

**IWIRC Ontario Network
Board of Directors Meeting**

MINUTES

December 16, 2020 – 12:00 p.m.

Meeting held via videoconference

Video: Toni Vanderlaan - Chair
Deborah Hornbostel – Vice Chair
Sara Van Allen – Secretary
Kyla Mahar – Past Chair
Nerina Jahja – Director of Membership
Maya Poliak – Director of Educational Programs
Sanja Sopic – Director of Communications

Regrets: Constance de Grosbois – Treasurer
Natalie Levine – Director of Sponsorship
Rachel Bengino – Director of Programs
Katherine Forbes – Director of Programs
Stephanie De Caria – Director of Community Service
Tushara Weerasooriya – Director of Sponsorship

The meeting commenced at 12:00 p.m. and was chaired by Toni Vanderlaan.

1. Programs

- Cannabis panel - Toni Vanderlaan noted that the cannabis panel was a tremendous success and the feedback was very positive. Maya Poliak noted that we had a great turn with 43 people attending, out of 50 people registering. We had a lot of people who do not normally attend IWIRC events as we specifically marketed the event beyond our membership. The board agreed on a \$100 budget for a gift for Christelle, the industry professional who spoke at the event.
- Cookie making social - Maya Poliak advised that we have 34 people registered for the cookie event and everyone is looking forward to it.
- BD training workshops – Toni advised that we have only a few registrants and encouraged the board to sign up, and reach out to contacts to get them to sign up as well. We want to fill all 10 spots in each workshop series. This is a great opportunity to work with a business development coach, and he is providing IWIRC with a great rate for the workshops. Karen Fellowes is reaching out to the Western Board to try to expand the event to be a regional event (as it was originally intended).

- Maya advised that we have generated over \$350 in donations for Red Door Shelter. There were an additional \$50-\$100 of donations made directly to the charity.

2. Financial Update

- Toni advised that the membership refund cheque is on its way to Constance at her home address. D&O insurance is not due until June, 2021.

3. Minutes from November 11, 2020 Board Meeting

- **MOTION:** A motion was made by Kyla Mahar, seconded by Deborah Hornbostel, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2020 board meeting.

4. 2021 Board Slate

- Deborah read off the proposed 2021 board slate as circulated to the board by email.
MOTION: A motion was made by Nerina Jahja, seconded by Kyla Mahar, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the 2021 board slate.

5. BD Training Workshop sponsorship

- **MOTION:** A motion was made by Sanja Sopic, seconded by Deborah Hornbostel, and unanimously carried by the Board to sponsor Karen Fellowes to attend the BD Training Workshops.

6. Membership

- Nerina advised that we have 71 members, which is up from earlier this year. We had quite a few people join in advance of the cannabis panel event.

7. Communications

- Sanja Sopic will send out an email to promote the BD Training Workshops.

8. Other

- Kyla has been appointed to the IWIRC International Board as Director at Large. Sara Van Allen advised that Leanne Williams is the new Canada Regional Director, Karen Fellowes is Director of Finance, and Sara will be joining communications as Vice Director of News.
- Maya is organizing the Board Appreciation Virtual Get Together. Possible dates are December 29 or 30. Deliveries from Reid's Distillery is one option for drinks.

Meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.



Sara-Ann Van Allen
Secretary