

**IWIRC Ontario Network
Board of Directors Meeting**

MINUTES

June 14, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.

Meeting held at Chaitons LLP, 10th Floor, 5000 Yonge Street, Toronto, ON

Present: Kyla Mahar – Chair
Deborah Hornbostel – Secretary
Maya Poliak – Director of Membership
Rachel Bengino – Director of Communications/Website

Phone: Melaney Wagner - Past Chair
Karen Kimel – Treasurer
Sara Van Allen – Director of Programs
Tushara Weerasooriya – Director of Programs
Natasha De Cicco – Director of Community Service
Katherine McEachern – Director at Large
Constance de Grosbois – Director at Large

Regrets: Toni Vanderlaan – Vice Chair
Dina Milivojevic – Director at Large

The meeting commenced at approximately 9:10 a.m.

1. Minutes from May 10, 2017 Meeting

- **MOTION:** A motion made by Maya to approve the Minutes of the May 10, 2017 Board meeting and seconded by Karen was unanimously carried by the Board.

2. Programs

- Cruising Event June 22, 2017
 - To date there are 28 registrants and registration will be closed now and the food order will be finalized. Break-even is 30 people. An email will be sent with instructions and a list of attendees will be circulated to attendees with a map.
- Maryland Regional Article Club Event
 - A joint event will be scheduled with the Maryland network for mid-September rather than August due to summer vacations. Insolvency litigation funding should be a topic and the woman who recently presented at the CLUC session this month should be invited to speak as they just became IWIRC members.
- Wine Tasting Fall Event
 - A Save The Date for the September 28th event will go out just after the June 22nd Cruise event. Jasmine Ball of New York can assist with the New York attendees. Sara

and Tushara will reach out to her to determine interest and logistics of joining up with the Ontario woman at this event. Perhaps the Albany and Buffalo women can meet us for lunch at Trios and then continue the wine tour with us.

- Informal Lunches
 - The first lunch will take place on July 12th. There will be a downtown and uptown location with four people per table. Details on the restaurants will be announced along with a sign up email to members.

3. D & O Insurance

- Kyla just needs the cheque for \$1,560 that is required for the premium which she will get from Karen.

4. Finance Update

- The June 22nd cruise will result in revenue of approximately \$3,000 and expenses of \$3,300. There are still significant excess funds. Karen would like to see funds earmarked to help women with financial literacy or a similar non-profit organization.
- Kyla advised that normally the network operates on a breakeven basis but the majority of the excess funds were raised from one event several years ago.

4. Membership

- Maya's pamphlet on the benefits of membership was distributed and reviewed. The board was asked to submit comments to her via email. Comments raised at the meeting included the need to use the Ontario network logo, photos of actual members, the actual start date of the network (over 20 years) and note it as one of the original four networks, quotes from the 20th anniversary video (to be obtained from Shari Bedker) and to list awards previously won by the network and its members.
- Maya advised that her husband's company's cost to date to design the brochure was between \$600 to \$800. Upon a motion made by Kyla, seconded by Deborah and unanimously carried, the board agreed to contribute \$300 towards those costs.

5. Community Service

- Natasha will look into organizations that could use support with respect to women and financial literacy. She also suggested the board to consider a cash donation at Thanksgiving to such an organization or the Native Women's Centre or Jessie's House (in support of teen moms).
- Soup Sisters Event – December 4, 2017
 - The \$55 fee will be marketed to indicate that the ticket fee goes directly to the shelter in addition to the volunteer time of attendees making the soup.

6. Website/Communications

- Rachel advised that new Anti-Spam rules come into effect on July 1, 2017 and that she did not have records with respect to previous consents provided in 2014 by those currently receiving emails. Melaney advised that a very thorough review had been done at that time and that we should assume that proper consents were in place, plus we also have an unsubscribe mechanism in our emails now.

- Rachel will check on to ensure that all minutes of meetings have been posted on the intranet.

7. Other Business

- Kyla advised that Toni, Sara and Deborah had been selected to attend the Leadership Summit in the Cayman Islands this July and that they will all be attending along with her.

The Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.



Deborah Hornbostel
Secretary