

Ukrainian Cultural Center Toloka

Toloka Board Meeting

January 28, 2025, at 7:00 pm, Bellevue, WA (via Zoom)

Present: Oksana Krivizuk (head of the meeting), Olena Bedenko (Secretary of the meeting), Viktoriia Nikitiuk, Olga Okhapkina, Tamara Cyhan Cunitz

Absent: Valeriy Goloborodko

Invitees Yuliia Tsypino

AGENDA

1. Call to order and roll call
2. Approval of previous meeting minutes
3. Financial report of 2024
4. IRS: tax report of 2024; change the name of the organization
5. Rental premises change for 2025-26
6. Creation of the Working Group to establish the mission and the strategy of the Toloka's development
7. Grants updates
8. Calendar of events for January-July 2025
9. Other
10. Next meeting

NOTES

1. Call to order and roll call

Quorum is present; the Agenda is approved. V. Nikitiuk suggested to hear together points 3 and 5

Decision: unanimously

2. Approval of previous meeting minutes

The Minutes for the Meeting of October 9th, 2024 reviewed and approved.

Decision: unanimously

3. Financial report of 2024 and rental premises change for 2025-26

The Board reviewed the financial report of 2024; O. Kriviziuk suggested putting a surplus of money Toloka raised from the Koliada WinterFest in the savings account. This money will be used for moving into the bigger premises (new rental year savings). T. Cuniz Cyhan suggested to use of a BECU tool as the most favorable for small businesses and NGOs. The Board asked Y. Tsypino to check other options. The Board provided O. Kriviziuk with the authority to make a deposit on behalf of Toloka. O. Kriviziuk, V. Nikitiuk, and O. Bedenko—responsible for the search for a new space.

Decision: unanimously

4. IRS: tax report of 2024; change the name of the organization (10 min)

O. Kriviziuk and Y. Tsypino delivered the updates on the tax report of 2024. O. Kriviziuk proposed to rename the organization from Ukrainian School Vyriy to UCC Toloka for community convenience. O. Kriviziuk explained the necessity of using an outsourced service for tax and rename applications. Toloka can spend a reasonable budget for such services.

Decision: unanimously

5. Creation of the Working Group to establish the mission and the strategy of the Toloka's development

There is a necessity to create a Working group to review the mission to ensure it is up-to-date. Board members suggested the next people to invite for such a group: O. Okhapkina - invite the community to the open discussion; O. Bedenko—all present Board members might enter. Other members suggested: Dina Popovkina, Maryna Sivachenko, Kateryna Masiuk, Natalka Hvyliun, Svitlana Rebrina, UW Ukrainian students, Toloka Patrons, and parents of Vyriy school

V. Nikitiuk suggested creating criteria for the group members and tools to get their feedback

Decision: unanimously

6. Grants updates

Toloka won a grant to expand the Ukrainian library.

Information without vote

7. Calendar of events for January-July 2025 (15 min)

Green Week Fest of June 8th, Pysanka workshops, Singing Circles, the Toloka is looking for talents (kids performance), and other events of Tolka and partners. Support the UW exhibition “Unissued Diplomas.”

February 23 meeting in support of Ukraine. Toloka cannot join as a co-partner, but will provide informational support among followers.

Decision: unanimously

8. Next meeting

The next board meeting is scheduled for the end of March. Olena Bedenko will notify all members of the exact date.