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Land Acknowledgement



As we gather today to share experiences and look ahead to the future of the boardroom, I'd like to acknowledge with gratitude that we are meeting on Treaty 13 and Williams Treaty Territory, the traditional territory of many Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee, the Wendat, and the Métis peoples. This land continues to be home to many First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities today, and we are thankful for their ongoing presence and care.

Reflecting on what brings us together at this Summit – connecting, promoting and empowering women – it's important to not only recognize the land, but also the Indigenous women leaders who have long been the keepers of language, tradition, and culture, and the guardians of the land and waters. Their strength, wisdom, and resilience have shaped generations.

This brings us to the Seven Generations Principle, the idea that the decisions we make today should honour those who came before us and consider the impact on those who will come after us. That idea resonates strongly as we think about modern governance.

When women lead – in boardrooms, in organizations, in communities – we're not just making decisions for today. We're helping to shape a more thoughtful and sustainable future.

*Delivered by Cathy Logue,
Managing Director, Stanton Chase*





Welcome Message

Dr. Deborah Rosati, FCPA, FCA, ICD.D,
GCB.D, CCB.D
Founder & CEO
Women Get On Board Inc.

Welcome to WGOB Summit Toronto!

Welcome to the fifth annual WGOB Summit. It is truly inspiring to see The Quay completely sold out, a testament to the incredible growth and commitment of our WGOB community.

When I founded Women Get On Board in 2015, I was driven by a clear need for change in the boardroom, where it was still rare to see a woman at the table. Our vision, then and now, is to build a national movement that connects, promotes, and empowers women to serve on corporate boards with confidence and courage.

Our mission is guided by the ‘Power of Three’ philosophy: the belief that while one woman is merely symbolic and two are a presence, three women form a genuine voice for change.

Today’s theme, “The Future of the Boardroom – Defining Modern Governance,” remains highly relevant. Throughout this summit, we will hear from leading business leaders, corporate directors, and governance experts as they explore the four lines of sight—oversight, hindsight, insight, and foresight—that are required to address emerging issues in 2026 and beyond.

A highlight of this year’s summit is the presentation of our inaugural WGOB Board Leadership Excellence Award. This award honours a woman who is a true trailblazer—actively shaping the future of governance. I want to thank our Selection Committee for their rigorous work and our Promote Sponsor, Southlea Group, for their support in bringing this recognition to life.

Today is about more than sessions; it is about the energy of connection, mentorship, and sponsorship. I encourage you to make the most of networking opportunities to build relationships that will support your and others’ journeys on the board.

To your board journey!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Rosati".

Dr. Deborah Rosati,
Founder & and CEO, Women Get On Board Inc.

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Agenda

11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Registration, Networking, and Lunch

12:15 - 12:25 p.m.

**Welcome Remarks, Land Acknowledgement,
National Anthem**

12:25- 12:45 p.m.

Fireside Chat

*The Future of the Boardroom – Defining Modern
Governance*

Interviewee: Andrew MacDougall, Senior Partner
(Retired), Osler Hoskin & Harcourt LLP

Interviewer: Dr. Deborah Rosati, FCPA, FCA, ICD.D,
GCB.D, CCB.D

Founder & CEO, Women Get On Board Inc.

12:45 - 1:30 p.m.

Session One

Keynote Speaker

*The Boardroom as a Force Multiplier: Women,
Capital, and Social Impact*

Keynote Introduction: Christina Brennan
Co-Head, Central Canada National Accounts,
Canadian Commercial Banking

Keynote Speaker: Jolene Livingston, CMC
Founder, Bespoke Social Profit Solutions

1:45 - 2:30 p.m.

Session Two

*Modern Governance Under Compressed Time Horizons:
The 3 Shifts Boards Are Making Now*

Speakers:

Sarah Robson, CEO Marsh Canada, President, Marsh
Risk Canada

Ana Kreacic

Chief Operating Officer, Oliver Wyman Forum and
Chief Knowledge Officer, Oliver Wyman (Marsh)

Agenda

2:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Coffee Break Sponsored by Guardian Partners Inc.

