

# November 9, 2022 Summary of Board Actions

November 9, 2022

The Board began their meeting by adopting the agenda.

The Board was provided with a governance update regarding making statements on current affairs and events. The Board has been called to meet several times regarding whether SIA should make a public statement on an issue. The Board reviewed a proposed addition to the SIA Procedures and the SIA Board of Directors Polices to further develop the parameters established by the Board on this issue.

The Board voted to add a second paragraph to SIA Procedures A. General, number 6, as presented.

## **Soroptimist International of the Americas Procedures**

### **A. General**

6. Policy and Position Statements on behalf of Soroptimist International of the Americas may be made only by the elected Federation officers and the Executive Director. Statements made by other Soroptimists do not necessarily represent the official views of the Federation. However, members may utilize the information found in Soroptimist International of the Americas' "Be It Resolved" or Soroptimist International's "Where We Stand" published material.

***It is at the sole discretion of SIA's Board of directors to develop, release, or endorse public statements related to political or social current affairs or events, provided they meet the requirements of SIA Procedure 1. c.\* Public statements will be limited to those directly related to SIA's mission and the purpose of the work SIA is doing now, in the past, and in the future.***

The Board then voted to add a new policy II. Governance Process. M. Statements Regarding Current Affairs or Events to the Board Policy Manual.

The Board moved on to discuss the women-led uprising in Iran. They decided that SIA did not need to issue a statement. SIA had already supported 'SI's statement on the issue by sharing it on 'SIA's website and social media. The Board agreed to include a clear statement on endorsement of 'SI's statement.

The meeting ended following closing remarks from President Stephanie Smith.