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## **ICDE BOARD MEETING MINUTES 2025/2**

On 23 April 2025 07.00 (CEST/Oslo time), a Board meeting was held virtually.

The following members of the Board participated: Mark Nichols, Ebba Ossiannilsson, Mpine Makoe, Andreia Inamorato and Melinda Bandalaria.

Neil Fassina sent his apologies and sent his comments and votes for items 2.3 and 2.5 by writing, ahead of the meeting.

In addition, Secretary General Torunn Gjelsvik and Senior Adviser Anaïs Røed attended the meeting.

The Board was in quorum, cf. ICDE Constitution § 8.

The invitation and agenda of the present meeting was approved.

### 2.1 Approval of the Agenda

#### Motion 2.2 2024 ICDE Annual Accounts

Item moved by Ebba Ossiannilsson and seconded by Melinda Bandalaria.

**Motion:** *"The Board acknowledges the reports and the Auditor's statement of the ICDE Annual Accounts 2024."*

Motion unanimously carried.

#### Motion 2.3 ICDE events hosts 2026 and 2027

Item moved by Andreia Inamorato and seconded by Ebba Ossiannilsson.

**Motion 2.3.1:** *"The Board acknowledges the bids received from ICDE institutional members and mandates the ICDE Secretariat to start negotiating a contract with the University of Inland Norway to host the Lillehammer Lifelong Learning ICDE Conference 2027 in Lillehammer, Norway."*

**Motion 2.3.2:** “The Board acknowledges the bids received from ICDE institutional members and mandates the ICDE Secretariat to start negotiating a contract with Symbiosis Center for Distance Learning to host the ICDE International Conference on Microlearning in 2026 in Pune, India.”

**Motion 2.3.3** “The Board mandates the ICDE Secretariat to extend a targeted call for hosts for the ICDE World Conference in 2027.”

Motions unanimously carried. Neil Fassina voted for the motions by writing ahead of the meeting.

Motion 2.4 Appointment of members to the ICDE Prizes of Excellence Jury

Item moved by Melinda Bandalaria and seconded by Mpine Makoe.

**Motion:** “*The ICDE Board approves the appointment of two candidates to the ICDE Prizes of Excellence jury for a period of 4 years, from May 2025 to May 2029, and one candidate for two years, from May 2025 to May 2027.*”

Motion unanimously carried.

The Board appoints Andreia Inamorato as observer to the ICDE Prize of Excellence Jury from May 2025 to May 2029.

Motion 2.5 | Appointment of candidates to the Open Praxis Editorial Board

Item moved by Melinda Bandalaria and seconded by Mpine Makoe.

**Motion:** “*The ICDE Board approves the reappointment of the following candidates to the Open Praxis editorial board for a period of 2 years, from May 2025 to May 2027:*

- *Don Olcott, North America/Europe*
- *Mpine Makoe, Africa*
- *Tian Belawati, Asia*
- *Mark Nichols, Oceania*

*Three new candidates are appointed for the same period, from May 2025 to May 2027:*

- *Cristine Gusmao, Latin America, replacing Marta Mena*
- *Nicole Johnson, North America, replacing Brenda Padilla*
- *Colin de la Higuera, Europe, replacing Ebba Ossiannilsson*”

Motion carried. Mpine Makoe and Mark Nichols abstained from voting. Neil Fassina voted for the motion by writing ahead of the meeting.

Motion 2.6 Appointment of candidates to the ICDE Quality Committee

Item moved by Mpine Makoe and seconded by Ebba Ossiannilsson.

**Motion 2.6.1:** *“The ICDE Board approves the appointment of the following regional focal points to the ICDE Quality Committee for a period of 2 years, from May 2025 to May 2027:*

- *Dylan Barth, OLC, representing North America*
- *Mary Morocho Quezada, UTPL/CALED, representing Latin America and the Caribbean*
- *George Ubachs, EADTU, representing Europe*
- *Genevieve Cadaoas, Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University (DMMMSU), representing Asia*
- *Christine Ofulue, NOUN, representing Africa*
- *Fatima Saleh, Beirut Open University, representing Middle East*
- *Tim Cooper, University of Otago, representing Oceania*

**Motion 2.6.2:** *“The ICDE Board approves the appointment of Linda Amrane-Cooper from University of London as Chair of the ICDE Quality Committee for a period of 2 years, from May 2025 to May 2027.*

Motions unanimously carried.

#### Motion 2.7 Appointment of Network lead for the ICDE Open Education network

Item moved by Ebba Ossiannilsson and seconded by Melinda Bandalaria.

**Motion:** *“The ICDE Board approves the appointment of Robert Farrow and Chrissi Nerantzi as Network co-leads for the ICDE Open Education Network for a period of 2 years, from May 2025 to May 2027”.*

Motion unanimously carried.

#### Info 2.8 ICDE Reports:

Item moved by the President.

- Report from the President (oral)
- Report from Board members from their regions: (oral)
- Secretariat Report
- 2025 Events Overview

The Board was informed. Board members are requested to inform the Secretariat of any events they are attending when representing ICDE to be included in the overview document.

#### Info 2.9 ICDE World Conference report

Item moved by the President.

The Board was informed.

Info 2.10 ICDE Financial Report Q1

Item moved by the President.

The Board was informed and acknowledged the good work of the ICDE Secretariat regarding membership recruitment.

Info 2.11 ICDE Annual Report 2024

Item moved by the President.

The Board was informed and acknowledged the activity level and outcomes presented by the Secretariat in the ICDE Annual Report.

Info 2.12 ICDE Global Presidents' Forum Report 2024

Item moved by the President.

The Board was informed.

Info 2.13 Open Praxis report 2024

Item moved by the President.

The Board was informed and acknowledged the good results the Editor is accomplishing with the Open Praxis journal.

Info 1.14 Any Other Business

Item moved by the President.

The Board was informed. The Secretary General encouraged Board members to promote the ICDE World Conference 2025 when travelling and presenting at international events. Updated presentation materials will be provided by the Secretariat to all Board members.

Meeting adjourned 8:37 CEST on 23 April 2025.

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This protocol is approved electronically:

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