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Session Three

Interactive Session

Modern Boards - Transformation Stewardship Goes Beyond Oversight

Speakers:

Mary Larson, Partner, MNP LLP

Denise Gigova, Partner, MNP LLP

4:15 - 5:00 p.m.

Session Four

Cyber Risk Is a Boardroom Responsibility: Governance, Talent, and Accountability in the AI Era

Speaker:

Melonia Da Gama, Director of Marketing and Business Development, Fortinet Technologies (Canada)

5:00 - 5:15 p.m.

WGOB Board Leadership Excellence Award Ceremony

Selection Committee Member: Lynn Beauregard

Award Presenter: Tara Armstrong, Partner, Southlea Group

5:20 - 5:30 p.m.

Closing Remarks

Dr. Deborah Rosati and

Melissa Nemec, Senior Manager,

The Scotiabank Women Initiative®

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Networking and Cocktail Reception



Fireside Chat

The Future of the Boardroom Defining Modern Governance



Dr. Deborah Rosati, FCPA, FCA, ICD.D GCB.D., CCB.D

Corporate Director | Founder & CEO, Women Get On Board Inc.

Deborah Rosati, an award-winning entrepreneur and corporate director, has been described in three interconnected ways over her 35-year career: as a champion of corporate governance, a catalyst for change, and a builder of community.

In 2015, Dr. Deborah Rosati founded Women Get On Board Inc. (WGOB), a social-purpose company with a bold vision to build a national movement that transforms boardrooms and beyond.



Andrew MacDougall

Senior Partner (Retired) at
Osler Hoskin & Harcourt LLP

Andrew MacDougall is a recognized expert on corporate governance, executive compensation and shareholder activism in Canada. Until his recent retirement as a senior partner at the law firm of Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP, Andrew led the law firm's practices in those areas advising Canadian organizations on some of their greatest challenges. He was a trusted counsel to several of Canada's largest public corporations as well as numerous other public companies, crown corporations and not-for-profit organizations.

Andrew serves on the Chapter Executive of the Greater Toronto Area Chapter of the Institute of Corporate Directors. He is also a Fellow of the American College of Governance Counsel. He previously served on the board of Helix Biopharma Inc. and several private companies, the Risk Oversight and Governance Board of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants and the advisory board of the CICA's annual Conference for Audit Committees.

Keynote Introduction



Christina Brennan

Co-Head, Central Canada National Accounts,
Canadian Commercial Banking.

Christina Brennan leads the Central Canada National Accounts Commercial Banking team at Scotiabank. She, and her team, support Canadian corporations and public sector entities in efforts to raise capital, manage risks, grow in their markets, and serve their customers.

Christina joined Scotiabank in 2009, and has held progressively senior roles in the areas of sales leadership, relationship management, credit underwriting, and credit risk management. She has a Bachelor of Business Administration from Wilfrid Laurier University, and is a CFA Charterholder. Christina is a proud to be a business line Champion for the Scotiabank Women Initiative.

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Session One



Keynote Speaker: The Boardroom as a Force Multiplier: Women, Capital, and Social Impact



Jolene Livingston, CMC

Founder of Bespoke Social Profit Solutions

Jolene Livingston is a catalyst for multi-sector collaboration. As the Founder of Bespoke Social Profit Solutions, she has helped organizations and boards of directors navigate the complex intersection of Capital, Influence, and Social Change. In her role as Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Partners for Affordable Housing, a national charity focused on mobilizing socially inspired capital, to accelerate opening deeply affordable housing for Canadians in need.

With a career spanning over 25 years, Jolene has been instrumental in designing social impact strategies as well raising and deploying hundreds of millions in philanthropy and grants, proving that the most resilient organizations are those that partner for social good.

