

Warm greetings to all our valued HI Members, HI Canada Affiliates, and staff.

The HI Canada Board of Directors held a meeting at The Westin Nova Scotian in Halifax on October 26th-27th, 2024. It was a productive session, with important discussions and decisions made for the continued success of HI Canada.

A wide range of governance topics were covered, including the election of new officers for the 2024-2025 term. Lenore Neudorf was re-elected as Chair, Othello Tuason as 1st Vice Chair, and John Hutchings as 2nd Vice Chair. The Board also reviewed committee assignments and made decisions regarding the formation of key committees such as Governance, Audit & Finance, and Ownership Linkage. CEO Julius van Wyk provided operational and financial updates on the HI Canada network, including updates on ongoing hostel developments and the impact of the Jasper wildfires. International relations were also discussed, with updates on collaborations with the HI French Federation and the IYHF conference.

In addition, the Board confirmed the following meeting dates for 2025: February 8-9 (virtual), April 12-13 (Montreal), and June 14-15 (Okanagan). We look forward to connecting with members and affiliates at these future meetings.

On behalf of the HI Canada Board of Directors, I wish you all the best this fall and hope you continue to enjoy the wonderful experiences our hostelling network has to offer.

Lenore Neudorf HI Canada Board of Directors Chair

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