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OMIA GROUP REPORT

May 2022

Directors: Steve Quinn (Chair - Group B), Neil Shay (1st Vice Chair - Director at Large), Kevin Inglis (Group D), John Stirk (Past Chair - Director at Large), Tracy Wintermute (Group A), Dave Rutherford (Group E), Scott Roung (Director at Large), Terry Knight (Director - Group C)

Regrets: Marg Torrance (Director at Large)

OMIA: John Taylor (President), Sharon Dittmer (Treasurer)

The following is a summary of the May 25, 2022, OMIA Board meeting.

1. DIRECTOR AT LARGE RECRUITMENT

The term of OMIA Director at Large, John Stirk will expire in March 2023 and the nomination process will begin in June. Written notice of the nomination process will be provided to all voting member companies.

The nomination period will run until September 30, 2022.

The OMIA Nominating Committee, which includes three members of the OMIA board and two members from the mutuals, will consider the nominations submitted and undertake candidate interviews this fall.

The board in considering board succession issues noted that the last two years have posed challenges relating to networking effectively with voting members and particularly with newcomers to the mutual system. As a result, the general knowledge within the membership on the role of an OMIA director and the election process may be lower than in previous years.

Under the OMIA Bylaws, individuals who are eligible to serve as directors on the OMIA board include those who are "directors or officers or a salaried employee of a voting member in good standing".

The OMIA board is a rotational board and typically an individual coming onto the board serves three terms of three years and would eventually serve as Chair of the Board.

Currently the OMIA board of 9 directors is composed of four individuals from the mutuals who directors of mutual boards and five individuals who are CEOs of mutuals. 5 Directors are elected by OMIA Groups A, B, C, D and E, while 4 are elected from the membership at large.

The OMIA board has a Board Skills Matrix, which is published with the call for nominations, but does not have a formal policy on board composition. By practice and experience OMIA recognizes that directors and senior staff at mutuals each bring different skills, experience and perspectives to the board table and a mix on the board is valuable.

For any board member, a commitment to mutuality and service to members is a critical success factor.

To assist member companies and any individuals who may wish to consider becoming an OMIA director we will be organizing one or more Zoom call this summer to have an open question and answer session on the role of the OMIA director and to address any questions that may arise about the role of the director and the nomination and election process.

In the meantime, we have also attached a document, first published in 2020, “So you want to be an OMIA Director….” that gives a bit more information on the role.

All OMIA directors and John Taylor as President of OMIA, welcome questions anyone may have concerning the role of the OMIA board, the role of the OMIA directors, and any other general questions on OMIA governance.

2. GENERAL UPDATES

The board also received reports from OMIA's Automobile Committee, the Auto Rate Filing Committee, the Data Strategy Committee, the Education Committee, and the Product Strategy Committee.

Upcoming events of interest include the CEO Conference on May 31 and June 1. This will be held at 350 Pinebush Road, Cambridge and is the first in-person meeting of member CEOs since late 2019.

The OMIA golf tournament takes place on June 9 at Hockley Valley, and we appreciate the tremendous support from members and sponsors. We have filled all foursomes and look forward to a great day of golfing, socializing, and fundraising. This year the tournament is cohosted by North Blenheim Mutual, Dufferin Mutual and Cayuga Mutual, charities designated are the following:

- CAMHS (Community Addiction and Mental Health Service of Haldimand and Norfolk)
- Farm Mutual Foundation

3. CHAIR'S THOUGHT OF THE DAY