

**IWIRC Ontario Network  
Board of Directors Meeting**

**MINUTES**

February 13, 2019 – 12:00 p.m.

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Held at FTI Consulting, 79 Wellington West, Toronto, ON

**Present:** Toni Vanderlaan - Chair  
Kyla Mahar – Past Chair  
Sara Van Allen – Secretary  
Constance de Grosbois – Treasurer  
Katherine Forbes – Director of Programs  
Rachel Bengino – Director of Programs  
Nerina Jahja – Director of Membership  
Stephanie De Caria – Director of Communications/Website  
Karen Kimel – Director of Community Service  
Fiona Han – Director at Large

**Phone:** Deborah Hornbostel – Vice Chair  
Maya Poliak – Director of Educational Programs

**Regrets:** Tracey Sandler – Director at Large  
Tushara Weerasooriya – Director of Membership

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

**1. Minutes from January 16, 2019**

- **MOTION:** A motion was made by Rachel, seconded by Nerina and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2019 meeting.

**2. Sponsorship**

- Sara discussed Western Canada's sponsorship package and whether Ontario Network should consider a formal sponsorship drive.
- Deborah and Fiona to connect to discuss whether we move forward with sponsorship program and recommendations for next steps at upcoming board meeting.

**3. Programs Update**

- Program Directors proposed an outline for 2019 Programs:
  - First week of April – Lunch and Learn re recent priorities cases: open to non-members and attendees are encouraged to bring a banker; Program Directors are considering a banker to have on the panel to provide their perspective

- May (or possibly later in the year) – Cooking event: different venues are being considered
- June – summer event outdoors: options include bike tour of Niagara, Toronto FC, boat cruise, tennis
- September – Lunch and Learn Regional Event at Miller Thomson: focus will be issues facing women in insolvency; will be accredited for professional hours; other Networks include Western and hopefully Montreal
- November – Dinner with speaker: the Board discussed inviting judges to speak or attend and inviting male supporters; the speaker may be operational/economic focused
- December - Afternoon tea event
- The board discussed subsidizing a more expensive event in 2019, or to possibly charge more for cheaper events to offset the costs of more expensive ones.
- AGM
  - Booked for February 26, 2019 and invitation has gone out.
  - Rachel and Katherine to coordinate with Deborah to pick up and deliver the wine in advance of the event.

#### **4. Financial Update**

- Constance circulated updated financial statements and 2019 event placemat.
- ARIL Tea in Montreal sponsorship was ultimately only \$77.
- Maintain a \$14,000 cash balance.

#### **5. Membership Update**

- Nerina advised two new members joined, bringing total membership to 74.
- Tushara and Nerina to review member list and cross-reference against attendees at recent events to see if there are any potential new members to target.

#### **6. Community Service**

- Karen outlined options for moving forward with community service for 2019 – either incorporate community service initiatives into other events or organize standalone community service oriented event.
- Kyla advised that the position was initially created based on an event with the registrars where it was discussed that bankruptcy disproportionately affects women, and we have a special skillset that could be used to help women.
- Suggestions from the Board for community service events included: mentoring students, speaking in schools regarding financial planning, Habitat for Humanity.
- Karen to consider best ideas for community service initiatives and will send out a poll to receive the Board's feedback.

**7. Website Communications**

- Stephanie proposed including pictures of the board members and each person's firm name on all communications from IWIRC Ontario. This is currently done by the Singapore Network.
- The Board agreed it was a good initiative and all board members are to send Stephanie their bio pic.

**8. Upcoming Meeting**

- Next meeting – February 26, 2019 at Miller Thompson at 4:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.



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Sara-Ann Van Allen  
Secretary