

August 19 GWSA Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

Agenda Items

1.0 Call to Order

Chair of the Meeting: Becky Fiedler

Meeting location: Online via Zoom

2.0 Information Agenda

The Succession Planning and Nominations Committee has put forward two names to join the Board at the next AGM. They are:

- Pat Gage
- Wenda King

The Committee closed the nomination process on August 17.

3.0 Consent Agenda

There were no items submitted for the Consent Agenda this month.

4.0 Adoption of the Agenda

Motion

Move to adopt the agenda as published

5.0 Roger Stevens: Treasurer's Report

6.0 Adam Rutherford: News from City re challenges of reopening

7.0 Minutes from M and M Committee

8.0 Business carried forward

8.1 COVID Liability Waiver

We circulated a compilation of the feedback and concerns Activity Group Leaders shared about the liability waiver. Cem responded to the main issues in an email to the Board. At a meeting on August 12, Adam, Becky, Brian, Roger and Pat were scheduled to evaluate the Return Plans submitted by Activity Group Leaders. We recognized we have work to do to educate our members and leaders about the waivers. Cem has agreed to work on a video/narrated slide show for the purpose of educating the members and the subgroup that met believed this was the best next step. Any discussion?

8.2 Funding Opportunity

The Resilient Communities Fund is a one-time fund to support the non-profit sector recover and rebuild from the impacts emerging from COVID-19 so they can effectively meet the needs of communities across Ontario.

OTF is investing in projects of eligible non-profit organizations to aid their medium to longer-term recovery efforts, help with their stabilization and build their capacity and resiliency in the aftermath of COVID-19.

This fund is providing a flexible range of activities over two deadlines to address the diverse needs of organizations and to support them where they are at in their recovery and rebuilding.

Request amount: From \$5,000 to \$150,000

Grant term: up to 1 year

Application Deadlines*: September 2, 2020 at 5 pm ET. and December 2, 2020 at 5 pm ET.

Organizations can apply for one or more of the following, to:

- Equip board members and employees with supports to implement new approaches, prepare for change and build resiliency (e.g. organizational training and coaching, strategic planning and implementation, research & development; mental and physical health and wellbeing supports)
- Improve and increase ability to access financial resources and develop new and/or alternative sources of revenues (e.g. develop fundraising plans, identify fundraising and financial technology resources, seek opportunities for public-private partnerships and social finance)
- Adapt or re-imagine the delivery of programs and services to meet the needs of the community, employees and volunteers (e.g. identify new health and safety processes and required personal protective equipment; technology supports; staffing and volunteer recruitment and training)
- Procure equipment or renovate spaces to meet the changing needs of the organization; its programs and services, and adapt to new ways of working (e.g. equipment and/or renovations to meet changing technology health and safety, and service delivery requirements)

- Create and/or adopt new approaches for organizations to work together to meet the needs of communities (e.g. peer learning, professional development, networking, resource, knowledge and data sharing)

What projects do we have that fall within these guidelines? Do we have a project champion for any of those projects? Candidate projects include:

- Sound system for auditorium (Would this be better suited for a SALC grant?)
 - Ipad initiative (but we haven't been able to find a champion/leader for that project)
 - CSS (Ipad for CSS, Diabetes Support, phone service etc.)
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9.0 New Business

9.1 AGM planning

A team has started planning for the virtual AGM. More details will be available as we finalize our plans.

10.0 Next meeting - September 16

This meeting will welcome the new Directors. Likely topics will include Strategic Planning and ongoing discussion of reopening plans.

11.0 Adjournment

Note time of adjournment along with motion

Discuss: all Action Items; created in this meeting

Motion

Move to adjourn the meeting.