

Conference Report

OSV Board Retreat

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Date: May 27th, 2025 – May 30th, 2025

Location: Collingwood, Ontario.

Attended by: Rajveer Singh

Purpose of the Conference

The board retreat helps the board members to understand the structure and function of the organization in depth. Necessary for building trust and a strong relationship amongst the board members. Also, setting direction and goals for the coming year.

Sessions/Presentations Attended

Fiduciary responsibility, Anna Naud– This session helped me in understanding the legal and ethical duties of being a board member at OSV, including Duty of care, compliance and loyalty. This was pretty much like the one that we do at CSI board training, so it was like a good recap.

Strategic goals for the year ahead, Lynn – Lynn presented last year's board calendar and goals that were set for the coming year. After a long session of ideation and discussion, we narrowed down the goals/calendar list to almost half, providing more clarity and direction for the board and cutting down the sections that were irrelevant.

Governance training, Laridae – With a strong presentation, Laridae explained the difference between - For profit, Not for profit and Charities and the essentials of governance, roles and responsibilities to run a Not for profit organization. This session helped me understand, where to draw the line between being an OSV board member and a representative of CSI.

Stronger Together, N/A – Through this session I was able to engage with every board member, talking about the values that are essential for building a strong and collaborative team. Building trust, dissolving personal egos and establishing a strong commitment for making a better student life for all college students.

OSV's Board Highlights, Lynn – Through this session Lynn provided us with the recap of the past year. The accomplishments and challenges faced by the previous board and feedback from

members. This session clarified the context of what all has been achieved and what is to be done in the coming year.

Contacts Established

| Name | Position | Student Association |
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| Emily Frost | Board Member | FSA |
| Hishram Clifford | President | NCSAC |
| Samiya Khan | President | SSU |
| Kai Fucile Ladouceur | President | SUCCI |



Negative Aspects

None

Benefit to CSI/What You Want to Bring Back to Campus

Having a representative from CSI on the OSV board implies CSIs direct involvement in advocacy and indirect involvement in decision making around it at the provincial level.