

**IWIRC Ontario Network  
Board of Directors Meeting**

**MINUTES**

September 13, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.

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Meeting held at McMillan LLP – Brookfield Place, 181 Bay St. Suite 4400 – Binch Room, Toronto

Present: Deborah Hornbostel – Secretary  
Sara Van Allen – Director of Programs  
Tushara Weerasooriya – Director of Programs  
Natasha De Cicco – Director of Community Service  
Rachel Bengino – Director of Communications/Website

Phone: Karen Kimel – Treasurer  
Maya Poliak – Director of Membership  
Dina Milivojevic – Director at Large  
Constance de Grosbois – Director at Large

Regrets: Kyla Mahar – Chair  
Toni Vanderlaan – Vice Chair  
Melaney Wagner - Past Chair  
Katherine McEachern – Director at Large

The meeting commenced at approximately 9:00 a.m. and was chaired by Deborah Hornbostel

**1. Minutes from July 12, 2017 Meeting**

- **MOTION:** A motion made by Sara to approve the Minutes of the July 12, 2017 Board meeting and seconded by Tushara was unanimously carried by the Board.

**2. Programs**

- Let's Do Lunch Event July 12, 2017
  - Feedback for the event was good. It took place at three different venues and all expected participants attended. It was agreed that it should be repeated every six months and therefore organized again for February 2018.
- Article Club with the IWIRC Greater Maryland Network Sept. 20'17
  - There are currently 9 attendees registered for this event to take place at Miller Thomson's offices. Rachel will circulate the two articles that will be discussed at the event to registered attendees in advance.
- Wine Tour Event September 28, 2017
  - There are currently 25 people registered and registration is closing today. A choice for food will be circulated to attendees in advance.

- Potential Lunch & Learn
    - Potentially this could be arranged for early November. Tushara will speak with Katherine with respect to a list of topics. Suggested topics were intellectual property and construction liens.
  - Board Appreciation Event
    - Consider holding this event at Spin near the end of the year.
- 3. Leadership Summit – Grand Cayman**
- Feedback from attendees was all positive. Sara advised that international will try to get program directors together at the fall conference for a strategy session to share ideas.
- 4. Rising Star Nominations**
- The deadline for submissions has passed but Deborah congratulated Sara on her new appointment as a Director at Large on the IWIRC international board for 2017-2018.
- 5. Finance Update**
- Karen advised that the IWIRC payments have been received in the approximate amount of \$1,100 US and that the D&O insurance payment was issued so there was no significant change in the account balance.
- 6. Membership**
- There have been no recent new members.
  - Maya has now received the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary video and is re-working the pamphlet. She will circulate it soon. Would like to use stock photos that have been used on the IWIRC US stock photos that are used on their website, as cost would be minimized.
- 7. Community Service**
- Natasha will prepare a Save the Date which will be sent out just after Thanksgiving for the December 4<sup>th</sup> Soup Sisters Event and registration will commence in November. Cost will be \$55 per person. Maximum attendance is 30 members/non-members. Consider making an additional contribution from the board based on the number of participants.
  - Natasha reviewed her email that had been circulated with respect to opportunities for involvement with Fred Victor organization such as Team Building Day, Prepare and Serve a Meal, Fred's Walk, Women's Bakery etc. We need to decide whether to proceed with a specific program on a long term or limited participation basis. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.
- 8. Website/Communications**
- Rachel will circulate copies of the email distribution list to board members for review. Board members are encouraged to notify Rachel and Maya of any required changes and to notify them of any additional female lenders that should be added.
  - We should include a welcome note to new members in our newsletter/email communication.

- Members should provide information to Rachel for the newsletter and tweets. ie. Sara's appointment to the IWIRC international board, Tushara's recent award in the US and Karen's recent article.

**9. Other Business**

- None

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.



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Deborah Hornbostel  
Secretary