



# XXXI BPW International Congress

17 – 21 November 2024

## Nominations

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Larissa Miller  
Candidate for International Vice President – United Nations

Member of  
Nominated by  
For position of

BPW Galway  
Colette Nugent, President, BPW Ireland  
International Vice President – United Nations

### My Vision

My vision for BPW International in this transformative and disruptive era is centred on empowering women of all ages with robust support, capacity-building, and knowledge transfer, especially as we navigate these rapidly progressing times. Advocacy remains a cornerstone—shaping global policies to support women's economic roles—and our strong alignment with the United Nations is crucial in this endeavour. Our partnership with the UN not only enhances our global reputation but also amplifies our effectiveness in advocating for policy changes, engaging in critical conversations, and driving exponential shifts in opportunities for women, as demanded by globalization.

We are at a critical juncture where innovating our business models and integrating cutting-edge technologies are essential for success. BPW must serve as a beacon of stability and innovation, helping members to anticipate trends, challenges, and swiftly seize opportunities. Through our strong ties with the United Nations, we can influence international policies and foster a global environment conducive to these goals. By building strong global networks and embracing globalisation, we enhance collaborative efforts across borders to refine supply chains, innovate products, and revolutionise operations. This competitive collaboration allows us to expand our customer bases and leverage our collective strength to not only keep our businesses relevant but to run ahead of competitors.

Joining BPW places you in a transformative circle of business leaders, strategists, founders, investors, and influencers. This network not only adds value but empowers members to pioneer uncharted business territories and access unparalleled opportunities. In BPW, we build support structures for one another, becoming anchors in each other's professional lives. Supported by our strategic alignment with the UN, we are positioned to have a generational impact on global economic policies, reshaping the future of business.

I bring a wealth of global business experience and knowledge to BPW, crucial for nurturing an environment where both seasoned and emerging professionals can reimagine and optimise their business strategies, focusing on innovation and strategic foresight, with the aim not just to compete but to lead in the marketplace.

Together, we must harness our collective power to not only adapt to change but drive it, making BPW a pivotal platform for women worldwide to exceed their own expectations and reshape the business landscape of tomorrow. Our close cooperation with the United Nations



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ensures that we remain at the forefront of global advocacy and action, paving the way for a more inclusive and equitable economic future for all women.

### BPW Offices held

- Member: BPW International: Women, Peace and Security project
- 2020: 1st VP Membership NFBPWC

### Keynote speaker:

- May 2019 – BPW International European Congress; Galway, Ireland
- September 2019 – BPW International Latin America Congress; Quito, Ecuador
- November 2019 – BPW Mediterranean Congress; Nicosia, Cyprus
- February 2020 – BPW Women, Peace & Security webinar: “Refugees: Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities for Women”
- April 2020 – Leadership in BPW Webinar : “Women on Boards: How to Serve”
- May 2020 – BPW in the Post-COVID World webinar: “The Transformational Future of BPW” October 2020 – BPW (Valletta) Malta, 10th Anniversary Celebration
- November 2020 – BPW Mediterranean Congress; Nicosia, Cyprus
- November 2021 – BPW Mediterranean Congress; Nicosia, Cyprus
- May 2022 – BPW International European Congress: Panel, “The Future of Equality: Women at the World Table”; Reykjavík, Iceland
- November 2022 – BPW Mediterranean Congress; Nicosia, Cyprus
- May 2023 – BPW Galway Annual Spring Luncheon; Galway, Ireland
- November 2023 – BPW Mediterranean Congress; Nicosia, Cyprus

### Positions in other International and National Organisations

All positions are current unless otherwise noted:

- Vice Chair, Del-York Group (Washington D.C. & Lagos, Nigeria)
- Vice-Chair, Reskill Africa (Nigeria)
- Board of Advisors, International School of Economics and Applied Sciences (London, U.K.)
- Board of Advisors, Inspire Global Ventures (New York, NY, USA)
- Board of Advisors, Global Impact Africa (Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates)
- Board of Trustees, People to People International (Worldwide Organisation headquartered in USA)
- Co-chair, Empower at the Bridge Foundation (Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, USA) • Board of Directors, The Bridge Eco-Village (Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, USA) <http://www.thebridgehbg.com/>
- Board of Directors, Geneva Global Initiative (Geneva, Switzerland)
- Board of Directors for Union of Business Ladies (Tbilisi, Georgia)
- Board of Directors, Dafe Oweh Family Fund for Africa (DOFFA) (USA) <http://www.doffa.org/>
- Board of Directors, SensX Africa (London, England)
- Global Ambassador, Association of Business Women in Commerce and Industry (New Delhi, India)
- Board of Advisors, Legacy of Lions (USA)
- Chairman of the Board, Read the Past - Write the Future (Jordan/United States)
- Board of Advisors, 40 Reasons Foundation (United States/Canada)



