Ukrainian Cultural Center Toloka

Toloka Board Meeting

July 15, 2026, at 7:00 pm, UCC Toloka, 1940 124th Ave NE, Offices A108/109, Bellevue, WA 98005

Present: Oksana Krivizuk, Olena Bedenko, Olga Shakh, Viktoriia Nikitiuk, Maryna Sivachenko

Absent: Valeriy Goloborodko, Natalia Khvaliun

Invitees: Yulia Tsypino, Victoria Thibault, Kateryna Lytvynets

AGENDA

1. Call to order and roll call
2. Approval of previous meeting minutes
3. Presentation of the new Board members
4. Election of the Board Officers for 2026-2028
5. Financial report for 2025-2026 review and proposed budget for the 2026-2027 financial year
6. Patronship Packages updates
7. Partner Agreement
8. Future Space Planning
9. Other
10. Next meeting

NOTES

1. **Call to order and roll call**

Quorum is present.

Decision: without voting.

2. **Approval of previous meeting minutes**

The Minutes for the Meeting of April 1, 2026, were reviewed and approved.

Decision: unanimously

2.1. Changes to Agenda

O. Kriviziuk proposed to change the order of the questions and start with the review of the financial report and proceed to the presentation of the new candidates to join the Board and the operative management's election.

Decision: unanimously

3. **Financial report for 2025-2026 review and proposed budget for the 2026-2027 financial year**

O. Kriviziuk and Y. Tsypino provided the updates on the financial performance of all the projects gathered under Toloka. HraiMore and Library no longer satisfy the requirements and, at their discretion, might join the Advisory Committee to continue supporting Toloka's mission. Based on the financial performance, the Velyka Rodyna humanitarian project and the Green Week Festival manager are eligible to join the Board. School Vyriy, the Honorable Consulate of Ukraine in WA State, and the Advisory Committee are eligible to continue their membership on the Board.

Decision: without voting

4. **Presentation of the new Board members**

O. Kriviziuk presented the representatives of all eligible projects to join the Board: Oksana Kriviziuk and Maryna Sivachenko (School Vyriy), Viktoria Nikitiuk (Toloka's Galery), Natalia Khaliun (Toloka's Advisory Committee), Valeriy Goloborodko (Honorable Consulate), Kateryna Lytvynets (Velyka Rodyna), Viktoria Thibault (GreenWeek Fest).

Decision: without voting

5. **Election of the Board Officers for 2026-2028**

The new Board has a quorum to vote. Latest decisions were made and approved by the new Board members only. The Board asked to continue recording the meeting by O. Bedenko.

O. Bedenko announced that the Board consists of three (3) operational officers–the Chair of the Board, the Secretary, and the Treasurer.

5.1. K. Lytvynets proposed to reelect O. Kriviziuk as Chair.

Decision: unanimously

5.2. V. Nikitiuk proposed K. Lytvynets or M. Sivachenko to fill the Secretary position. V. Thibault supported both candidates and proposed that they agree on the position. M. Sivachenko agreed to serve as the Secretary.

Decision: unanimously

5.3. O. Kriviziuk proposed to reelect Y. Tsypino as Treasurer. V. Nikitiuk supported this proposal.

Decision: unanimously

6. **Patronship Packages updates**

O. Kriviziuk explained the necessity of raising the suggested donations for the Child Patronship and Family Patronship because of the expansion of the educational services for the Ukrainian community, namely, the expansion of language and school course hours to meet the Ukraine Ministry of Education requirements for the Saturday Schools in Diaspora. The new suggested donation per month for Child Patrons is $70 and for Family Patrons is $130.

Decision: unanimously

6.1. O. Kriviziuk added that Toloka can return to the option of the Corporate Partnership. K. Lytvynets supported the proposal.

Decision: unanimously, with the assignment to O. Kriviziuk to draft the description for this type of partnership, including, but not limited to, space reservation discounts, participation in events and workshops, etc.

7. **Partner Agreement**

O. Kriviziuk listed organizations that have already signed the Partner's Agreement with Toloka, namely, Volia Fund, UDS, Nashi, and Seattle Girls Community. Pending: Plast, ReWA, Tacoma Slavic Association. O. Shakh asked to review the agreement and sign it on behalf of HraiMore. Toloka is open to new projects to join as partners.

Decision: without voting

8. **Future Space Planning**

O. Kriviziuk reminded that Toloka's lease expires in December 2028. Board plans to address the question of the next space rental to the Advisory Committee.

Decision: without voting

9. **Other**

O. Kriviziuk reminded the Board about the Toloka Gift Policy and the Toloka Charity Policy drafts with a presentation at the next Board meeting.

10. **Next meeting**

Scheduled for October 2026