

**DONA International**  
**Board of Directors Meeting – Ft. Lauderdale, FL**  
**July 16 – July 18, 2018**  
**Minutes**

**1. Welcome, Call to Order at 8:20 AM**

**Present:** Kathrin Auger, Elena Carrillo, Melissa Harley, Sarah Hodin, Yana Katzap-Nackman, Ana Paula Markel, Rina Rios, Ravae Sinclair, and Sherri Wilkerson

**Members Absent:** Johanna D’Aleo and Tonya Daniel

**Staff Present:** Dede Gish-Panjada, Interim Executive Director and Kristin Dube

2. Opening remarks from President Ana Paula Markel

3. Strategy Session 1

- A. Current Association Environment
- B. Role/Work of the Board

4. Strategy Session 2

- A. Effective and Efficient Tools to get work done

Adjourn at 4:11 PM

**July 17, 2018**

**5. Call to Order at 8:27 AM**

6. Strategy Session 3

- A. DONA International ‘s Membership Value Proposition

7. President’s Update

- A. International Optimal Childbirth Initiatives (IOCI)
- B. **Motion:** to approve in concept an Affiliate Membership category for individuals that are not doulas, and organizations and corporations that support DONA International’s mission in the delivery of evidence-based doula training, certification and continuing education and wish to become a member.  
Further APPROVE to direct DONA staff, Treasurer Kathrin Auger, Western Director of Membership Yana Katzap-Nackman and Eastern Director of Membership Tonya Daniels to determine the feasibility of such a category, and if so, to create a benefits framework and dues structure and bring it back to the Board for approval by 12/31/2018.

**Motion APPROVED**

- C. 2018 Summit Update, Review Schedule of Events
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8. **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the June 12, 2018 Board Teleconference

**Motion APPROVED**

9. **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the June 20, 2018 Board Teleconference

**Motion APPROVED**

10. President Elect Update

- A. Fall 2018 Retreat
- B. January 2019 In Person Meeting (Chicago)

11. **Motion:** To approve to provide a letter of invitation to International members attending DONA International summits in the US as revised with this addition: "pending guidance from our attorney."

**Motion APPROVED as amended**

12. International Development

1. **Motion:** To approve Ginny Phang's proposal (Trainer and Ambassador for Singapore) to have the birth doula certification packet translated into Mandarin

**Motion did not pass**

- A. i. **Motion:** To move forward in seeking translation bids for DONA materials.

**Motion APPROVED**

Adjourn at 4:40 PM

## July 18, 2018

### 13. Call to Order at 8:00 AM

**Present:** Welcome to Annie Kennedy, filling the Past President vacancy.

14. **Motion:** Discuss and decide the use of gender neutral language for DONA International's publications.

**ACTION:** Advocacy Director will collaborate with Intercultural Director and her Liaison, the Publications Director and the Director of PR & Marketing. Liaison to lead.

15. **Motion:** To approve May 31, 2018 Financial Statements

**Motion APPROVED**

16. Higher Logic Demo -- Chris Beaton

**ACTION:** ED to secure answers to additional questions, provide the responses to Board on a special call on Aug 7, 2018 at 11:00 AM CT.

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17. Financial Investment Presentation – Chris McDonnell, McDonnell Capital Mgmt.

**ACTION:** ED to secure answers to additional questions, provide the responses to Treasurer/ EC and provide to Board, then decide if to proceed or not. Provide the information by Sept. 30 (or before).

18. Accept Leadership Reports - *TABLED*

**19. Motion:** To accept the advocacy report as presented by the Advocacy Director

**Motion *APPROVED***

20. Executive Director Report

21. International Development Cont...

**Motion:** To approve the Spanish Birth Doula Workshop Manual that Elena updated and uploaded at the end of 2017 and make available on the trainer's website in a PDF format.

**Motion *APPROVED***

Adjourn at 2:25 PM

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