



**WYSE Travel Confederation  
Meeting of Members of a Specific Class, Industry Panel ratification  
14:30 Tuesday, 8 October 2019  
Altis Grand Hotel  
Lisbon, Portugal**

## **1. Call to order**

The Director General welcomed everyone to the Industry Panel elections. Changes to the process of elected Panel and Management Board members were explained by Management Board member, and Chairperson of the Nominations Committee, John Cedergardh.

The Nominations Committee was formalized at a meeting of Members in Luxembourg in March 2019. The Committee is intended to be a mechanism through which to attract candidates with appropriate knowledge and leadership skills to the Panels and Management Board, talent deemed essential to the organisation's capacity to grow and develop. The Committee has worked to identify suitable candidates for Panel and Management Board seats, considering diversity in many respects and to reflect Members in a good way. The Committee Chairperson reflected on success to date, noting that the mechanism works and provides a good base from which to build on, but that there is still progress to be made on the diversity front.

An application process was implemented whereby characteristics of various candidates have been evaluated by the Committee and suitable candidates were proposed to the Management Board. These proposals form the slates that have been published on the WYSE Travel Confederation website and are being presented for ratification today. The Chairperson noted that there is a process for Members to challenge the slates proposed but noted that the slates had not been challenged on this occasion.

## **2. Appointment of Meeting Chairperson**

The Chairperson of the Nominations Committee proposed the Director General of WYSE Travel Confederation as Chairperson the Meeting of Members of a Specific Class and called for a motion to accept the proposal.

Britannia Student Services [Ronaldo Da Silva] motioned. The Green Lion [Francis Altena] seconded the motion.

The Director General was appointed Chairperson of the Meeting of Members of a Specific Class.



The Chairperson of the Nominations Committee called for a motion to accept the Agenda of the Meeting.

Hans Brinker [Pieter van der Zeeuw] motioned. Alliance Abroad Group [James Bell] seconded the motion.

The Agenda of the Meeting was accepted.

The Chairperson of the Meeting explained process to vote for the slate proposed for each panel.

### **3. Call to order for Travel Safety Panel Meeting**

The Chairperson of the Meeting called to order the Meeting of a Specific Class of Members for the Travel Safety Panel. Voting valid for holders of white cards only.

The Chairperson of the Nominations Committee presented the slate of candidates for the Travel Safety Panel: Nick Pound [World Nomads], Joël Marier [EBI Consulting Group], Claudia Reichstein [DR-WALTER], and Alex Thompson [Legaroo].

The Chairperson of the Nominations Committee noted that four positions were available and that four candidates were being proposed and explained the lottery process, which was used on this occasion, which is part of the rules and allows for staggering the terms of Panel positions.

The result of the lottery process was as follows:  
Nick Pound [World Nomads] three-year term  
Claudia Reichstein [DR-WALTER] three-year term  
Joël Marier [EBI Group] two-year term  
Alex Thompson [Legaroo] two-year term.

It was noted that Nick Pound [World Nomads] was standing for the position of Chairperson of the Panel.

The Chairperson of the Nominations Committee invited candidates to the front to make statements. Each candidate made a short statement.

The Chairperson of the Meeting thanked the candidates and called for a motion to ratify the slate of candidates standing for the Travel Safety Panel.

DR-WALTER [Reinhard Bellinghausen] motioned. EBI Consulting Group [John Powell] seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of the Members of the Specific Class and the slate of candidates for the Travel Safety Panel was accepted.



The Chairperson of the Meeting welcomed the new members to the Travel Safety Panel.

#### **4. Close of Travel Safety Panel Meeting**

The Chairperson of the Meeting closed the Meeting of Members of a Specific Class for the Travel Safety Panel.

#### **5. Call to order for Cultural Exchange Panel Meeting**

The Chairperson of the Meeting called to order the Meeting of a Specific Class of Members for the Cultural Exchange Panel. Voting valid for holders of light blue voting cards.

