

**IWIRC Ontario Network  
Board of Directors Meeting**

**MINUTES**

April 12, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.

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Meeting held at Goodmans LLP, Bay Adelaide Centre, Suite 3400 W-2, 333 Bay Street, Toronto

Present: Melaney Wagner - Past Chair  
Deborah Hornbostel – Secretary  
Karen Kimel – Treasurer  
Sara Van Allen – Director of Programs  
Natasha De Cicco – Director of Community Service  
Katherine McEachern – Director at Large

Phone: Kyla Mahar – Chair  
Maya Poliak – Director of Membership

Regrets: Toni Vanderlaan – Vice Chair  
Tushara Weerasooriya – Director of Programs  
Constance de Grosbois – Director at Large  
Rachel Bengino – Director of Communications/Website  
Dina Milivojevic – Director at Large

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

**1. Minutes from March 8, 2017 Meeting**

- **MOTION:** A motion made by Melaney to approve the Minutes of the March 8, 2017 Board meeting and seconded by Natasha was unanimously carried by the Board.

**2. Programs**

- April 26, 2017 Lunch and Learn
  - 53 members have currently signed up for the event which will be featuring Katherine Forbes of Richters as the moderator of a panel discussing recent retail restructurings. The Western Canada network members will also be attending via live-stream in Denton’s Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver offices.
- June Sailing Event
  - Sara reviewed the sailing proposal consisting, 3 hours of sailing with instructions on 8 small boats at a cost of \$160 per person plus dinner cost. Concerns were raised regarding the cost of the event plus dinner, and the amount of time spent on a boat with only a few attendees resulting in limited networking time. Following discussions, it was agreed that Sara would look into reducing the actual boating time per person in half to allow for more general networking time and lower cost. Dinner will take place at the Amsterdam at an additional cost. Consideration may be given

to subsidizing the cost for members. Dates of June 20 and 22, 2017 were selected for consideration.

- Wine Tasting Fall Event
  - Sara proposed a Wine Tasting event in Niagara which would include transportation, wine tasting and lunch at a cost of \$250 including gratuities, based on 25 attendees. Proposed selected dates are September 27 or 28, 2017. Consider making this a joint event with the New York network (Buffalo area) and offering incentives such as a free event to current members if their guest joins.
- London Ontario
  - As there are no members from the London area, the network should consider holding an event in that area such as a Lunch and Learn, perhaps in conjunction with the New York network.
- Summer Event
  - The network will try to have an informal get together during the summer at a bar.

#### **4. Directors Insurance Renewal**

- Kyla has submitted the application for the renewal of the policy which expires June 30, 2017. A decision is expected mid-May, 2017 and no increase of premium is expected.

#### **5. Finance Update**

- Karen advised that the banking signatories were changed last week and that there has been no change in the finance situation because there have been no events since the last meeting.

#### **6. Membership**

- Maya advised that she was not getting membership updates. Melaney and Kyla are also not receiving updates. Maya will contact Shari Bedker to adjust the settings.
- Maya is working on a membership brochure for prospective new members outlining the benefits of membership
- She would like to see a summer membership drive event with a draw for a free membership.
- We need to ensure that those on the email list have provided consent to receive IWIRC emails

#### **7. Community Service**

- Soup Sisters Event
  - Natasha *advised* that the Soup Sisters event has been booked for December 4<sup>th</sup> at Nella Cucina (Bathurst & Bloor). The cost will be \$55 per person and attendance should be 25-30 people. The event will be open to non-members also but with a different price point such that the extra cost to non-members will be donated to charity. Email announcements of the event must commence early to ensure we get sufficient attendance. Consider also requesting donations for Dress for Success at this event or having the network match monetary contributions provided by attendees.

- Charitable Donations
  - The network agreed to make an outright donation during the Thanksgiving/Christmas season to a charity and to prepare an email blast describing the gift and charity chosen.

**8. Website/Communications**

- As Rachel was absent, no update was provided.

**9. Other Business**

- Kyla advised that the IWIRC Leadership Summit will be taking place in the Caymen Islands this coming July and that there are several spots available for members to apply for in order to attend the event. She encouraged members to seek out this opportunity.

The Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.



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Deborah Hornbostel  
Secretary