Holding both ESG (Competent Boards) and NFP governance (ICD.D) credentials, Jolene is the creator of the P4 Partnerships Framework - a model that empowers leaders to solve systemic crises like affordable housing and mental health through strategic cooperation and the investment of socially inspired capital.

Session Two



Modern Governance Under Compressed Time Horizons: The 3 Shifts Boards Are Making Now



Ana Kreacic

Chief Operating Officer, Oliver Wyman Forum and Chief Knowledge Officer at Oliver Wyman (Marsh).

Ana Kreacic is a Partner and Chief Knowledge Officer of Oliver Wyman (Marsh), and the Chief Operating Officer of the Oliver Wyman Forum – the firm’s think tank and platform for engaging business, public policy, and societal leaders to act on shared challenges. As a changemaker, Ana excels at integrating customer insight with business strategy and leadership effectiveness.

She successfully steers companies to create new business and operating models that transform them into more customer and employee-centric organizations. Her current 300,000 Global Voices project explores evolving human needs and behaviors, examining how these are influenced by AI and future generations. Ana regularly convenes senior leaders and board members across sectors, building leadership communities to discuss pressing issues and high-impact solutions.

In addition to being an internationally sought-after speaker and author, Ana’s work has been featured in The New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Forbes, Fortune, World Economic Forum, MIT Sloan and more. Ana’s 20 years of consulting and operational experience in corporate strategy, organizational effectiveness and new business ventures, along with her expertise in developing and leveraging intellectual capital, have been instrumental in driving organizational success and innovation.

Ana is deeply committed to education, empowering women, and mentoring young people and has served on related non-profit boards. She is a member of Oliver Wyman’s Global Industries Leadership Team and has been the Executive Sponsor of the Women of Oliver Wyman Employee Resource Group. Having lived across the globe, Ana is fluent in English, Slovene, Croatian/Serbian, Spanish and French. Ana holds an MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and a B.A. in Economics, magna cum laude with high honors, from the University of Maryland.

Session Two



Modern Governance Under Compressed Time Horizons: The 3 Shifts Boards Are Making Now



Sarah Robson

CEO Marsh Canada, President of Marsh
Risk Canada

Sarah is the President and CEO of Marsh Canada. In this role, she sets the strategic priorities for the organization and oversees Marsh's operations nationally in 15 cities across Canada. In 2019, Sarah was appointed to the additional role of Country Corporate Officer for Marsh & McLennan in Canada, working closely with local leaders of the other MMC operating companies to strengthen MMC's position in the marketplace and enable long-term revenue growth.

Sarah joined Marsh more than 25 years ago and has held a number of progressively responsible positions in North America. Throughout her career, Sarah has been a strategic advisor to risk managers, C-suite executives, and boards of directors primarily with respect to D&O risk management. Sarah is also a founding member of Marsh's Global FINPRO Advisory Board. Among her many assignments was the management of the metro New York FINPRO practice and managing Marsh's relationship with AIG.

Sarah has a BA (Honours, Economics) from Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, and is an active member of the Professional Liability Underwriter's Society (PLUS). She is also a member of the Board of Governors for Junior Achievement Central Ontario. In 2019, Sarah was named one of Business Insurance's Women to Watch.

A passionate student of governance & Directors & Officers Liability issues, Sarah is a graduate of the Directors' Education Program at the Rotman School of Management, sponsored by the Institute of Corporate Directors at the University of Toronto. She designed and facilitated the module on D&O Insurance & Indemnification at Rotman for nine years.

Coffee Break



Guardian Women™

Guardian Women™ was founded to create a welcoming environment that fosters the exchange of ideas and meaningful connections. It is a truism that women think about money matters differently; using that premise as a starting point, we aim to transform the investment journey for female clients. Through Guardian Women™, we provide content and experiences with women in mind, including insights on relevant topics such as family financial planning, investments, intergenerational transfer of wealth and other interactive events to support and empower women in pursuit of financial wellbeing.





