

# CHARTER

## Board of Directors

### 1. PURPOSE

This charter describes the role of the Board of Directors (the "**Board**") of Aimia Inc. (the "**Corporation**").

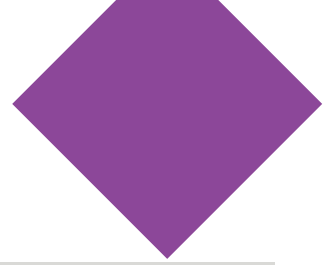
This charter is subject to the provisions of the Corporation's articles of incorporation and by-laws and to applicable laws. This charter is not intended to limit, enlarge or change in any way the responsibilities of the Board as determined by such articles, by-laws and applicable laws. Directors are elected or appointed by the shareholders of the Corporation and together with those appointed to fill vacancies or appointed as additional directors throughout the year, collectively constitute the Board.

### 2. ROLE

The Board is responsible for the stewardship of the Corporation and its business and is accountable for the performance of the Corporation.

The Board shall establish the overall policies for the Corporation, monitor and evaluate the Corporation's strategic direction, and retain plenary power for those functions not specifically delegated by it to its Committees or to management. Accordingly, in addition to the duties of directors of a Canadian corporation as prescribed by applicable laws, the Board shall supervise the management of the business and affairs of the Corporation with a view to evaluate, on an ongoing basis, whether the Corporation's resources are being managed with integrity and in a manner consistent with ethical considerations and stakeholders' interests and in order to enhance shareholder value.

In discharging their duties, directors must act honestly and in good faith, with a view to the best interests of the Corporation. Directors must exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances.



## 3. COMPOSITION

### SELECTION

The Board shall be comprised of that number of directors as shall be determined from time to time by the Board upon recommendation of the Governance and Human Resources Committee of the Board.

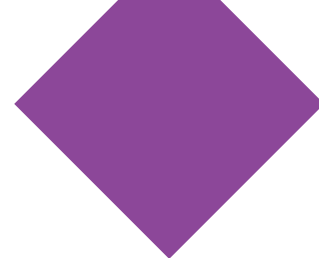
The Governance and Human Resources Committee shall maintain an overview of the desired size of the Board, the need for recruitment and the expected skill-set of new candidates. The Governance and Human Resources Committee shall review and recommend to the Board candidates for nomination as directors of the Corporation. The Board shall approve the final choice of the candidates that are to be elected as directors of the Corporation by its shareholders.

Board members must have an appropriate mix of skills, knowledge and experience in business and an understanding of the industry and the geographical areas in which the Corporation operates. Directors selected should be able to commit the requisite time for all of the Board's business.

### CHAIRMAN

A Chairman of the Board shall be appointed by the Board. The Board currently believes that it is in the best interest of the Corporation and its shareholders that the offices of Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer be separate. The Chairman's responsibilities shall include the following, in addition to the Chairman's responsibilities pursuant to legislation and the Corporation's articles and by-laws as well as those which may be assigned to him from time to time by the Board:

- (a) ensuring that the responsibilities of the Board are well understood by the Board;
- (b) ensuring that the Board works as a cohesive team and providing the requisite leadership to enhance Board effectiveness and ensure that the Board's agenda will enable it to successfully carry out its duties;
- (c) ensuring that the resources available to the Board (in particular, timely and relevant information) are adequate to support its work;
- (d) adopting procedures to ensure that the Board can conduct its work effectively and efficiently, including scheduling and managing meetings;
- (e) developing the agenda and procedures for Board meetings;
- (f) ensuring proper flow of information to the Board;
- (g) acting as a resource person and advisor to the Chief Executive Officer and the various Board committees; and
- (h) chairing every shareholders' meeting and meetings of the Board and encouraging free and open discussions at such meetings.



## INDEPENDENCE

A majority of the Board shall be composed of directors who must be determined to have no material relationship with the Corporation and who, in the reasonable opinion of the Board, must be unrelated and independent under the laws, regulations and listing requirements to which the Corporation is subject.

## CRITERIA FOR BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Board members are expected to possess the following characteristics and traits:

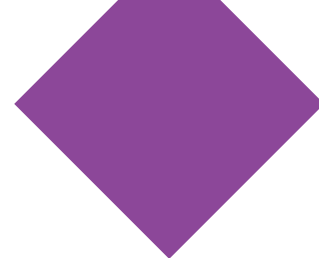
- (a) demonstrate high ethical standards and integrity in their personal and professional dealings;
- (b) act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Corporation;
- (c) devote sufficient time to the affairs of the Corporation and exercise care, diligence and skill in fulfilling their responsibilities both as Board members and as Committee members;
- (d) provide independent judgment on a broad range of issues;
- (e) understand and critically evaluate the key business plans and the strategic direction of the Corporation;
- (f) raise questions and issues to facilitate active and effective participation in the deliberation of the Board and of each Committee;
- (g) make all reasonable efforts to attend all Board and Committee meetings; and
- (h) review the materials provided by management in advance of the Board and Committee meetings.

## RETIREMENT AGE FOR DIRECTORS

The policy of the Board is that no person shall be appointed or elected as a director if the person exceeds 75 years of age. The policy allows for an exception where the Board determines it is in the interest of the Corporation to request a director to extend his/her term beyond the regular retirement age, provided however that such extension is requested in one-year increments.

## 4. COMPENSATION

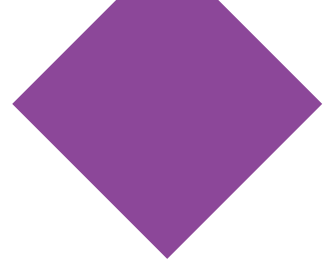
The Board has determined that the directors should be compensated in a form and amount which is appropriate and which is customary for comparable corporations, having regard for such matters as time commitment, responsibility and trends in director compensation.



