

IPTRA 2015 – 2016 Acting President's Report

This is the fun report to write since we've had such a great year. It was to be a year of restructuring but along the way the new IPTRA had a lot of successes.

Events	Other Accomplishments
Halloween Treats in the Lobbies	Created an up-to-date membership list
Winter Holiday Party	Sent out regular newsletters
Meet & Greets in January	Created the Website www.IPTRA.org with resources for residents
Book/DVD/CD/Plant Exchange in March	Created an IPTRA Facebook group
First Interest Talk evening - April	Assisted the Rent Review Group in organizing, loaned our tables & chairs for meetings.
Summer BBQ - July	Put up Notice Boards in each mail room
Open Mic Night on the Patio - August	Set up a Suggestion Box in the Tuck Shop
AGM in September	In response to a resident's request, with permission from the Manager we set up the Residents' Library across from the tuck shop to share books and magazines.
	Added a biking group, continued the walking group

At the IPTRA Annual General Meeting held on October 26, 2015, election of an executive to guide the IPTRA through its transition year was done. By early December, a restructuring took place due to two resignations. We took advantage of a lack of a constitution and made changes without calling another AGM.

Elected in October 2015	Restructured Executive January 2016
President – Daniel Stringer	Acting President – Kathryn Holman
Treasurer – Kathryn Holman	Treasurer – Roz Taller
Secretary – Roz Taller	Secretary – minutes taken by assorted members
Membership Secretary – Terri Renaud	Membership Secretary – Ed Ellis
Social Activities – John Leger	Social Activities – Ken Holman & John Leger
Social Media – Rachella Brisindi	Website – Ken Holman
Building Rep 185 Nancy Hammes, Alfred Dao	Building Rep 185 Nancy Hammes, Alfred Dao
Building Rep 195 Rachela Brisindi	Building Rep 195 Kathryn & Ken Holman
Building Rep 200 Janet Cohen, Joe & Joan Pinto	Building Rep 200 Janet Cohen, Joe & Joan Pinto
Members at large – Joyce Clarkson, Soheil Rastan, Ed Ellis	Members at large – Joyce Clarkson, Soheil Rastan

Over the course of the year, Rachella Brisindi and Alfred Dao moved and Soheil Rastan is no longer active on the board so there are positions that need to be filled for the upcoming year.

Our vision for the IPTRA is to create community here at Island Park Towers, helping neighbours to get to know each other.

All events (except voting at the AGM) remain open to all residents, whether they are members or not.

We have chosen *not* to become involved with advocacy. The process of the Rent Review, which several IPTRA executive members participated in, reinforced our decision to not be an advocacy group. Working to build community gives all of us on the Executive pleasure, working on advocacy does not.

While we intend to build on the success of last year, and continue to strive to have an event almost every month, there are still other challenges/projects for the year ahead:

- improved communications
- better use of the building reps
- better definition of the benefits of membership
- more informal interest groups. Interest has been expressed in games, and times for crafters to come together to work on their projects and visit in the lobby
- find someone to 'brand' us, creating a design that we can use across the webpage, facebook group, posters, letterhead. This could be a one-time project for someone who doesn't want to be involved on an on-going basis but wants to share their talents with the IPTRA
- finally write a constitution!

It has been a productive, rewarding and educational year for those of us on the executive. I hope some of you will consider joining us to help make the upcoming year even better.

Those standing for re-election 2016/17

As you can see, there are many positions to be filled on our executive. The following people have agreed to serve the IPTRA next year.

President – Kathryn Holman
Treasurer –
Secretary –
Membership Secretary – Ed Ellis
Social Activities –
Website – Ken Holman
Communication -
Building Rep 185 Nancy Hammes, Roz Taller
Building Rep 195
Building Rep 200 Janet Cohen, Joe & Joan Pinto
Members at large – Joyce Clarkson, John Leger