Session Three

Interactive Session: Modern Boards - Transformation Stewardship Goes Beyond Oversight



Denise Gigova

Partner at MNP LLP

Denise is a transformation strategist and trusted advisor to Boards, CEOs, and Executive Teams around the world. As a Partner at MNP, she helps organizations face disruption head-on—designing resilient strategies, AI-enabled operating models, and modern governance frameworks that stand the test of change. With 20 years of experience working with global corporations, public institutions, and crown agencies, she brings a bold yet pragmatic approach to the boardroom. She focuses on helping leaders cut through complexity, gain clarity, and lead purposefully.

In today's environment of constant uncertainty, scenario planning and foresight are no longer optional—they're essential. Denise works closely with Boards to evolve from traditional oversight to future-shaping leadership, enabling them to anticipate risks better, respond with agility, and drive meaningful, long-term impact.



Mary Larson

Partner at MNP LLP

Mary Larson, ICD.D, is a Partner with MNP's Consulting Services group in Montreal. Mary helps clients clarify and build alignment around their strategies, build leadership capacity and embed cultures that foster outstanding execution. Mary is particularly focused on working with C-suite executives and CEOs. Drawing on her extensive business experience and skill in asking the right questions, Mary helps clients become more effective in aligning their teams around their work, and successfully addressing the issues that drive both behavior and culture.

Mary has worked with clients across North and South America, Europe and Asia, including the Business Development Bank of Canada, Bosch / Siemens, Cirque du Soleil, Duke Power, Johnson & Johnson, Kellogg's, McDonald's and Western Union. She has held senior executive positions with McDonald's Corporation in the U.S. and Alcan in Canada.

Mary, who works in both English and French, received her Bachelor of Arts (BA, Honors) from Princeton and Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the Stanford Graduate School of Business. She is also a designated graduate of the Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD.d) at the Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto. She is board chair of McGill's School for Continuing Studies, a board member of Prostate Cancer Canada and vice-president of the University Club of Montreal, and co-founded the International Women's Forum in Canada.



Session Four

Cyber Risk Is a Boardroom Responsibility: Governance, Talent, and Accountability in the AI Era



Melonia Da Gama

Director of Marketing and Business Development at Fortinet Technologies (Canada)

Melonia (Mel) da Gama is the Director for the Fortinet Training Institute.

With a passion for driving growth and innovation in the cybersecurity sector, she combines market insight with a deep understanding of customer and partner needs to develop strategic initiatives that help reduce the global cybersecurity skills and workforce gaps.

Mel also leads two of the Fortinet Training Institute's flagship annual research reports, which explore the evolving cybersecurity skills landscape and the state of security awareness and training worldwide.

Beyond her marketing leadership, Mel is deeply committed to advancing corporate social responsibility within the cybersecurity industry and championing cybersecurity education "from K to Careers." She is an advocate for building inclusive pathways into the cyber workforce and takes pride in mentoring emerging talent to inspire the next generation of cybersecurity professionals.

WGOB Board Leadership Excellence Award

Honouring one woman making a difference in the boardroom



We are proud to celebrate our 5th annual WGOB Summit with an inaugural award ceremony honouring a woman who leads in the boardroom by shaping its future, defining modern governance, driving change, and fostering an inclusive leadership environment.

The WGOB Board Leadership Excellence Award honours a woman who is making a difference in the boardroom, guiding corporate governance, and promoting diversity at the board level. This award recognizes her dedication, impact, and influence within the boardroom.

After careful consideration, our Selection Committee narrowed down a high calibre of nominees to [three finalists](#). These women best exemplify the award's three core pillars: Board Leadership and Strategic Influence, Contribution to Modern Governance and Change, and Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion.

WGOB Board Leadership Excellence Award Selection Committee

Thank you to the members of our Selection Committee, who played an integral role in selecting the recipient of the WGOB Board Leadership Excellence Award.