The Chairperson of the Nominations Committee presented the slate of three candidates for the three positions available on the Cultural Exchange Panel: Carye Duffin [CIEE], who is also standing for Chairperson of the Cultural Exchange Panel, Bastian Weinberger [Smaller Earth], Mark Overmann [InterExchange].

The result of the lottery process, which was used on this occasion to stagger the terms of the Panel positions, was as follows:

Carye Duffin [CIEE] three-year term

Mark Overmann [InterExchange] three-year term

Bastian Weinberg [Smaller Earth] two-year term

The Chairperson of the Nominations Committee invited candidates to the front to make statements. Each candidate made a short statement.

The Chairperson of the Meeting thanked the candidates and called for a motion to ratify the slate of candidates standing for the Cultural Exchange Panel.

BUNAC [Vicki Cunningham] motioned. IDEX Volunteer and Travel [Ninad Sharma] seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of the Members of the Specific Class and the slate of candidates for the Cultural Exchange Panel was accepted.

The Chairperson of the Meeting welcomed the new members to the Cultural Exchange Panel.

#### **6. Close of Cultural Exchange Panel meeting**

The Chairperson of the Meeting closed the Meeting of Members of a Specific Class for the Cultural Exchange Panel.



## **7. Call to order for Study Abroad Panel Meeting**

The Chairperson of the Meeting called to order the Meeting of a Specific Class of Members for the Study Abroad Panel. Voting valid for holders of yellow voting cards.

The Chairperson of the Nominations Committee presented the slate of two candidates for the two positions available on the Study Abroad Panel: Barry Rawlings [EduAfrica] and Alex Seigel [The Dragon Trip]. It was noted that the terms of the Panel positions were already staggered and thus it was not necessary to utilise the lottery process.

It was noted by the Chairperson of the Meeting that Barry Rawlings of EduAfrica was not present but had already served a three-year term as a member of the Panel and was a good candidate to carry forward work of the Panel.

The Chairperson of the Nominations Committee invited the candidate present to the front to make a statement. Candidate Alex Seigel [The Dragon Trip] made a short statement.

The Chairperson of the Meeting thanked the candidate and called for a motion to ratify the slate of candidates standing for the Study Abroad Panel.

92Y [Sandy Cohen] motioned. Experio Life [Tony Evans] seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of the Members of the Specific Class and the slate of candidates for the Study Abroad Panel was accepted.

The Chairperson of the Meeting welcomed the new members to the Study Abroad Panel.

## **8. Close of Study Abroad Panel meeting**

The Chairperson of the Meeting closed the Meeting of Members of a Specific Class for the Study Abroad Panel.

## **9. Call to order for Accommodation Panel ratification**

The Chairperson of the Meeting called to order the Meeting of a Specific Class of Members for the Accommodation Panel. Voting valid for holders of grey voting cards.

The Chairperson of the Nominations Committee presented the slate of four candidates for the four positions available on the Accommodation Panel: Pieter van der Zeeuw [Hans Brinker, who is also standing for the position of Chairperson of the Accommodation Panel, Louise Garner [Clink Hostels], Etienne Matichard [JO&JOE], and Kevin McCormick [University of Bath]. It was noted that the terms of the Panel



positions were already staggered and thus it was not necessary to utilise the lottery process.

The Chairperson of the Nominations Committee invited candidates to the front to make statements. Two of the four candidates made a short statement. Prepared statements of the remaining two candidates were read aloud by the Chair of the Meeting.

The Chairperson of the Meeting thanked the candidates and called for a motion to ratify the slate of candidates standing for the Accommodation Panel.

92Y [Sandy Cohen] motioned. a&o Hostels [Alysia Cardinal] seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of the Members of the Specific Class and the slate of candidates for the Accommodation Panel was accepted.

The Chairperson of the Meeting welcomed the new members to the Accommodation Panel.

### **10. Close of Accommodation Panel Meeting**

The Chairperson of the Meeting closed the Meeting of Members of a Specific Class for the Accommodation Panel.

### **11. Close of proceedings**

The Chairperson of the Meeting thanked all panel members, in- and outgoing, for working within the new governance structure and for their contributions to WYSE Travel Confederation over the last few years. The proceedings were closed.