



“New Actions through Cooperation”

MINUTES

BPW Ontario Joint Board and Presidents Meeting

Date: Monday, April 15, 2024

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Virtual Meeting – Zoom

Attendance:

- Marlene McKinnon – Ontario BPW President
- Heather Ellis -Immediate Past President
- Anne Harvey – Ontario BPW 1st Vice President
- Shahina Suleman – Ontario BPW VP
- Kelsy Gill – Ontario BPW VP/Young BPW President
- Sharon Doran – Ontario BPW Editor
- Elaine Mortensen – Ontario BPW Insurance – Kitchener/Waterloo BPW President
- Nancy Broerse – Programs and Projects
- Norma Yau – Parliamentarian
- Joanne LeBreton – Treasurer
- Barb Hore – District Director – Southwest/Golden Horseshoe
- Maide Yazar – Public Affairs – Health – Advocacy - International
- Kyla Wynia – Ontario BPW Secretary
- Jocelyne Desautels – Niagara Falls BPW President
- Genevieve Lagace-Gore – Barrie BPW President
- Toby Toth – Hastings/Prince Edward BPW President
- Pauline Platt – North Toronto BPW President
- Linda Ford – Brampton BPW President
- Kathryn Munn – BPW London Member

Regrets:

- Kimberly Rowntree – District Director – Central
- Carrie Andrews – Bowmanville BPW President
- Dani Bartlett – London BPW President
- Anne Gauthier – Greater Sudbury BPW President
- Jennifer May-Anderson – Ontario BPW Publicity and Public Relations – Emblems – Marketing
- Kelly Tallon-Franklin – Anti-Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation

Time	Topic	Responsibility
7:00pm	Welcome, & President’s Remarks	Marlene McKinnon

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7:05pm	Land Acknowledgement and IDEA Statement	Marlene McKinnon
7:05pm	Voting Strength	Quorum is 7, 7 voting members in attendance
7:06pm	Appointment of Timekeeper	Marlene McKinnon
7:10pm	Approval of Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maide Yazar moves, Barb Hore seconds, no objections, carried as presented. 	Marlene McKinnon
7:15pm	Review of Minutes: October 16, 2023 Approval of March 18, 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No amendments Leave as carried on March 18, 2024 Meeting 	Marlene McKinnon
	Introductions – board and club presidents	
7:20pm	Verbal Reports	
	President Strategic Planning – review of document with input from attendees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please see separately attached document 	Marlene McKinnon
	Immediate Past President - Resolutions, Commendations and By-Laws <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration is open and there are 10 members registered so far Need credential forms sent in by May 10th - send to conferencechair@bpwontario.com Need \$50/delegate or proxy sent in by May 10th If anyone or club wishes to sponsor part of the AGM please send that information to conferencechair@bpwontario.com Link on website to contact Anne or Heather with any questions Information regarding the AGM is also in the newsletter Looking for scrutineers Agenda will be shared during the meeting Carolyn Salvage from BPW New Zealand will be speaking regarding the SDGs Tomorrow is Equal Pay Day 	Heather Ellis

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BPW Canada Reproductive Rights and Justice (RRaJ) Committee chaired by Norma Yau – April Newsletter has information about this group’s upcoming events 	
	<p>1st Vice President – Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 16th – meeting with task force membership@bpwontario.com • Need to recruit more members 	Anne Harvey
	<p>Public Affairs, Health, Advocacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equal Pay Coalition • Strengthen knowledge • Re-educating members on the issue • Ontario has started the process of declaring intimate partner violence as an epidemic • Chance to advise on this • UN delegation CSW 68 • Delegates went well prepared allowing for good participation • Preparing for CSW69 	Maide Yazar
	<p>Vice President - Personal Development, Leadership and Mentoring – report on Women Supporting Women (WSW)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pause and Reset • April 29th via Zoom at 6pm • Laura MacKinnon is the facilitator • Pushing back on “Hustle Culture” • WSW Committee – cleaning up data, 6 relationships currently taking place on MentorCity, would like to hear feedback, looking for members to help out with the mentoring program 	Shahina Suleman
	<p>Young BPW Vice President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not logged on at the time 	Kelsy Gill
	<p>Editor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolutions database has not yet been updated • Registration links included on newsletter today 	Sharon Doran
	<p>Treasurer Budget and Finance</p>	Joanne LeBreton

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have received all insurance money they were waiting for, just waiting on 1 cheque • Paying monthly bank charges 	
	District Director – Central <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report, not in attendance 	Kimberly Rowntree
	District Director – Golden Horseshoe and Southwest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lost some cubs in Southwest and Golden Horseshoe • Contacting members to see if they would like to join another club or online • Other clubs are showing a lot of activities and attracting new members • Cambridge would like an invoice so they can wrap up anything owed • Provincial Conference 2025 – secured Brampton Golf Course, have had some good suggestions for speakers, Courtyard Marriott will be setting aside a block of rooms for the conference, conference will be 1 day 	Barb Hore
	Insurance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liability policy is on Ontario Website 	Elaine Mortensen
	Human Trafficking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report, not in attendance 	Kelly Tallon-Franklin
	Publicity and Public Relations, Marketing and Emblems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report, not in attendance 	Jennifer May-Anderson
	Programs and Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be starting speaker series again 	Nancy Broerse
	Parliamentarian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be training dates for training platform • Ask everyone to check in 	Norma Yau
	Club Presidents Round Table Linda Ford – Brampton BPW President <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A+ year • 37 members 	Marlene McKinnon

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrated 76th anniversary • 3 provincial resolutions and 1 national resolution • Fundraisers coming up: 27th golf tournament, raising money for local community partners <p>Elaine Mortensen – Kitchener/Waterloo BPW President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 members • Hoping to have some new members at renewal • Great speakers lately <p>Pauline Platt – North Toronto BPW President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 students from Centennial (hoping to renew) • Working with Kelly on Human Trafficking, hoping to attract more members from this work • Have submitted some resolutions <p>Sharon Doran – Barrie BPW President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gained some members, 16 total • Have a meeting Wednesday- virtual • Commendations event • Commending local women in the community speaking about their work <p>Jocelyne Desautels – Niagara Falls BPW President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Busy organizing event • Women support women event in September • Designer Bag Bingo • Meetings are all free for all BPW members internationally • Great speaker lineup • Meeting will be on Zoom until the end of May • Meeting in-person July and August • Currently have 10 members • 3 members will be joining from Cambridge • Would like to reach out to St. Catharine’s members to join BPW Niagara Falls <p>Toby Toth – Hastings & Prince Edward BPW President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women’s day event • Raised \$2000 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsorships, local government involved • Partnered with other local organizations • 17 members currently • End of May open house for people to learn about BPW • Period Poverty – Menstruation Day – May 28th 	
8:50pm	<p>Additional Business –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder to have members sign membership form or membership renewal form to comply with Anti-Spam legislation. • 2 forms that can be customized to your local club • Comply with anti-spam legislation that allow clubs to email you 	Marlene McKinnon
8:51pm	Adjournment	Marlene McKinnon