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- Co-Founder, Wealth Warriors (Cyprus)
- Board of Advisors, Food21 (United States)
- Mentor, Girl Power Talks (United States)
- Co-Chair, Beacon of Hope (United Arab Emirates) 2014-2018
- Director, Circle of Hope (United Arab Emirates) 2015-2018
- Member, Women's Equality and Empowerment Board (United Arab Emirates) 2015-2018
- 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade Family Readiness Group Leader (North Carolina, USA) 2010-2013
- 359th Aviation Battalion Family Readiness Group Leader, Family Readiness Group (Illeshiem, Germany) 2008-2010
- Battalion Family Readiness Group Leader, 1-82 Aviation Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division (North Carolina, United States) 2004-2007
- 1-501st, 1st Armoured Division, C-Company Family Readiness Group Leader (Hanau, Germany) 2000- 2003

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### Education

- Harrisburg Community College, Harrisburg, PA (1990-1992) – Political Science
- Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ (1992-1994) – Political Science with a minor in Hungarian
- College for Appraisers, California (2007-2010) Master Appraiser with a speciality in 18th and 19th century European antiques
- Penn State University, University Park, PA (2018-2019) – Organisational Leadership

### Professional Experience

- CEO and Co-Founder, Phoenix Global Group Holdings, Inc (FEB 2017 – Current)
- Parent company of the following subsidiary companies:
  - Phoenix Global, LLC (Florida, United States) Global consulting and investment firm.
  - Phoenix Global Consulting, LLC (Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates) Global consulting and investment firm.
  - Phoenix Global Media Group, LLC (Delaware, United States).
  - Phoenix Grove Defence Technologies (North Carolina, United States).
- Vice-Chair, Del-York Group (2023-Current) (Washington D.C / Lagos, Nigeria).
- President, Keystone Farm Future (2020 – Current) (Pennsylvania, USA).
- Executive Vice President, STP Capital Partners (2018- 2024) (Virginia, USA)
- Managing Partner, Akon Global (2020-2021) (Georgia, USA) owned and headed by His Highness Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan bin Khalifa Al Nahyan and Her Highness Sheikha Shamma bint Sultan bin Khalifa Al Nahyan (2015-2019) (Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates).
- Head of Investment and Business Development for Her Highness Sheikha Shamma bint Sultan bin Khalifa, Al Nahyan (2014-2019) (Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates).
- Office of Public Policy, Governor Tom Ridge, Governor of Pennsylvania (1999-2001) (Harrisburg, Pennsylvania).



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### Additional Information

- 10 Top Self-Made Women of 2024, International Business Times.
- Top 100 People in Finance, The Top 100 Magazine.
- 100 Global Women of Excellence, Sovereign Magazine.
- 10 Most Influential Friends of Africa, Business in Africa.
- 10 Most Influential Business Leaders 2023, Exeleon Magazine.
- 10 Most Influential Women, Formidable Women Magazine.
- Iron Mike Award, (Oct. 2006) Civilian w/ 300+ volunteer hours.
- Iron Mike Bronze Star Award, (June 2007) Civilian with 750+ volunteer hours.
- Dr. Mary E. Walker Award, United States Army (Oct. 2007) – Highest award the US Armed Forces given to civilians.

### **SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR LARISSA MILLER**

**BY Colette Nugent, President, BPW Ireland**

As President of BPW Ireland, I am pleased to nominate BPW Galway/Ireland Member, Larisa Millar, to the position of BPW International Vice President to the United Nations. Larisa is well known throughout BPW for her work and dedication to BPW. She is particularly recognised as a gifted motivational speaker, able to clearly communicate her vision for a modern and dynamic BPW. Larisa is passionate about the power of volunteering and the success that united voices can achieve at all levels of society. She is ambitious for what the united voices of BPW International can achieve in the face of the many challenges in today's world. In her business life, Larisa has proven leadership skills and drive excelling across many sectors, cultures, and borders. As a highly successful businesswoman, Larisa thinks internationally, acts internationally and succeeds internationally. Her skills and her clear vision for the future of BPW will make her a valuable asset to the BPW International Board.