

**IWIRC Ontario Network
Board of Directors Meeting**

MINUTES

February 14, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.

Held at FTI Consulting, 79 Wellington St. W 20th Floor, Toronto, ON

Present: Toni Vanderlaan – Vice Chair
Katherine Forbes – Director of Educational Programs
Nerina Jahja – Director at Large

Phone: Kyla Mahar – Chair
Deborah Hornbostel – Secretary
Karen Kimel – Treasurer
Sara Van Allen – Director of Programs
Maya Poliak – Director of Membership
Tushara Weerasooriya – Director of Programs
Rachel Bengino – Director of Communications/Website
Constance de Grosbois – Director at Large

Regrets: Melaney Wagner - Past Chair
Natasha De Cicco – Director of Community Service
Dina Milivojevic – Director at Large

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

1. Minutes from December 13, 2017 and January 17, 2018 Meetings

- **MOTION:** A motion made by Nerina and seconded by Katherine to approve the Minutes of the December 13, 2017 and January 17, 2018 Board meetings was unanimously carried by the Board.

2. Programs Update

- Annual General Meeting
 - Tushara confirmed that the annual general meeting will take place on February 27, 2018 at the offices of KPMG who will be sponsoring wine for the wine and chocolate event that evening. Advertising of the meeting has been issued. Currently there are 13 registered attendees for the event. IWIRC will provide chocolates and catering and the fee will be \$35 for members only.
- Sara and Tushara are working on preparing a slate of events and are targeting to have an event every other month. Events being considered include boat cruise, Foodies on Foot, fashion event with Better Styles, tennis, self defense class, Elizabeth Grant.

- Katherine will work on organizing upcoming lunch and learn events. Topics and speakers are wanted and suggestions included real estate, construction and cross border (centre of main interest, litigation). Cassels Brock has agreed to host and sponsor the next event.

3. Annual Report

- Toni has almost completed the annual report which is due at the end of March 2018.

4. IWIRC Regional Event – ARIL Feedback

- ARIL took place in Vancouver February 8-9, 2018 and the Vancouver network hosted a regional networking event on February 8, 2018 from 4 to 6 pm.
- The IWIRC cocktail event was well attended and the Ontario network contributed \$500 in sponsorship to that event.
- General consensus was that the ARIL conference was good but very CCAA focused and therefore not very relevant for many of the attendees.
- Tushara noted that women were quite unrepresented on panels and suggested that women get more involved in the future including acting as moderators.
- We should try to reach Janis Sara's committee early for more involvement next year.
- Kyla would also like to ask Janis to attend one of our upcoming lunch and learn sessions.

5. Finance Update

- Karen is waiting for information on where to send the \$500 sponsorship payment to for Western Canada network's ARIL event. Karen is also waiting for Kyla's receipt for the board appreciation dinner. Issuance of the \$1,000 donation for Eva's will be done after confirmation of how the donation will be publicized.

6. Membership Update

- Maya advised that membership is steady and that there has been one new member in the last three months.
- Rachel mentioned that there is a new female associate at Goodmans who is thinking of joining.

7. Website/Communications

- Rachel will prepare a "Welcome New Members" email blast for all new 2017 members and then quarterly thereafter.

Upon a motion made by Nerina, seconded by Katherine and unanimously agreed to, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.



Deborah Hornbostel
Secretary

