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Incoming President
Amanat (AJ) Jaisinghani

From Your Incoming President

Amanat (AJ) Jaisinghani, Hilton Toronto

I am excited and honoured to serve as the new CHMSE President for the upcoming year starting this fall. As well, I am looking forward to celebrating CHMSE's 40th Birthday in 2020! I would also sincerely like to thank our Board Members & Executives who contribute to the success of CHMSE and sincerely share my gratitude to our members & partners - whose support is imperative

to our association. CHMSE is very near & dear to me as the Association has helped me grow over the past few years. If you are new to the Industry, our After 5 events provide amazing educational opportunities to hone your skills and grow as leaders in the hospitality industry. And as always, we provide lots of networking occasions where you meet fellow sales executives & leaders. Looking forward to seeing you at our events when we start up again in September and here's to

From Your Co-Presidents

Nafees Komaravolu, CMP,
Novotel Toronto Centre &
Brendan Cullin, Silver Hotel Group



Current Co-Presidents
Brendan and Nafees

We are honoured to have served as Co-Presidents for the last two terms. It has been a rewarding experience, along with our wonderful Board of Directors, to deliver on the Association's goal to be the leading Association in providing professional development opportunities to sales and marketing executives within the Canadian hospitality industry. We endeavoured to help nourish the success of our membership through training, seminars, engagement and human interaction. After two successful years, we will now pass the magic wand over to Amanat Jaisinghani (AJ). Although this is an old cliché - "we are leaving you in good hands" - we mean this with all sincerity when we say we are leaving the Association in GREAT hands. AJ is definitely one of the rising stars in our industry and it will be thrilling to see the Association grow under her influence. Of course, we will both be there to witness this first hand as we will continue to serve on the Board in an advisory capacity. We cannot wait until the new season! It will be more exciting than the final season of Game of Thrones! Enjoy the rest of your summer and we look forward to seeing everyone in September.

The CHMSE Board of Directors needs your ideas, talents and enthusiasm!

We are seeking candidates for the following positions on the 2019-2020 Board of Directors to take office in September:

Director, Sponsorship & Fund Raising
Director, Hotel & School Membership
Director, Media
Director, Program Logistics



Christmas in July??! No, just a snap of the current CHMSE Board of Directors. You, too, can have this much fun by volunteering to serve on the 2019-2020 Board.

For more info on the positions available click [here](#) or for a no-obligation chat about these opportunities email [Nafees](#) or [Brendan](#) today!

Welcome Back, Chris!

The CHMSE Board of Directors is pleased to announce



the re-appointment of Chris Siedel, National Director, Strategic Partnerships for Freeman Audo Visual Canada to the position of CHMSE Director, Affiliates for 2019-2020. Chris will continue to represent Affiliate (supplier) members on the Board of Directors. If you're an Affiliate - and even if you're not - Chris would love to hear from you with ideas and suggestions for ways to make your CHMSE membership experience even more beneficial. Email Chris

Welcome New CHMSE Members

Hotel

Sabrina Budhu, The Broadview Hotel
Ligia Chete, Delta Hotels by Marriott Toronto Airport & Conference Centre
Carolyn Halliday, The Waterside Inn
Lizbeth Lagunas, The Hazelton Hotel
Jack Nestor, Shangri-La Hotel Toronto
Alexia Skaropoulos, Toronto Marriott City Centre
Alexandra Taylor, Fogo Island Inn

Affiliate

Sandra Pellegrini, Wengage/MyConxn Limited

Thank you to our Strategic Partner

As we reflect on our 2018-19 program term CHMSE would like to thank Robinson Show Services for its support as our Strategic Partner all year round! Visit Robinson Show Services



Pictured at right:
CHMSE Co-President
Nafees Komaravolu,
Robinson Show
Services' Business
Development Manager
Niels Pierik and
CHMSE VP,
Membership Natalie
Teichmann



Photo Recap:
General Managers Night
March 28, 2019
Novotel Toronto Centre

For more photos of this and other CHMSE events
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Photos compliments of Click-It Photography



Photo Recap:

May Meeting Planner Matinee May 10, 2019 Shangri-La Hotel, Toronto

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Shangri-La hotel

TORONTO



Photo Recap:
Member Summer Social
June 19, 2019
Hotel X, Toronto

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Where you'll find CHMSE this summer...

Canadian Meetings & Events Expo

August 13 & 14, 2019

Metro Toronto Convention Centre
Booth 936

Come say 'hello' and pick up your CHMSE Member ribbon for your name tag.

[Show Info](#)



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Through the Keyhole



People on the Move

CHMSE past president **Ellen Muir** is promoted to regional vice president - sales & marketing for Concord Hospitality. CHMSE director of communications **Nadya Ali** joins TownePlace Suites by Marriott Mississauga-Airport Corporate Centre as senior sales manager.

