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Open meeting of the newly elected LPW Board and the LPW members and LPW Activities in 2013

On December 3, 2012 there was a meeting of the LPW members where a new LPW Board and the LPW President were elected.

At the meeting it was decided:

- **Starting 2013 to change the LPW organizational structure by abolishing the LPW Consulting Group and introduce the status of LPW Advisor.**

The LPW Consulting Group was set up in April 1998 composed of professional men and women to jointly with the LPW conduct research, implement projects, organize seminars, conferences and provide consulting. The LPW Consulting Group has fulfilled its mission and in view of the death of its head it will stop existing as part of the structure of the LPW. Instead, a status of the LPW Advisor will be introduced in 2013.

LPW Advisor is a professional women or man providing bona fide assistance to the LPW in various spheres of its activity. He/ she will not be able to use the LPW Services and shall not pay membership fee but can make donations, if desired. He/ she can be reimbursed for his/her participation in LPW non-commercial projects, the size of which is to be determined by separate agreements.

- **Memorial activities in 2013.**

Memorial events will be held to commemorate Olena Volodymyrivna Lazorenko (you can send your proposals to [lpw_network\(at\)i.ua](mailto:lpw_network(at)i.ua))

- **Continuing LPW activity in 2013 under its six main tools**

The main tools of the LPW activity in 2012 were:

1. The LPW official web-site www.lpw.org.ua
2. LPW News Letter, called "The LPW Current News" or "News from LPW President Office", which is disseminated among the LPW members – network members and those who show their interest in particular projects and maintain regular contact with the LPW as volunteers. The LPW News Letter is also available at www.lpw.org.ua
3. Regular LPW Service for full LPW members who paid their membership fee or made charity donations
 - A) "LPW Bus-L electronic dissemination on individual grants, study, research, vacancies, business meetings, legal info, etc
 - B) Individual consulting (up to 1 hour) on career making, professional development and drafting applications (upon preliminary request by email).
4. Organization of cultural/ learning/networking events as Annual Meeting, Summer Tours, etc.
5. Conducted grant applications writing for LPW priorities subject
6. LPW members participation in LPW projects and LPW partners activities (for example, international conferences: "Salzburg Seminar" (1999, 2004), "Women - New Economic Force", CIPE (USA, 2000); 12th ICISD symposium (Turkey, 2001), NEWW Gender Policy Conference, Women and Economy in Poland (2003); WIDE Conference (Women in Development Europe (Austria 2003), Young Forum of Diplomats (Poland, 2006), International Visitor leadership Program (US, 2006), Open World program (US, 2005, 2007), Management of gender programs (Germany, 2008, 2010), "Gender and Trade" (Czech), 2010, UN Global Compact Network in Ukraine events and many others)

- **Initiative on Supporting Women Entrepreneurship in Ukraine**

LPW President Olena Lazorenko informed that following the meetings at the Global Entrepreneurship Week held in Brussels in November 2012 (see more at <http://lpw.org.ua/en/news/?pid=618>) the LPW came up with the idea to set up initial group on supporting women- entrepreneurs in Ukraine to potentially develop it into the National Platform of development and supporting women-entrepreneurs in Ukraine, similar to some Eastern European countries.

The initial group will be composed of 3-4 persons to represent the LPW as an NGO, corporate sector, women -entrepreneurs, mainly SME, interested governmental bodies and international organizations. The LPW is open to financial proposals regarding this initiative, starting communication on this subject with interested party (for contact [lpw.network\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:lpw.network(at)gmail.com))

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