

**IWIRC Ontario Network  
Board of Directors Meeting**

**MINUTES**

October 11, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.

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Held at FTI Consulting, TD South Tower at 79 Wellington Street West, Suite 2010, Toronto

Present: Toni Vanderlaan – Vice Chair  
Karen Kimel – Treasurer  
Sara Van Allen – Director of Programs  
Natasha De Cicco – Director of Community Service  
Rachel Bengino – Director of Communications/Website

Phone: Kyla Mahar – Chair  
Deborah Hornbostel – Secretary  
Dina Milivojevic – Director at Large  
Constance de Grosbois – Director at Large

Regrets: Melaney Wagner - Past Chair  
Maya Poliak – Director of Membership  
Tushara Weerasooriya – Director of Programs  
Katherine McEachern – Director at Large

The meeting commenced at approximately 9:00 a.m.

**1. Minutes from September 13, 2017 Meeting**

- **MOTION:** A motion made by Karen to approve the Minutes of the September 13, 2017 Board meeting and seconded by Sara was unanimously carried by the Board.

**2. Programs**

- Article Club with the IWIRC Greater Maryland Network Sept. 20'17
  - There were approximately 20 attendees from our network. Attendees agreed that the event went very well and should be repeated next year, perhaps with another network or region.
- Wine Tour Event September 28, 2017
  - Attendees had rave reviews for the event and agreed that it should be repeated. The lunch was delicious, chosen wineries were great and attendees gained good knowledge from the proprietors. There was a small loss of about \$1,000 with \$500 of it attributable to Eventbrite fees.
- Lunch & Learn November 1, 2017
  - Natasha, Kyla and Sara will be speakers for this event on case law updates geared towards lenders. Discussion took place as to whether non-lawyers should also speak but it was agreed that a panel of all lawyers was fine for this event.

- The event will be free and open to non-members as well. Members are encouraged to bring lenders/bankers and other potential members along. The evite will go out today.
- The board will sponsor the provision of two big trays of cookies and squares from Fred Victor Society at a cost of \$110.
- Soup Sisters December 4, 2017
  - The event will take place from 6:30 to 9:00 pm and attendance is expected to be 25 to 30 people and open to members and non-members
- Board Appreciation Event
  - Board members were asked to submit suggestions to Kyla. Natasha suggested *Foodies on Foot* and undertook to obtain further information on it for the next meeting.

### **3. Regional Events**

- Canadian Networks and Regional Events
  - Kyla, having completed her first national call, advised that the Montreal and Nova Scotia networks are struggling with maintaining membership and would like the opportunity to participate in the Ontario events; therefore, we need to keep them apprised of upcoming events and consider ways to incorporate them into future events. Members were requested to pass along any potential names for local membership in those areas. We need to obtain consent from those network chairs to send out our emails. The network chairs can then circulate our event information to their local distribution list.
  - Karen Fellows, as regional director for Canada, will be working with all Canadian chairs and directors to try to organize a Canadian event, perhaps tied in with ARIL or another article event.

### **4. Finance Update**

- Karen reviewed the circulated financial statements detailed by events, most of which have broken even during the year.
- We are currently down about \$1,000 from the start of the year but we should be receiving the second instalment from IWIRC international next month in the approximate amount of \$1,100 US.
- Karen will also circulate a further detailed financial summary for each event to board members later today.
- Kyla advised that some events have been subsidized to benefit members but we should be careful to keep a good amount of funds in case we have some unsuccessful events.
- A donation will be made at the Soup Sisters event in December.

### **5. Membership**

- There has been one new member during the last month but we are unaware of whether we have lost any previous members.

**6. Community Service**

- Natasha will prepare a Save the Date which will be sent out soon for the December 4<sup>th</sup> Soup Sisters Event. Registration will commence in November.

**7. Website/Communications**

- Rachel circulated copies of the email distribution list to board members for review and based on the feedback provided, she has made the corrections and obtained consents from all required individuals.
- Pictures from the wine tour event have been posted on the website and submitted for the newsletter
- Various member accomplishments have also been posted on the website and tweeted about. Members should continue to provide information to Rachel for the newsletter and tweets.

**8. Other Business**

- Elections for Directors are to be held by mid-December so that the new board can start in January 2018. Current board members should make their future intentions known to Kyla or Toni and any other recommendations should also be presented to them.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.



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Deborah Hornbostel  
Secretary