

**IWIRC Ontario Network  
Board of Directors Meeting**

**MINUTES**

April 3, 2019 – 12:00 p.m.

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Held at Dentons Canada LLP, 77 King St W Suite 400, Toronto, ON

**Present:** Toni Vanderlaan - Chair  
Deborah Hornbostel – Vice Chair  
Kyla Mahar – Past Chair  
Sara Van Allen – Secretary  
Constance de Grosbois – Treasurer  
Karen Kimel – Director of Community Service  
Nerina Jahja – Director of Membership  
Maya Poliak – Director of Educational Programs  
Tracy Sandler – Director at Large

**Phone:** Katherine Forbes – Director of Programs  
Stephanie De Caria – Director of Communications/Website

**Regrets:** Rachel Bengino – Director of Programs  
Tushara Weerasooriya – Director of Membership  
Fiona Han – Director at Large

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

**1. Minutes from February 26, 2019 Board Meeting and AGM**

- **MOTION:** A motion was made by Deborah, seconded by Tracy and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2019 meeting and AGM.

**2. Programs Update – Maya and Katherine**

- Lunch and Learn
  - Scheduled for April 29, 2019 at Cassels Brock
  - All attendees are encouraged to “Bring a Banker”
  - The board is going to pull together a list of bankers and board members will then reach out to invite specific individuals
  - The board discussed whether the event should be a regional event, but due to time constraints it was decided it would be better to host a regional event later in the year

- Tracy suggested reaching out to Stephanie Ben-Ishai to see if she would speak at the event. Maya is going to reach out.
- AGM
  - Was a successful event with about 22 attendees
- Possible event for fall on gender parity and issues for female insolvency professionals
  - Tracy proposed inviting women clients/bankers to speak about the initiatives they are undertaking to achieve gender parity. Possible speaker to invite to moderate is Tanya van Biesen at Catalyst
  - Board is to send speaker suggestions to Maya

### **3. Sponsorship**

- Deborah circulated a proposed sponsorship package in advance of the meeting
- Two types of sponsors are proposed – Network sponsor (\$1500) and Event sponsor (\$500)
- Board discussed logistics around arranging for event sponsors and the need to plan events well in advance or at least commit to having certain types of events
- Kyla proposed restricting the sponsorships to two education events per year to start
- The program would roll out the end of 2019 for sponsorships to commence 2020
- Sara to follow up with Caireen Hanert regarding Western's success in obtaining sponsorships
- Sara discussed that the Network sponsorship would have real value as it would substantially reduce the cost of events and could even make them free for members. This would provide great value to our members and make it easier to justify membership cost.

### **4. Financial Update - Constance**

- The sponsorship from international for the High Tea was unexpectedly US \$500 (vs. CAD). Constance to reach out to Western to advise that we owe them \$70.
- There were issues transferring signing authority on the TD bank account.
- Proposal made by Constance to change bank to BMO. Board unanimously approved.

### **5. Membership Update - Nerina**

- We have 87 members [73 active members]
- Emails are sent to all expired/expiring members inviting them to renew
- Board to forward to Nerina and Stephanie new contact information for anyone on the list of members that have not updated their contact info

### **6. Community Service – Karen**

- Results of the survey were discussed.
- Survey shows that the board prefers one day events that support women growing their careers.
- Karen will consider community service initiatives and coordinate with Programs and email the board.

**7. Website Communications - Stephanie**

- The compilation of head shots for all correspondence is completed.
- Upcoming speaking engagements for members were communicated on LinkedIn and Twitter.

**8. Upcoming Meeting**

- Next meeting – May 15 at FTI Consulting at 12:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.



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Sara-Ann Van Allen  
Secretary