

INVESTOR ADVISORY PANEL

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Maureen Jensen
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Re: Investor Advisory Panel Response to the OSC's 2016 Annual Report

Dear Maureen,

The Investor Advisory Panel is pleased to comment on the OSC's 2016 Annual Report.

We are glad to see the OSC moving ahead with many of the initiatives outlined in its 2015 Statement of Priorities, particularly in the area of investor protection. As you state in the Chair's message, "Ontario investors deserve nothing less than a best interest standard": we could not agree more. The Panel also notes that the OSC is planning to move ahead with consultations on discontinuing embedded commissions in mutual funds – we would be very pleased if those consultations lead to meaningful change for Ontario investors.

Going forward we urge the OSC to move ahead with a best interest standard without further delay. In addition, we continue to encourage the OSC to promote the inclusion of the investor voice as the new Cooperative Capital Markets Regulator is formed and to ensure that a best interest standard is part of the fundamental groundwork being laid for the future of securities regulation in Canada.

We would also like to offer input into the format and information contained in this OSC Annual Report and future ones, and to recommend that the Appendix be populated with meaningful statistics on cases of fraud and enforcement. Information on the types of cases you are looking at from an enforcement perspective would help the general public as well as investor advocates understand and be aware of evolving trends in the marketplace – and take action.

Last but not least, we look forward to continuing to work with the OSC through your team and through the Investor Office in the year ahead.

Yours truly,

Ursula Menke