

**IWIRC Ontario Network  
Board of Directors Meeting**

**MINUTES**

June 17, 2020 – 5:00 p.m.

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Meeting held via videoconference

**Video:** Toni Vanderlaan - Chair  
Deborah Hornbostel – Vice Chair  
Constance de Grosbois – Treasurer  
Sara Van Allen – Secretary  
Kyla Mahar – Past Chair  
Natalie Levine – Director of Sponsorship  
Rachel Bengino – Director of Programs  
Katherine Forbes – Director of Programs  
Maya Poliak – Director of Educational Programs  
Nerina Jahja – Director of Membership  
Sanja Sopic – Director of Communications

**Regrets:** Tushara Weerasooriya – Director of Sponsorship  
Stephanie De Caria – Director of Community Service  
Andrea Lockhart – Director at Large

The meeting commenced at 5:00 p.m. and was chaired by Toni Vanderlaan.

**1. Minutes from May 13, 2020 Board Meeting**

- **MOTION:** A motion was made by Nerina Jahja, seconded by Sanja Sopic, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2020 board meeting.

**2. Programs**

- Toni Vanderlaan noted that the Tiramisu Event was well received by those in attendance. Nerina Jahja noted that she could teach how to make baklava next time.
- Maya Poliak had no update on educational programs.
- Sara Van Allen gave an overview of the upcoming Chat with the Chairs Event. It will be held over Zoom and is a joint event with Western Canada. We have members from across Canada signed up. It will be a great opportunity to network and all board members were encouraged to sign up.

- Toni Vanderlaan noted that on the IWIRC chairs call International advised that they are advertising all virtual events so people from outside each network can attend.
- Katherine Forbes stated that there is virtual event fatigue and not a lot of appetite for content from TMA for example.
- Maya Poliak suggested a possible games night, for example a murder mystery or trivia pub night. Constance de Grosbois recommended Are You Smarter than a 5<sup>th</sup> Grader, as they did a virtual event at BMO at it was a lot of fun.
- Toni Vanderlaan agreed that we don't want event fatigue, but that we should provide some value to our members. We should look at doing an educational event in the fall, which will likely be virtual.
- Kyla Mahar proposed possibly doing a socially distanced drinks event on a patio once they open up.

### **3. Financial Update**

- Toni Vanderlaan noted that our insurance expires next week.
- Constance de Grosbois advised that we have no insurance invoice.
- **MOTION:** A motion was made by Nerina Jahja, seconded by Maya Poliak and unanimously approved by the Board to pay the insurance premium once the invoice is received.

### **4. Sponsorship – Natalie Levine**

- No update. Firms are not spending any money.

### **5. Membership – Nerina Jahja**

- Our membership numbers are down to the mid 50s from the low 70s.
- Nerina followed up with expiring members but only received one response. She noted that we are not offering much programming and therefore people may not see the value in renewing.
- Kyla Mahar noted that firms have spending freezes and its difficult to get approval.
- Sanja Sopic will keep recently expired members on the distribution list.

### **6. Communications – Sanja Sopic**

- Sanja Sopic will post the tiramisu recipe on our website. There is not a lot of content or programming for the website right now.

### **7. Community Service**

- Deferred to next meeting

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

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Sara-Ann Van Allen  
Secretary