

TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL CANADA BOARD MEETING

Sunday, 11 May 2003, 3:30 – 6:30 EST

McGee's Inn, Breakfast Room

185 Daly Avenue, Ottawa, ON

Present:

Wes Cragg, Chair

Bronwyn Best	Anita Davis
Clare Bonnell	Ian E. Marshall
Peggy Cunningham	John McWilliams
Michael Davies	Bob Olivero

Regrets:

Tom Goldie	P. K. (Sunny) Pal
Peter Harris	David Selley

Guest:

Joy Kennedy

MINUTES

1. Approval of Draft Minutes of 15 March 2003 Board Meeting

Moved by Mr. McWilliams and **seconded** by Dr. Cunningham to approve the Draft Minutes of the 15 March 2003 Board Meeting, with the following addition to Item 15, Report on TI-Canada Themes, Education of business community re. "codes of conduct, good corporate governance and" *The Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act*.

Carried.

2. Business Arising from Draft Minutes not elsewhere on Agenda

There was none.

3. Discussion on Correspondence

Ms. Best reported the following significant correspondence:

- a) Letter from Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP, confirming they are no longer a Professional/Business Member of TI-Canada and were also not in 2002;
- b) The TI-Canada "case" on the IMPACS (Institute for Media, Policy and Civil Society) web site (www.impacs.org/index.cfm?group_ID=2796);
- c) Letter from TI-S thanking those National Chapters (including Canada) who provided information towards the TI presentation at the OECD Export Credit Group meeting, April 23, 2003, regarding the implementation status of the OECD-ESG Action Statement on Export Credit Support;
- d) The letter which Dr. Cragg is to send to Vancouver University-Colleges Worldwide (to which Board agreed);
- e) Note sent from Dr. Cragg to Dr. Peter Eigen, Chair TI, re. facilitation payments, as per 15 March 2003 Minutes.

4. Treasurer's Report

- As at 30 April 2003

Ms. Best reported we are on track with regard to budget. She also noted that, as per 15 March 2003 Draft Minutes, a Budget line was not added to the “Statement of Revenue: Year-to-date comparison 2002/2003.” (Please note this **is added** to these Minutes.)

5. **Business Principles for Countering Bribery**

▪ Political Parties

The TI-Canada position regarding contributions to political parties in Canada is that the law should require that records should be kept of all donors and their contributions to political parties as well as contributions and contributors to all political party activities including leadership campaigns and that these records should be public information.

6. **Strategy Update**

Dr. Cunningham presented the “Draft Strategic Plan as Per Meeting of March 14-15, 2003.” She noted it captured the conclusions of the discussion but included no goals (which are needed for each action item), budget or timeline. **Dr. Cunningham** is to send the Draft electronically to all Board Members and Ms. Best. All responses to Dr. Cunningham are to be made either through the tracking process with colour font or with capital letters, by the end of June. The **Strategy Group (Dr. Cunningham, Ms. Davis, Dr. Cragg)** is to meet in Toronto, before the next Board Meeting in September, so the strategy may be discussed at that meeting.

7. **TI-Canada Themes**

▪ Education/Promotion

- Education of business community re. codes of conduct, corporate governance and *The Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act*

TI-Canada might want to make these issues the centre of “lessons learned”; national records could be gathered, with the help of students;

▪ Government Liaison

▪ Marketing TI-Canada

Marketing presentations could be made to members of Team Canada; Mr. Tim Martin, of Nexen International, would be excellent, in this capacity;

▪ Government in the Canadian “North”

These topics will be of higher priority in the September 2003 Board Meeting.

8. **Survey Ad Hoc Committee**

Mr. McWilliams reported that the Committee is still at the feasibility stage. He also reported that he met with Mr. Fredrik Galtung of the TI Centre for Innovation and Research in London. The survey intentions are consistent with the TI-Canada strategy developed so far: TI-Canada would first look at municipal corruption, in three cities, probably Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal; we would move beyond attitude and perception into the realm of experience; the project might be discussed with newspapers to generate interest; journalism and law students could be used to find past newspaper articles; in the survey, polling of certain sectors could be taken; this could then be used as a model elsewhere, i.e., regional municipalities (e.g. Hamilton), smaller cities; Municipal

Affairs Associations would have many cases already available; private and public auditors would also have information available; will be a step-by-step, evolutionary approach; could end up being a partnership between TI-Canada and universities, etc.

Mr. McWilliams is to prepare a proposal for the Board. **Ms. Best** is to check with IMPACS, regarding a service for checking press clippings.

9. Advisory Council

This item not discussed.

10. Membership

This item not discussed.

11. Discussion on Report of National Coordinator

Further to the report in the Background Notes, Ms. Best reported that she is mentoring Ms. Pamela Tupper, for a research paper on the OECD and anti-corruption towards her Diploma in Investigative and Forensic Accounting, Rotman School of Business, University of Toronto. Ms. Tupper will be at the TI-Canada Symposium on 12 May 2003 and will prepare a report of the Symposium for the next TI-Canada Newsletter. Mr. Davies is mentoring another student in the Diploma course.

Moved by Ms. Bonnell and **seconded** by Dr. Cunningham that Mr. John McWilliams of Nexen Inc. and Mr. Michael Miner of ITRC/IBA be accepted as Individual Members.

Carried. **Moved** by Ms. Bonnell and **seconded** by Mr. Olivero that Dr. Emmanuel O. Amurawaiye be accepted as an Individual Member. **Carried with one abstention.**

Moved by Ms. Bonnell and **seconded** by Mr. Olivero that the Board develop criteria for TI-Canada membership and a process that allows the Board to access and approve new members. **Ms. Bonnell** and **Ms. Davis** are to prepare recommendations for the Governance and Nominating Committee, for presentation to the September Board Meeting.

12. Report of Chair and President

No report further to comments made elsewhere in meeting.

13. Report of Vice Chair

In addition to mentoring a student in the program on Investigative and Forensic Accounting, Mr. Davies completed a whistleblowing questionnaire for TI-S. He produced chapters on whistleblowing and foreign sales representatives for the newly published ICC book on anti-corruption. As an ICC representative, he was invited to a TI meeting concerning the Business Principles for Countering Bribery and the UN Convention against Corruption. Mr. Davies reported that the next OECD Anti-Bribery reviews in 2003 will be of France and Norway.

Mr. Davies noted that the issue of nationality had been raised and discussed in the OECD review process. However, it was not mentioned in the TI-Canada submission to DFAIT's Foreign Policy Review, a deficiency that should be corrected.

14. Reports from Board Members on TI-Canada Related Activities

Ms. Bonnell and Mr. Olivero reported that they will be meeting with CIDA, in order to explore potential funding for the TI-Jamaica and TI-Trinidad & Tobago Transparency Institute projects. Mr. Olivero noted that the OAS is working on oversight mechanisms and the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard is now providing corruption control training.

15. Next Board meeting

Ms. Best is to circulate some suggestions of Monday or Friday afternoons to determine the next Board Meeting in September.

16. Other Business

Dr. Cunningham asked other Board Members to let her know if they had any leadership, ethics and/or social responsibility cases they could pass on to her.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.