

(Mississauga, Ont.) - Following the Travel Industry Council of Ontario's (TICO) Annual General Meeting (AGM) on June 26th, the Board of Directors named Brett Walker as the new Vice-Chair of the Board. Brett is the General Manager for Collette Vacations, Canada. The Vice Chair appointment is for one year until TICO's next Annual General Meeting to be held in 2019.

At the AGM, Robert Townshend, founder of Total Advantage Travel and Tours, was acclaimed as an elected Director. Robert will serve a three-year term, replacing retiring Board member Tisha Saunders.

Nicole Bursey was named by the Canadian Association of Tour Operators (CATO) to be part of the TICO Board, replacing Denise Heffron who is also retiring this year from her position as Director.

"On behalf of TICO's Board of Directors we are confident that both Nicole and Robert will provide excellent contributions to the TICO Board," said Richard Smart, TICO President and CEO. "The Board also extends its sincere appreciation to Tisha Saunders and Denise Heffron for their service over the years."

TICO's AGM was held at the Corporate Event Centre, 5110 Creekbank Road, Mississauga, Ontario.

Formed in 1997, TICO is a not-for-profit corporation wholly financed by Ontario-registered travel agents and wholesalers. It administers the *Travel Industry Act, 2002* and the Ontario Travel Industry Compensation Fund. TICO may be contacted at (905) 624-6241 or 1-888-451-TICO. Visit TICO's website at www.tico.ca or email TICO at tico@tico.ca

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