

**IWIRC Ontario Network
Board of Directors Meeting**

MINUTES

January 17, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.

Held at Miller Thomson LLP, Scotia Plaza 40 King Street West, Suite 5800, Toronto

Present: Kyla Mahar – Chair
Toni Vanderlaan – Vice Chair
Deborah Hornbostel – Secretary
Sara Van Allen – Director of Programs
Natasha De Cicco – Director of Community Service
Rachel Bengino – Director of Communications/Website
Nerina Jahja – Director at Large

Phone: Karen Kimel – Treasurer
Melaney Wagner - Past Chair
Maya Poliak – Director of Membership
Tushara Weerasooriya – Director of Programs
Dina Milivojevic – Director at Large
Constance de Grosbois – Director at Large

Regrets: Katherine Forbes – Director of Educational Programs

The meeting commenced at approximately 9:10 a.m. and was chaired by Kyla Mahar

1. Welcome to New Board Members

- Kyla welcomed Katherine Forbes and Nerina Jahja as new board members, serving respectively as Director of Educational Programs and Director at Large.

2. Officer Roles

- Further to Kyla's suggestion at the December 2017 board meeting to keep all officers in their current positions for the 2018 year, there were no objections noted and accordingly all officer positions were kept intact and the Director of Educational Programs was created.

3. Minutes from October 11 and November 8, 2017 Meetings

- **MOTION:** A motion made by Kyla and seconded by Karen to approve the Minutes of the October 11 and November 8, 2017 Board meetings was unanimously carried by the Board.

4. Programs

- Annual General Meeting -Sara and Tushara will organize an event for the end of February, perhaps wine/cheese/chocolate at a member firm.

- They will also propose a slate of events for the next meeting. Events to consider repeating are the tennis, boat cruise, wine tour. New events to consider are Her Majesty's Pleasure (Natasha to provide further info), Foodies on Foot (summer) and a women's self defense class.
- Katherine will speak on the educational programs at the next meeting.

5. Annual Report

- As the annual report is due at the end of March 2018, holding the annual general meeting in late February should be fine.
- Karen is to provide details on past events to enable Toni to complete the annual report.

6. Regional Events

- ARIL will take place in Vancouver February 8-9, 2018 and the Vancouver network will be hosting a regional networking event on February 8, 2018 from 4 to 6 pm.
- **MOTION:** A motion was made by Kyla and seconded by Deborah to provide sponsorship of \$500 to the Vancouver network with respect to its February 8th networking event. The motion was unanimously carried.
- Rachel is to send the Ontario network logo to the Vancouver network for promotional purposes of the event.

7. Finance Update

- Karen will circulate financial statements detailed by events later today.
- We started 2017 with approximately \$15,500 and ended with approximately \$16,000 excluding outstanding amounts for the Board appreciation dinner (\$1,553.14) and the donation to the Soups Sister's charity program Eva's for at risk and homeless youth.
- The Soup Sister's event raised \$1,210 in fee collections. The board discussed how much to donate.
- **MOTION:** Upon motion made by Kyla, seconded by Deborah and unanimously accepted, \$1,000 will be donated to Eva's.

8. Membership Update

- Maya reported that we currently have 78 members including alternative network members and 67 Ontario only members.
- We should have a member drive in the summer with a draw for free membership and target bankers.
- Maya will check with Sheri regarding a possible discounted rate for bankers as there is a discounted rate for Government and academics of \$75.

9. Community Service

- Natasha will contact Soup Sisters to try to get a copy of the group photo that was taken so that it can be posted in the newsletter and website.

7. Website/Communications

- Rachel advised that Twitter and the Ontario network website is used to advertise events and member news and reminded the board to advise her of any relevant news.
- An email blast to all network members to announce new members will be done. Maya is to send Rachel notice of all new 2017 members.
- Rachel will prepare and circulate to the board a draft email highlighting 2017 events. Upon board approval it will be sent to the entire Ontario network distribution list.
- Nominations for IWIRC Founders Awards are due by February 1, 2018. We should consider nominations of the network and/or its members.
- We should consider an “interview/highlight with an IWIRC member” similar to Insolvency Insider.

8. Other Business

- Kyla is to circulate a sign up list for future board meetings. The next meeting will take place on February 14th at 9:00.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.



Deborah Hornbostel
Secretary