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Amanat (AJ) Jaisinghani

From Your President

Amanat (AJ) Jaisinghani, Hilton Toronto

We are excited to host our upcoming CHMSE Planner Connect event on November 28, 2019 at the beautiful Omni King Edward Hotel featuring a presentation from MPAHT (Meeting Professionals Against Human Trafficking). As well, we are excited to celebrate our 40th year as an association in 2020 so keep an eye out for marquee events where we will celebrate this milestone! If you haven't already registered for CHMSE Planner Connect, there is still time to do so and have valuable face-to-face time with GTA's top meeting planners. Last year we had a 1:1 ratio of meeting professionals to industry and we already have 68 registered

pre-qualified meeting professionals to date. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Introducing your 2019-2020 Board of Directors



Your new Board was elected in September. Click [here](#) to get to know them better! If you are interested in volunteering please [drop us a note](#)

Welcome New CHMSE Members

Hotel

Steven Barclay, DoubleTree by Hilton Toronto Downtown
Rosa Lee, InterContinental Toronto Yorkville
Monika Nowak, One King West Hotel & Residence
Felix Laurence, Bisha Hotel Toronto
Aileen Noftall, Toronto Marriott City Centre
Melissa Symonds, InterContinental Toronto Centre

Affiliate

Erin Blanchard, Fredericton Convention Centre
Kasia Kuzinska, Woodbine Entertainment
Zanette Zukowski, King Street Food Company

Associate

Christine Walker, MBA, George Brown College

Thank you to our Strategic Partner

Almost 40 years young, CHMSE continues to be a strong and vibrant Industry Association. We thank Robinson Show Services for its awesome support as our Strategic Partner.

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Pictured at right:



CHMSE Past Co-President Nafees Komaravolu, Niels Pierik of Robinson Show Services and Natalie Graci



CHMSE Upcoming Event

WHAT: Planner Connect

WHEN: Thursday, November 28, 2019

WHERE: Omni King Edward Hotel

WHY: Meet and network with qualified meeting and event professionals.

HOW: Register [here](#)

Thank you to our November 2019 Planner Connect Sponsors





CHMSE Upcoming Event

WHAT: After 5 - The Meeting Planner Panel

WHEN: Thursday, January 16, 2019

WHERE: AGO Art Gallery of Ontario

WHY: Get the straight goods from meeting planners on how you can help them do their jobs better.

HOW: Register [here](#)

Photo Recap:

After 5

September 19, 2019

Beth Corcoran at the Chelsea Hotel,
Toronto

For more photos of other CHMSE events
visit [CHMSE Event Photos](#)



Photo Recap:

After 5

October 17, 2019

Cher Jones at The Drake Hotel

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Through the Keyhole



People on the Move

CHMSE past president (1998-1999) **Vito Curalli** is promoted to executive director, international sales and industry relations for Hilton Worldwide.

CHMSE past president (2001-2002) **Tiffany Gilmore** leaves the Chelsea Hotel to become director of sales at the Courtyard/TownePlace Suites by Marriott Toronto Northeast/Markham.

CHMSE past president (2006-2007) **Monika Nowak** joins One King West Hotel and Residence as sales manager. CHMSE past president (1997-1998) **Scott Duff** joins Wyndham Hotel Group as

regional VP, franchise sales and development. CHMSE vice president **Sarah Rau** leaves the Thompson Toronto to join the Westin Prince as conference services manager. **Kelly Salive**, formerly with Four Seasons in Australia, joins the Thompson Toronto as director of sales. **Maya Ghazal**, previously at the Thompson, is now working in Florida for HelmsBriscoe as manager, global accounts. **Melanie Coates**, CHMSE's director of web management, leaves Fogo Island Inn to become executive director, revenue and growth for Drake Hotel Properties. **Natalie Graci** makes an internal move from sales to become catering executive at the Old Mill Toronto. **Zanette Zukowski** departs the Bisha Hotel Toronto to join King Street Food Company as director of event sales. Also

departing the Bisha is **Victoria MacLean** who joins the St. Regis Toronto as director of transient sales. **Deborah Muise** joins George Brown Centre for Hospitality and Culinary Arts as cafe, enterprise and events manager. **Rohinton (Roy) Kharadi** leaves the Hilton Markham Suites to join the DoubleTree by Hilton Victoria, BC as DOSM. The Omni King Edward announces **Tommy Park** as its new director of sales. **Matthew Delorey**, formerly with the Halifax Convention Centre joins Strategic Site Selection as director, global accounts. **Wendy La** departs the AGO to join Burstyn Inc. as event director. **Andrea Petrak** is entertainment sales manager at Loews Hotels. **Luke Nixon-Janssen** is director of sales, group and catering for the Downtown Toronto Pod with Marriott's Canadian sales office. **Scott Beck**, previously president and CEO of Visit Salt Lake is named president and CEO of Tourism Toronto. **Lina Farrell** is regional director, Washington, DC for Tourism Toronto. **Annie Bao** joins the Toronto Region Board of Trade as senior membership manager. **Ron Pellerine** departs the Shangri-La Toronto to become general manager at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Ron is replaced at the Shangri-La by **Nancy Munzar Kelly**. **Aditi Somvanshi** is group sales manager (SMERF) at Hyatt Regency Toronto. OTEC Workforce Solutions' president and CEO **Victoria Behune** will retire effective December 31, 2019. She will be replaced by **Adam Morrison** who is promoted from VP. **Anthony Campaniaris**, formerly general manager at the Anndore House has relocated to Warsaw, Poland to open a Nobu Hotel. **Dina Dickson** becomes director of sales and marketing at the Crowne Place Hotel Toronto Airport. **Mark Goldrup** departs the Marriott Eaton Centre to join the Marriott Los Angeles Airport as general manager. **Heidi Pawlyshyn** joins Palm Holdings as VP, sales and marketing. **Lisa Jones** leaves TownePlace Sudbury to join the Hilton Garden Inn Sudbury as general manager. **Nancy Tudorache** is promoted to regional VP, Canada at Global Business Travel Association (GBTA). **Mark Kelly** is business development manager for the 2021 Canada Games - Niagara. **Debra Wilson** of Hilton is senior director, commercial enablement and optimization - Americas. **Sandra Moniz Diaz** is cluster director of sales and marketing, Hilton portfolio, GTA west at Easton's Group of Hotels. **Leila El hamarneh** is director of sales at Hotel Birks Montreal. **Gary Krantz**, formerly with PSAV, has joined Quest Audio Visual as account manager. **Patrick Cappa** becomes general manager at the Omni King Edward Hotel, departing Casino Rama Resort where he was vice-president of resort operations. **Mariya Onikiyenko** leaves Hotel X Toronto to join Vintage Hotels as sales manager. **Steve Yates** departs the Novotel Toronto Centre for franchise operations with Accor.

Congratulations

To **Katherine Torres** on her marriage to Kevin Mayers on July 20, 2019.

Industry News

Groupe Nordik will soon open The Nordik Spa-Nature in Whitby.

The Superior Court of Quebec has granted a final order approving the combination of **Air Canada** and **Transat A.T. Inc.** Once regulatory approvals and closing conditions are met the transaction will be completed in 2020.

The **Novotel Mississauga** has been officially rebranded **Delta Hotels by Marriott Toronto Mississauga**.

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