Alyssa Barry



Lynn Beauregard



Ivy Lumia



Cathy Logue



Vinny Bhathal

WGOB Board Leadership Excellence Award Finalists



Sara Gelgor

Sara is widely recognized as a leader in governance, ethics, human rights, risk and sustainability, and is an experienced board director.

Sara is Senior Director, Reconciliation & Human Rights at RBC Royal Bank of Canada, where she leads a team responsible for RBC's Truth & Reconciliation Office and Global Human Rights Program.

She has held a broad range of senior leadership roles in the financial services sector, including leading regulatory and financial crimes compliance, as well as privacy, ethics, conduct, and anti-corruption risk and oversight functions. She is a lawyer and earned her undergraduate and MBA degrees at the University of Toronto, her LLB at Queen's University, and her LLM at Cambridge University. Sara holds the Institute of Corporate Directors ICD.D designation, the Graduate Diploma in Social Responsibility & Sustainability from the University of Toronto, the Osgoode Certificate in Legal & Regulatory Risk Management for Financial Institutions, the Certificate in ESG and Climate Law, also from Osgoode, and the Certificate in Adjudicative Competencies from the Ontario Bar Association.

She currently serves as Chair of an Administrative Tribunal (City of Toronto Compliance Audit Committee), Board Trustee at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) where she chairs Nominations and sits on the Governance Committee and the Audit & Finance Committee, member of the Ontario Internal Audit Committee (Community Services Sector), and Chair of the Advisory Board at St. Michael's College in the University of Toronto for the Graduate Diploma in Social Responsibility & Sustainability. Her previous board roles include serving as Board Director and Audit Committee Chair for North York General Hospital Foundation, Public Director and Governance Committee Chair of the board of The Financial Advisors Association of Canada, board director at the Toronto Hydro Corporation, the Canadian National Exhibition, the University of Toronto Governing Council Business Board, Scotia Insurance Agency, and Humewood House.

Sara is a faculty member with Governance Professionals of Canada and teaches corporate ethics. She is a frequent conference speaker and is a past lecturer at Queen's Law School and the Rotman School of Management. She is a long-standing mentor to University of Toronto undergraduate students.

Sara received the Top 100 Most Powerful Women in Canada Award in 2024 and was previously named to the Diversity 50 by the Canadian Board Diversity Council.

WGOB Board Leadership Excellence Award Finalists



Patricia McLeod, K.C., ICD.D, MBA

Patricia is an experienced corporate director and legal counsel having worked with public, private, and cooperative organizations as well as crown, regulatory and non-profit agencies. She is a former General Counsel, Vice President, and Privacy and Compliance Officer, with extensive experience in contracts and corporate legal matters, including mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, securities regulations and disclosure, regulatory applications, privacy, ethics and compliance.

Patricia is a passionate community builder with a strong understanding of innovation, strategic transformation, and change management. Patricia is the Board Chair of FutEra Power Corp., a privately owned renewable (geothermal) power producer as well as the Board Chair of Cavy Energy Ltd. (TSX: CVVY), a publicly traded integrated midstream/upstream natural gas exploration and production company. She is also a board director of Flair Airlines and is the Chair of the Governance & Human Resources Committee. She has led board oversight of significant strategic decisions, capital projects, and business transformations for various organizations, such as Calgary Co-op, Alberta Innovates, City of Calgary Green Line Board, Canadian North (formerly First Air), MINDD Inc., Real Estate Council of Alberta, Calgary Film Centre Ltd., YW Calgary, Calgary Economic Development and cSPACE Projects. She has been Board Chair of multiple organizations and the Committee Chair of Governance, Human Resources, Nominations and Compliance Committees as well as member of Audit & Risk and CEO Recruitment Committees.

Patricia has a law degree and a business degree from the University of Alberta and an MBA from Queen's University, during which time she completed an applied thesis in creating a culture of innovation in regulated entities. She is also a certified Compliance and Ethics Officer and completed the Competent Boards' certification program for board directors in ESG oversight. She was appointed as King's Counsel in January 2014 (Q.C. at time of appointment).

