



The Going Global Committee is dedicated to creating awareness of international business opportunities for Saskatchewan.

### COMMITTEE MEETING ACTION SUMMARY

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**Committee:** Going Global

**Meeting Date:** January 14, 2016

**Time:** 3:00-4:00pm

**Location:** Chamber of Commerce

**Meeting Chair:** Dirk Propp

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**In Attendance:** Nick Kokkastamapouos, Julie Yu, Dirk Propp, Alex Fallon, Yang Chen, Norm Wallace

**Staff:** Kevin Meldrum

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#### Trade Surplus

- Iran and Egypt connection (Chamber to Chamber). Nick and Dirk are working on a project to make connections with potential Sask investors

#### Immigration Issue

- Discussion of how Saskatchewan is handling immigration issue – are we doing the right thing to attract qualified and skilled immigrants vs. other jurisdictions?
- Should Chamber be getting involved visiting other Chambers in Europe to build relations?

#### Tabled

- How to follow up with Colombian ambassador after his visit?

#### Trade in the Trenches

- Invite ACCEE to attend the next committee meeting first, and then we will garner their feedback on doing a “Trade in the Trenches” event in March or April

#### Entrepreneurial Stories

- Norm Wallace interested in participating as well

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## NEYA

- “New Entrepreneur of the Year Award”
- Put on by SREDA, profile newcomer entrepreneurs
- Awarded in June

## TPP Presentation

- Tabled for next meeting

## Syrian Refugees Working Group

- Saskatoon Open House
- Tour for Syrian refugees
- 5-10 day trip for Sask immigration
- What value do we provide?
  - Pre-party to folk fest? Celebration, Welcome and Educational piece with guest speakers?
    - Work with refugee welcome people?
  - Refugee will be sending inquiry and Chamber will be responding
  - Dirk will do invitation on behalf of IIBC
  - April, May, June 2016 (Summer/Spring). Next would be October 2016
  - CENTRALLIA (Winnipeg) can be used as a platform
    - Saskatoon as add-on event
    - Kent will look into it

## Other Business

- Committee member drive to get more members on the committee? How to approach and who?
- Invite Thomas back for another meeting and update on how things are going with the new immigrant program

## **Next Meeting:**

February 11th, 2016

3:00-4:00PM Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce

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