ILCA 2025 Annual General Meeting - Minutes

21 October 2025
8:00 am EDT – 9:15 am EDT

Present:

Board Members:	Staff:	Guests:
Maxine Scringer-Wilkes, *President* Iona Macnab, *Past President* Tova Ovits, *Secretary* Janet Jones, *Treasurer, President Elect* Zoe Faulkner Sue Jameson Angela Love-Zaranka Sushma Malik Irena Zakarija-Grkovic	Erika Freundel	Ellen Chetwynd

Minutes

Agenda Item	Presented by
1. Call to Order	President Scringer-Wilkes called the meeting to order at 8:00 am EDT. Quorum confirmed.
2. Motion to Approve 2024 AGM Minutes	Tova Ovits introduced the ILCA Board members present and presented the 2024 Annual General Meeting minutes. A motion to approve the minutes from the 2024 ILCA Annual General Meeting was made and seconded. The motion was opened to voting members in attendance.
3. Strategic overview and update President's Welcome	President Scringer-Wilkes Welcome, Land acknowledgement. Presidents address centering on ILCA's core values of Knowledge, Collection and Equity. Acknowledged Tova Ovits and Iona Macnab for their service to ILCA, stepping off the board. Recognized Ellen Chetwynd, outgoing Editor in Chief for the JHL.
4. Financial Overview	Treasurer Janet Jones presented the 2024 audited financial statements and provided an overview of ILCA's financial position. She highlighted strong fiscal management and a focus on maintaining reserves while investing in key priorities.
5. Global Partners	Iona Macnab provided an update on ILCA's updated Global Partner Program, which launched in 2024.

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6. Education and FILCA	Sue Jameson provided an update on the conference in November 2025, in Tampa. She highlighted the addition of new educational offerings in the Knowledge Centre, including the 2024 Study Day and ILCA's Journal of Human Lactation (JHL) Individual Study Modules (ISMs). Sue announced the 2025 FILCA award recipients: Michele Griswold, Iona Macnab, and Lourdes Santaballa. Sue acknowledged the members of the Conference Planning Task Force and reminded members that registration for the upcoming conference remains open.
7. Care awards and ICC	Sushma Malik provided an update on the IBCLC Care Award. ILCA collaborates with the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners on the Care awards. The International Code Committee (ICC) met regularly to discuss issues related to ILCA's ongoing commitment to the International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes and is currently evaluating our sponsorships for our upcoming conference.
8. Research Committee and call out for new members coming soon	Irena Zakarija-Grkovic provided an update on the Research Committee, noting that members are currently evaluating conference abstracts. She highlighted the recent update to ILCA's *Clinical Guidelines for the Establishment of Exclusive Breastfeeding* (available in the ILCA Store) and ongoing work to update the 2011 *Role and Impact of IBCLCs* advocacy document, with findings to be shared at the 40th anniversary conference. Additionally, she announced that a call for volunteers will open early next year as terms for several task forces and committees conclude.
9. Advocacy and Global outreach committee	Zoe Faulkner presented an update on the Advocacy and Global Outreach Committee, highlighting ILCA's active engagement with international bodies including the Global Breastfeeding Collective, the World Health Organization, and the United Nations. Zoe noted ongoing collaborations with partner organizations such as WABA, HASFF, BFHI network, PMNCH, and NetCode. Finally, she expressed gratitude to the ILCA WHA delegation and the Global Outreach Committee for their guidance and virtual support.

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10. Journal of Human Lactation, Editor in Chief	Ellen Chetwynd presented on ILCA's Journal of Human Lactation (JHL) update with Deputy Editor-in-Chief Jill DiMerci. JHL introduced the "From the Field" feature and dedicated research definition articles. She highlighted the success of the JHL podcast (35% international listeners) and reported nearly 350,000 full-text downloads in 2024. She announced the 2024 JHL award recipients, noted three new volunteer Associate Editors, and introduced incoming Editor-in-Chief Dr. Kathleen Kendall-Tackett.
11. Board of Director Ratification & New Board Members	Iona expressed gratitude to the Nominations Task Force and announced Stephanie Hutchinson will succeed Tova Ovits as Secretary, with Altrena Mukuria Ashe joining as Director. Additionally, Zoe Faulkner was ratified by the ILCA membership for a second three-year term, and Janet Jones was ratified as President-Elect. Tova Ovitz officially announced that the motion to approve the 2024 AGM minutes had passed.
12. Closing of the 2025 AGM	President Scringer-Wilkes provided closing remarks and adjourned the Annual General Meeting at 8:52 AM EDT.