

# IWCL Board Meeting

## Agenda

**Date:** Monday, 7 September 2026, 09:30

**Venue:** Pestalozzi Hotel, Lugano

**Present:** Oana, Elizabet, Giovanna, Birgid, Shannon, Andrea

**Excused:** Maura, Eva, Iris

## 1. Opening and Attendance

- Welcome and confirmation of the agenda by Elizabet
- Record attendance and apologies.

## 2. Charity Presentation at the November Members' Meeting

- Confirm the time allocated for the charity presentation  
**The time will be decided once the number of suggested charity projects has been determined.**
- Confirm the availability of slides and a projector  
**Both will be available**
- Plan B  
**Any profit accrued will go to the contingency fund if a charity has not been chosen.**
- **Andrea: will check „Rete Donna“, seriosity, registration, etc. The president of „Rete Donna“ visited the IWCL Ciao event table on Saturday and gave us her business card.**

## 3. External Participation at Club Activities and Events

- Discuss whether partners, friends and prospective members may be welcomed at selected events  
**It was decided that all evening events are open to partners/guests.**  
  
**@Maura: Please put a little flag into every day time activity announcement where partners/guests can attend. Partners need to pay the total amount, the subsidy does not apply to them.**

**Prospective members cannot join the Newcomer's coffee. They can join the Monthly Meetings or the Sundowner.**

- Consider the possibility of establishing a separate mixed group for partner attendance – **No**

## 4. Business Group

- **No business group will be formed now.**

## 5. Wine Tasting — 17 September 2026

- Decide whether remaining places may be offered to non-members. Francesca Leuthold would like to bring family members and is waiting for Board's decision – Francesca can bring friends because guests are accepted to evening events – **Francesca can bring friends if there is space**
- Confirm that IWCL members receive priority - **confirmed**
- Determine whether this would be a one off – **We have decided that evening events are open for partners/guests. Non members have to cover the full costs.**

## 6. Newcomers Coffee

- Confirm that the event is intended for newly joined IWCL members rather than prospective members – **We have decided that Prospective members are not welcome.**

## 7. Club Activities Update

- Round Table: Ina is stepping down.  
**Ina will continue through December, announcement in NL to find a new round table leader.**
- English Conversation:  
**Tina Neumann will take over from Linda Denkinger as of 09/2026.**

## 8. Member Communications and Administration

### 8.1 Members in Board Whatsapp Group

**We will take Maria José out of the IWCL Whatsapp chat group and NL until MJ can be more actively involved again– Elizabet will call Maria José as well.**

**Eva would like to be taken out of the IWCL**

## 8.2 Member Profiles

- Review the status of incomplete member profiles  
**The completion of information is on a voluntarily basis**

## 8.3 Advertisement Policy and Website Collaboration

- Review the current advertisement policy  
**The IWCL is allowed to post paid advertisements according to Birgid and we will therefore continue with the existing advertisement policy.**  
**Prices: Birgid is suggesting to raise the advertising prices but a decision has not been made.**
- Consider whether to proceed with Giulia Indemini's offer to collaborate on the website  
**Eva can ask Giulia for an official offer.**

## 8.4 Revised By-laws and Statutes

**The statutes and by-laws will be revised and discussed on 05/10/2026 at 2 pm in a separate board meeting.**

## 8.5 Website Access

- Confirm website access and login credentials for new members  
**The Membership button will be taken off the website.**  
**Birgid will talk to Giovanni in regards to log-in credentials for new members.**

## 8.6 Cancellation Policy

- Review and discussion of the current policy  
**No show for whatever reason: member needs to pay.**
- Proposed changes and guidelines **No changes will be made.**
- **Event organization suggestion by Birgid: Birgid is suggesting to ask members to join a whatsapp group with QR code for payment. This Whatsapp group will only be created for a specific event, i.e. Welcome Back Brunch, Christmas Party, etc. This is to facilitate the registration and increase accessibility.**

## 9. Communication with External Parties - Birgid

**President and Vice President should be copied into any external communication!**

## 10. Additional Topics

**Oana will install Marie-Helène Limousin as her Treasurer shadow.**

**Welcome Back Brunch**

**Elizabet will give Welcome Speech and award 25 year membership pins.**

## 11. Closing

**Finish: 12:15 pm by Elizabet**