Patricia was recognized by the Premier of Alberta with a Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal for her contributions to Alberta in 2022. She was recognized by BMO Financial and Women Get on Board in 2021 as one of five Canadian leading women corporate directors. She was awarded Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women by WXN in 2018 and 2019 and Legal Advisor of the Year (2019) by Women in Finance Canada.

WGOB Board Leadership Excellence Award Finalists



Jennifer Quaglietta

Jennifer Quaglietta is a values-driven and transformational CEO and board director, with a proven record of elevating organizations by driving measurable outcomes, creating long-term, sustainable change, and inspiring the next generation of leaders.

Jennifer has passionately served the private and public sectors throughout her career, with a background spanning healthcare, government, insurance and professional services. Currently the CEO and Registrar of Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO), she has set the regulator on a path to excellence through her human-centred approach to regulation. Jennifer has modernized PEO's regulatory operations by leading extensive digital transformation and licensing process improvements.

Jennifer holds a bachelor of applied science and engineering, a master of business administration, an Institute of Corporate Directors designation, from the University of Toronto and a certificate in strategic partnerships in nonprofit management from Harvard Business School. Her contributions have earned national recognition, including the 2023 Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Award. She serves on the board of the Ontario Medical Association and has served on the board of the Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital. She participates on several governance advisory committees including the Real Estate Council of Ontario and Engineers Canada.

Press Release

Women Get On Board Inc. (WGOB) is proud to announce the three finalists for the inaugural WGOB Board Leadership Excellence Award. The winner will be honoured live at the [5th annual WGOB Summit Toronto](#) on May 11, 2026, at The Quay (Toronto Board of Trade).

This year's sold-out WGOB Summit theme is "The Future of the Boardroom – Defining Modern Governance." Throughout WGOB Summit 2026, we will hear from leading and serving corporate directors, boardroom experts, and thought leaders as they discuss what boards should consider across four lines of sight: oversight, hindsight, insight, and foresight. We will explore emerging boardroom issues for 2026 and beyond and examine the board's role in shaping modern governance.

"As we mark ten years and beyond for WGOB and our fifth annual Summit, this inaugural award recognizes the progress we've made in amplifying women's voices in the boardroom," said Dr. Deborah Rosati, Founder & CEO of Women Get On Board Inc.

Submissions for the WGOB Board Leadership Excellence Award generated a high calibre of nominees, all of whom are leaders in the boardroom. The selection committee, comprising Alyssa Barry, Lynn Beauregard, Ivy Lumia, Cathy Logue, and Vinny Bhathal, conducted a thorough review of each submission to ensure a fair evaluation.

After careful consideration, the committee selected three finalists who best exemplify the award's three core pillars: Board Leadership and Strategic Influence, Contribution to Modern Governance and Change, and Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion.

Cathy Logue, a selection committee member and Managing Director, Global Practice Leader, CFO & Financial Executives, said, "What stood out for the selection committee was not just experience, but impact – women who lead in moments that matter, steer through change, elevate governance, and create space for stronger, more inclusive decision-making in the boardroom."

The three finalists are:

Sara Gelgor, LLB LL.M MBA ICD.D GCB.D GPC.D G.Dipl. CSR

Patricia McLeod, KC ICD.D MBA

Jennifer Quaglietta, P.Eng, MBA, ICD.D

Tara Armstrong, Partner at Southlea Group, will present the final award on behalf of Southlea Group, the WGOB Summit's Promote Sponsor. This partnership underscores the importance of recognizing women who are not only making a difference today but also shaping the future of corporate governance.

Tara Armstrong states, "These three finalists exemplify the best of modern governance—leaders who are confident enough to challenge assumptions and courageous enough to drive sustainable change. They are not merely filling seats; they are shaping the boardroom's future."



