigation, and that conflicts should be resolved using communication skills.

The policy is being considered but not yet written.

Fundraising: There will be a spring appeal in May.

Publications: Currently a Russian translation is being done. A possible translation for South Africa is being discussed.

LLLI is working with a literary agent to present a proposal to publisher.

Right to Livelihood Foundation Award was discussed. Resource Development Committee will draft nomination. LLLI will ask someone to present nomination to Foundation. Presenter may not be Leader or employed in any capacity by LLLI. Must be good speaker, who will advocate for LLLI.

Leader Accreditation:

Task force formed to look at accreditation. Inclusive Language Committee involved.

GLC asked when Leader Applicants would receive LLL IDs and passwords to be able to access protected areas of LLLI website?

LLLI is establishing separate website section for Leader Applicants. Cannot give time frame.

New Database:

GLC: many Area Data Administrators uncertain of new procedures.

ED: They were given training materials and manual and webinars. ADA having problems should contact her directly or send data changes to her admin, Caroline Behe. Same procedure if need to check a Leader's standing.

GLC- Will HARKs be sent to DCEs, as many do not always know when Leader Applicants have been accredited.

ED- Surprised HARKs not sent to DCEs by head office. Procedure will need to be clarified.

GLC - DCEs need access to database to check a Leader's connections and standing.

ED - Leader's Directory is planned for website

GLC - requested Leader's Group, Area, and Area Network be included in Directory. Ascertained that Caroline Behe only appointed recently and not yet fully familiar with Raiser's Edge.

Chair- Thanks GLC for their participation and reminded them that this was her last call as Board Chair.