Jenn Luke is promoted to business development manager - Toronto region for Germain Hotels.

Sean Persaud is promoted to director of operations, venue division for Stagevision Inc. **Dominique Lavery** joins the Hilton Toronto

Airport as director of sales and marketing. Dominique replaces **Natasha Melanson** who moves to the Hilton Toronto as director of operations. **Carrie Jackson** leaves Cineplex to return to the Ontario Science Centre as manager, corporate and adult learning experiences. At Ruth's Chris Steak House **Sara Wilde** is promoted to vp, marketing & promotions and **Maddi MacLean** is promoted to event sales manager. **Kate Wales** leaves Toronto and The Hazelton Hotel to become royal service agent at the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge. **Joelle Tardiff**, previously sales manager at Homewood Suites by Hilton, is now sales manager at Westin Hotels & Resorts. **Steven Barclay** joins the DoubleTree by Hilton Toronto Downtown as catering sales manager. **Ligia Chete** leaves the DoubleTree to join the Delta Toronto Airport in BT and group sales. **Bruno Rios** leaves the Marriott Bloor Yorkville to join Klick as travel experience manager. Also leaving the Marriott Yorkville is **Alicia Bodanis** who joins Larco Hospitality as regional director of events and conference services. **Lisa Wilson-Lall** is creative director at the Aga Khan Museum. **Wendy Gamble**, formerly with the Aga Khan joins Victoria University - University of Toronto as manager, events and space management. **Paula Racher** leaves Niagara Falls Business Events to join the 2021 Canada Summer Games as community events coordinator. **Lorena Iogna** joins the Hyatt Place Toronto-Mississauga Centre opening late summer as director of sales. **Matthew Desira** departs the Omni King Edward Hotel to become director of sales and marketing at the Hilton Markham. **Patrick Cappa** is the new general manager at the Omni King Edward Hotel. **Kieran Roberts**, previously resident manager of the Shangri-La Hotel Toronto, is appointed general manager of The Broadview Hotel. **Christina Aziz Dale** is the new gm of the DoubleTree by Hilton Toronto Airport. **Anita Kuhn** is promoted to senior manager, pricing support at GSO Canada for Marriott International. **Mayumi Nakayama**, formerly with the Toronto Don Valley Hotel & Suites is director of sales and marketing at the Ritz-Carlton Okinawa. **Kristen Ip** returns to the Holiday Inn Yorkdale as director of sales and marketing. **Catherine McAuley** is promoted to director, airline strategy at IHG. **Clark Davey** joins VER as rental agent. **Alex Gomez** leaves the Courtyard and TownePlace Suites Markham to join Silver Hotel Group as corporate director of sales and revenue management. **Kris Crundwell** is associate VP franchise development at RLH Corp. **Frank Campo** departs the Thompson Toronto to join the Kimpton Saint George as director of sales and marketing. **Patricia Farrugia-Watson** is account director for Deerhurst Resort. **Chrysa Zissakos** leaves the Chelsea Hotel Toronto to join Hotel X Toronto as sales manager. **Ganna Kuzavova** is promoted to catering sales manager at Novotel Mississauga Centre. **Lisa Grech** leaves the Delta Toronto Airport to join Hilton Worldwide as area sales manager.

Congratulations

To **MLSE**, parent company of the **Toronto Raptors**, on winning the 2019 National Basketball Association title.

To the **Fairmont Royal York** on its 90th Anniversary.

To **Ignite** on its 10th Anniversary.

Industry News

Visitors who are aged 25 and under receive free, unlimited admission to the **AGO**.

In April 2019 Hilton opened the dual-branded **Hilton Garden Inn Toronto Brampton West** and **Home2 Suites by Hilton Toronto Brampton**, adding 220 rooms to the Brampton area.

The first **IHG avid** has been announced for Vaughan.

Several **Hyatt-branded** hotels are opening in Mississauga in late 2019.

Novotel Mississauga is transitioning to a Delta Hotel by Marriott.

Recent **rebrandings** to keep you in the loop:

- The Holiday Inn at 280 Bloor Street West is reopening as the Kimpton Saint George.
- The Adelaide Hotel (formerly the Trump International Hotel) is now the St. Regis Toronto.
- Air Canada Centre is now the Scotiabank Arena.
- Ricoh Coliseum is now the Coca-Cola Coliseum.
- Sony Centre for the Performing Arts is now Meridian Hall.
- Toronto Centre for the Arts is now Meridian Arts Centre.
- Hershey Centre is now Paramount Fine Foods Centre.
- BioSteel Centre is now OVO Athletic Centre.

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