

Transparency International Canada –Report of the President and Chair

Prepared by Janet Keeping for the Sixteenth (16th) Annual General Meeting, to be held on
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1.0 Priorities since the 2012 AGM

1.1 Expanding our reach

TI-Canada has focused on three areas over the 2012 – 2013 year. First, we have sought to expand our reach and on the ground activity outside of Toronto. We have decided to work on establishing regional discussion groups, first in Ottawa and Calgary, as we have directors from those cities who are interested in this kind of activity. The discussion group in Ottawa has begun to meet. That based in Calgary will get off the ground in fall 2013.

Perhaps most critically, TI-Canada has committed itself to becoming involved in Quebec both by having one or more directors in Quebec and also by holding events in the province. The current plan is to hold a brainstorming meeting, by invitation only, in October. An event for the public will be delayed until after the Quebec municipal elections in November.

1.2 Amendments to Canada's law on corruption abroad

Another major area of activity for the year was TI-Canada's engagement with the recent amendments to the *Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act*. TI-Canada made representations to the House of Commons committee studying those amendments and gave several interviews to media explaining the significance of those legal changes.

1.3 Expansion of our media work generally

As corruption has garnered increasing attention – due to Canadian companies pleading guilty to charges of corruption and continuing allegations out of Quebec and about SNC-Lavalin – TI-Canada's role in providing informed opinion has also grown. Several directors have carried out interviews with various media in locations across the country.

2.0 The continuing challenge – funding

The need for anti-corruption work continues to increase in Canada. Domestic corruption, particularly as exemplified by continuing revelations about corruption in Quebec, is attracting far more sustained attention than it has for years. TI-Canada plays an important role in this context but could and should be doing a lot more. The same holds true for corruption by Canadian companies abroad. Our effectiveness as an organization is severely hampered by lack of funds and this problem continues to haunt us. No simple solutions are in sight so more creative thinking needs to be done.

3.0 Appreciation to the TI-Canada team


It may be difficult for people outside the organization to understand how much TI-Canada accomplishes with so few resources. Bronwyn Best, Senior Advisor to the Board, does an exemplary job of providing administrative and managerial support to the board; as well, she

keeps us abreast of what the rest of the global TI movement is up to. We also rely on volunteer contributions from many people. We have a sizeable and active Legal Committee, the members of which have contributed both their own time and in some cases that of their law firm colleagues. We are also fortunate to be supported by the Schulich School of Business at York University in a variety of ways.

As well, the directors of TI-Canada contribute an enormous amount in terms of their expertise, commitment and passion for the anti-corruption cause, all of this on a voluntary basis to the organization. Other Directors serving between the 2012 and 2013 AGMs were: Milos Barutciski, Susan Carter, Peter Dent, Julie Desjardins, Bruce Futterer, Tom Marshall, Martin Mueller, Susan Reisler, Joe Ringwald, John Ritchie, Michael Robinson and Kernaghan Webb.

I have served as chair and president since the 2012 AGM held on June 5, 2012, and have enjoyed the role. However, I am stepping down as of the 2013 AGM, because I am leader of the Green Party of Alberta and do not want there to be a risk of perception of political partisanship affiliated with TI-Canada. It has been such a pleasure to work with smart, capable people who care, and I look forward to continuing my relationship with TI-Canada.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet Keeping".

Janet Keeping, President and Chair

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