

Minutes of the Meeting of the Bank Information Center's Board of Directors

July 10, 2014

Attendance:

- 1) There were present:

Board members: David Hunter (Board Treasurer), Mamadou Goita (via phone), Charles Moore (via phone), Amy Shannon (Board Chair, via phone), Susanne Breilkopf

BIC staff: Alvin Carlos (Development Director), Chad Dobson (Executive Director), Joshua Lichtenstein (Campaigns Director), Amy Ekdawi (Middle East and North Africa Program Manager), Jelson Garcia (Asia Program Manager)

Regrets from Board members: Athena Ballesteros, Marcus Colchester, Katharine Redford, Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, David Kaimowitz

Call to Order

- 2) Ms. Shannon convened the meeting at 9:18am.

Introductory Business

- 3) The Board approved the minutes from the April 6, 2014 meeting.
- 4) The Board approved the proposed edits to BIC's Equal Employment Policy, with one additional change.

Executive Director's Update

- 5) Mr. Dobson shared information on the World Bank's reorganization efforts. He mentioned the increased interest from advocacy groups for BIC to work on a variety of thematic issues at the World Bank Group, including SOGIE and forest. Mr. Dobson mentioned the upcoming budget challenges that partner organizations and BIC are about to face. He also gave a brief update on BIC's campaign to strengthen the World Bank's social and international standards.

Strategic Planning Update

- 6) Mr. Lichtenstein discussed with the Board the revival of BIC's strategic planning process, including the rationale, internal and external context, framing, and the process moving forward. The Board supported the idea of organizing BIC's work around three global programs. Mr. Hunter highlighted that certain proposed ideas may have implications on BIC's long-term direction. The following board members were tasked to work more closely with staff on strategic planning before the next board meeting: Ms. Shannon, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Kaimowitz, and Mr. Goita. During the September 26-27 board meeting, BIC staff, board members, and additional resource persons will discuss proposed outcomes and strategies in the new strategic plan, and attempt to make strategic choices on BIC's long-term direction.

Financials

- 7) Mr. Carlos discussed the latest revenue and expense projections for 2014. BIC projects a slight deficit. Mr. Carlos discussed both the uncertainty and opportunities for funding in 2015.

Executive Session

- 8) The Board commenced its executive session at 11:30am.

The Board adjourned at 11:50am.