Award Introduction

WGOB Board Leadership Excellence Award Ceremony



Tara Armstrong
Partner, Southlea Group

Tara is a founder and Partner of Southlea Group. Prior to founding Southlea in 2021, she worked for 11 years at a large, global multi-service consulting firm, advising boards and senior management teams on effective executive and broad-based compensation program design and governance. She helps clients align their pay programs with the organization's purpose, values, and business strategy, and supports the selection and testing of performance measures that drive value and sustainable success.

In addition to tax planning and advising clients on starting businesses and carrying on business in Canada, Alan's practice encompasses tax dispute resolution, negotiating voluntary disclosures for clients (sales tax, customs and export controls), obtaining export permits, providing client training seminars on sales tax issues, customs issues, and export controls and compliance, and conducting customs and North America Free Trade Agreement compliance audits.



Thank You

Thank you for attending the 5th annual WGOB Summit in Toronto! We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to the entire WGOB community and everyone who helped make this milestone summit a great success.

This year's theme, "The Future of the Boardroom – Defining Modern Governance," gave us the opportunity to explore emerging boardroom issues for 2026 and beyond and to examine the board's role in shaping modern governance.

Our mission remains clear: to connect, promote, and empower women to serve confidently and courageously on corporate boards. As we celebrate ten years of trailblazing—amplifying women's voices and transforming boardrooms and beyond—WGOB is guided by the "power of three" philosophy, which holds that while one woman in a boardroom is a token and two are a presence, three constitute an authentic voice for change.

We want to thank our speakers for leading such meaningful and insightful discussions. As a token of our appreciation, we are presenting our speakers and the Selection Committee with the book "Bold Women, Sustainable Futures—Leadership Lessons in an Age of Resistance" by Supriya Verma.

We also sincerely thank our Selection Committee for their diligent efforts in honouring the inaugural recipient of the WGOB Board Leadership Excellence Award. This award recognizes the dedication and strategic influence required to shape the future of governance.

Thank you to all our sponsors for their unwavering support, which has been instrumental to the success of this sold-out event. A special shout-out to Scotiabank Women Initiative, our Agent of Change sponsor, and to Southlea Group, our inaugural WGOB Board Leadership Excellence Award sponsor.

Lastly, I want to thank the WGOB team for their exceptional energy and dedication to excellence in making this summit a reality.

We hope your experience at the WGOB Summit was both engaging and empowering, and that it provided you with valuable tools and networking opportunities for the next phase of your board journey.

With gratitude,



Dr. Deborah Rosati, Founder & CEO, Women Get On Board Inc.

Save the Date for WGOB Summit Toronto 2027

We can't wait to see you next year!
Save the date for the next WGOB Summit Toronto:
May 10, 2027

Closing Remarks



Melissa Nemec

National Commercial Lead,
The Scotiabank Women Initiative

Melissa Nemec is the National Commercial Lead for The Scotiabank Women Initiative, leading national partnerships and growth strategies that advance women's equity and strengthen Canada's entrepreneurial ecosystem. Her work connects financial innovation with women's economic empowerment, helping create the conditions for entrepreneurs and leaders to succeed.

Outside of work, Melissa is an avid traveler and experience-seeker who values time with family, friends, and her energetic Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever, Kenny.

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Session Two

Ana Kreacic & Sarah Robson

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Melonia Da Gama

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For more information, please contact: Doron Telem, Chair of KPMG Canada's Board Leadership Centre dorontelem@kpmg.ca

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We are a powerful ecosystem grounded in relationships, and driven by connection and collaboration. It is where bold women unlock access, activate aligned partnerships, expand visibility, and move with momentum across platforms, initiatives, and rooms built to advance women and the ventures they lead.

This is where women come to unlock their magic and become the rockstar legends they were born to be. Welcome to the Front-Row.



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Women Get On Board, in collaboration with Best in Governance (BIG), are leading national research on Board Evaluations, exploring how evaluations must evolve to reflect today's realities - fit-for-purpose, evidence-based, and action-oriented.

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