## 5. RESPONSIBILITIES

Without limiting the Board's governance obligations, general Board responsibilities shall include the following:

- (a) discussing and developing the Corporation's approach to corporate governance, with the involvement of the Governance and Human Resources Committee;
- (b) declaring and approving dividends paid by the Corporation;
- (c) reviewing and approving management's strategic and business plans on an annual basis, including developing an in-depth knowledge of the business, understanding and questioning the plans' assumptions, and reaching an independent judgment as to the probability that the plans can be realized;
- (d) monitoring corporate performance against the strategic business plans, including reviewing operating results on a regular basis to evaluate whether the business is being properly managed;
- (e) appointing the Chief Executive Officer and developing his or her position description with the recommendation of the Governance and Resources Committee;
- (f) reviewing, through the Governance and Human Resources Committee, succession plans for the Chief Executive Officer and for the Corporation's senior executives;
- (g) reviewing, through the Governance and Human Resources, the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer;
- (h) identifying the principal risks of the Corporation's businesses and ensuring the implementation of appropriate systems to manage these risks;
- (i) ensuring that appropriate structures and procedures are in place so that the Board and its Committees can function independently of management;
- (j) ensuring the proper and efficient functioning of the Committees of the Board;
- (k) providing a source of advice and counsel to management;
- (l) reviewing and approving key policies developed by management;
- (m) reviewing, approving and, as required, overseeing compliance with the Corporation's public disclosure policy;
- (n) overseeing the Corporation's disclosure controls and procedures;
- (o) monitoring, through the Audit, Finance and Risk Committee, the Corporation's internal controls;
- (p) ensuring that the Corporation's senior executives possess the ability required for their roles, are adequately trained and monitored;
- (q) ensuring that the Chief Executive Officer and the other senior executives have the integrity required for their roles and the capability to promote a culture of integrity and accountability within the Corporation;



- (r) conducting, through the Governance and Human Resources Committee, an annual assessment of the Board and its Committees;
- (s) selecting, upon the recommendation of the Governance and Human Resources Committee, the candidates that are to be nominated as directors of the Corporation;
- (t) selecting a Chairman of the Board; and
- (u) ensuring, with the Governance and Human Resources Committee, that the Board as a whole, the Committees of the Board and each of the directors are capable of carrying out and do carry out their roles effectively.

## 6. MEETINGS

The Board shall meet at least quarterly, with additional meetings scheduled as required. Such additional meetings may be held at the request of any director with notice given to all directors of the Board. Each director has a responsibility to attend and participate in meetings of the Board. The Chairman of the Board shall approve the agenda for Board meetings. The Corporate Secretary shall distribute the meeting agenda and minutes to the Board.

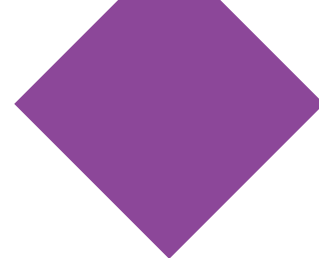
Information and materials that are important to the Board's understanding of the agenda items and related topics shall be distributed in advance of a meeting. The Corporation shall deliver information on the business, operations and finances of the Corporation to the Board on an as-required basis.

On the occasion of each regularly scheduled Board meeting and at other times as they may wish, non-management directors shall hold "in-camera" sessions, in the absence of members of management.

## 7. DECISIONS REQUIRING PRIOR BOARD APPROVAL

In addition to those specific matters requiring prior Board approval pursuant to the Corporation's by-laws or applicable laws, the Board shall be responsible for approving the following:

- (a) interim and annual financial statements, provided that the Board may delegate to the Audit, Finance and Risk Committee the responsibility to review such financial statements and make its recommendations to the Board;
- (b) strategic plans, business plans and capital expenditure budgets;
- (c) raising of debt or equity capital and other major financial activities;
- (d) hiring, compensation and succession for the Chief Executive Officer and other senior executives;
- (e) major organizational restructurings, including spin-offs;
- (f) material acquisitions and divestitures; and
- (g) major corporate policies.



## 8. BOARD COMMITTEES

There are two standing Committees of the Board: the Audit, Finance and Risk Committee, and the Governance and Human Resources Committee. The roles and responsibilities of each Committee are described in the respective Committee charters.

Members of the Audit, Finance and Risk Committee and the Governance and Human Resources Committee shall be independent as required under the charter of each Committee and the laws, regulations and listing requirements to which the Corporation is subject.

## 9. COMMUNICATION WITH THE BOARD

Shareholders of the Corporation and other constituencies may communicate with the Board and individual board members by contacting Investor Relations.

## 10. ADVISORS

The Board has determined that any individual director who wishes to engage a nonmanagement advisor to assist on matters involving such director's responsibilities as a director at the expense of the Corporation should have his or her request reviewed by, and obtain the authorization of, the Chairman of the Board.

## 11. OTHER MATTERS

The Board expects directors as well as officers and employees of the Corporation to act ethically at all times and to acknowledge their adherence to the policies comprising the Code of Ethics (the "**Code**"). The Board, with the assistance of the Governance and Human Resources Committee, is responsible for monitoring compliance with the Code.

Directors shall disclose all actual or potential conflicts of interest and refrain from voting on matters in which the director has a conflict of interest. In addition, a director shall excuse himself or herself from any discussion or decision on any matter in which the director is precluded from voting as a result of a conflict of interest or which otherwise affects his or her personal, business or professional interests.