

Present: Frank Bourree (Chair), Dan Dagg, Natasha Reger, Jared Webb, Nigel Brown, Patricia Jelinski, John Wilson, Capt. (N) Steve Waddell, Dee Govang, Kathleen Burton, Gary Kinar, Troy MacDonald, Al Hasham, Mark Mawhinney, Sang-Kiet-Ly, Tom Roemer, Kathy Khouri, Bruce Carter (CEO), Cheryl Wirch-Ryckman (Staff)

Regrets: Mark Smith

1) Additions to agenda:

Motion to approve April agenda as amended.

Moved by: Kathleen Burton

Seconded by: Steve Waddell

Carried

2) Motion to approve March board minutes.

Motion to approve March minutes as amended.

Moved by: Patricia Jelinski

Seconded by: Al Hasham

Carried

3) Motion to approve March financial statements.

Discussion around revenue to date and programs put in place to improve numbers as well as the impact of the WD project on the accounts receivable line.

Moved by: Sang Ly

Seconded by: Mark Mawhinney

Carried

4) Committee Reports

Committee - GVDA

It has been a busy month with significant media coverage and success with the receipt of 2 Global awards (Top 10 for *Human Capital and Lifestyle and Investment Strategies* as assessed by London's *Financial Times* in their bi-annual *fDi American Cities of the Future* publication), release of a report ([GVDA Foreign-Owned-Publicly-Traded Companies](#)) and announcement of funding for creation of an Industrial Competencies Database and a Comparative Advantages study. Economic development is currently top of mind with municipalities. New brand roll-out for Education Victoria to be launched on Friday, May 1st.

Committee - Policy

Gender Equity work by the policy committee has been completed and staff has been requested to draft a new policy. The goal is to have a policy to present to the board for the May or June meeting.

5) Election Schedule & Board Retreat

Election Schedule dates, automatic positions and those up for election were reviewed. Goal is to encourage a diverse and skills-rich slate of candidates.

Motion: to approve the Election Schedule for 2016 and 6 Director positions

Moved by: Gary Kinar

Seconded by: Kathleen Burton

Carried

Board Retreat Location for November.

There was support for choosing a location outside of the downtown in order to provide a more cohesive retreat. More information on options to follow.

6) Chair's Remarks

It was a dynamic week with speakers of note, great media exposure and issues that The Chamber has worked hard to move forward. Reminder of new member event April 28.

7) CEO's Remarks

- a. Staffing Update – last two staff to leave have moved into key communication and policy roles in government. Two positions are now posted – reception and manager, policy & public affairs, both to close in early May.
- b. Cruise Industry – First cruise ship in town to arrive. Key to maintain positive messaging around this revenue-critical industry
- c. Business Awards – On target and doing well. Winners to be announced May 14th.
- d. YYJ Eats – Goal of 200 attendees with 20 participants and various sponsors. Scheduled for June 9 in Market Square. Looking for sponsors and participants.

8) New Business

PAGS – Creating advisory groups of 8 -12 to discuss business issues and sometimes personal issues. Groups tend to be long-term and trust as well as knowledge-based. This is an opportunity to provide a support structure for business professionals in the community.

Key points: matchmaking both in terms of personalities and skill levels are essential; guidelines must be put in place and ideally a meeting facilitator provided for the first 6 months

Motion to accept terms of reference

Moved by: Dee Govang

Seconded by: Dan Dagg

One abstention - Carried

9) In Camera Session

Motion to proceed.

Moved by: Tom Roemer

Seconded by: Gary Kinar

Carried

Motion to Adjourn

Moved by: Nigel Brown

Seconded by: Tom Roemer

Carried

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday May 26, 2015



Secretary



Chair



Date