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Deborah Rosati, an award-winning entrepreneur and corporate director, has been described in three interconnected ways over her 35-year career: as a champion of corporate governance, a catalyst for change, and a builder of community.

In 2015, Dr. Deborah Rosati founded [Women Get On Board Inc. \(WGOB\)](https://www.womengetonboard.ca), a social-purpose company with a bold vision to build a national movement that transforms boardrooms and beyond. As Founder & CEO, she has spent ten years trailblazing, advancing WGOB's mission to connect, promote, and empower women to serve on corporate boards with confidence and courage.

Deborah is proud to amplify the voices of women leaders, board members, and professionals across Canada through education, mentorship, and allyship. She believes in the "power of three" philosophy—the belief that while one woman in a boardroom is a token and two are a presence, three women constitute an authentic voice for change.

Deborah is a respected leader in the boardroom, having chaired boards and audit committees, as well as nominating and corporate governance committees, and having served as lead director of public companies. Additionally, Deborah has led and served on numerous special committees with mandates that include initial public offerings and private placements, mergers and acquisitions, restructuring, and special investigations.

Deborah's dedication to inclusive governance and board diversity stems from her experiences as often the only woman in the boardroom. These firsthand encounters have reinforced her belief that greater women's representation on boards leads to better business outcomes.

Constantly seeking improvement, Deborah aims to challenge expectations and drive positive change. She brings an environmental, social, and governance (ESG) perspective to every board she joins, believing in the power and responsibility of businesses to make the world a better place. As innovative leaders, Deborah and her co-founders, Dr. Sherry Shannon Vanstone and Lara Zink, founded Women Funding Women Inc. (WFW) to address the funding gap facing women entrepreneurs.

Deborah's commitment to sustainable change and empowerment, together with her broad governance and financial expertise and engaging demeanour, have made her a sought-after thought leader and speaker. Her perspectives on corporate governance, sustainability, inclusion, and social impact are clearly presented on her website, [deborahrosati.ca](https://www.deborahrosati.ca).

BOARD CANDIDATE HIGHLIGHTS

- A certified Corporate Director (ICD.D), global designated ESG Director (GCB.D), global designated climate & biodiversity Director (CCB.D), accomplished Entrepreneur and Fellow Chartered Professional Accountant (FCPA)
- Over 35 years in high growth and transformational companies in the Technology, Consumer, Retail, Cannabis, Life Sciences, Private Equity and Venture Capital industry sectors
- Proven value and contributions to effective corporate governance, M&A, restructuring, going private and equity financing (private and public) transactions
- Creative and resourceful in business leadership, board interactions and collaboration in strategic transformations
- Forward-thinking in corporate governance and leadership roles from start-up to scale-up to public companies within emerging, established and regulated industry markets
- A steadfast advocate of modern corporate governance, sustainability, ESG and board diversity
- Founder and CEO of member-based social purpose company Women Get On Board Inc.
- Deborah's recent awards include:
 - The Icon Award, October 2025
 - The CEO Magazine Top 50 Women Over 50, 2025
 - Brock Alumni Brilliance Award, 2024
 - GNCC & WIN-Ruth Unrau Legacy Award, November 2023
 - Honorary Doctorate of Laws - Brock University, June 2023
 - Canadian Women Entrepreneur (CWE) Award-Gender Equity in the Workplace, 2023
 - SustainabilityX Magazine's inaugural Global 50 Women in Sustainability Award, 2022
 - WXN's Top 100 Canada's Most Powerful Women: Entrepreneur (2021) and Corporate Director (2012)
 - 2020 "Director to Watch"

STRENGTHS & EXPERTISE

- Board Leadership & Collaboration
- Financial Expertise
- Sustainability, ESG & Board Diversity
- Corporate Governance
- Financing (Equity & Debt/Private & Public)
- Transformation (M&A/Digital/Operations/Restructuring)
- Corporate Strategy
- CEO and Board Succession
- Entrepreneurship

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

- Board Diversity, Sustainability, ESG
- How to Get Yourself On a Board
- Elevating Your Board Effectiveness
- Financial Intelligence in the Boardroom
- Ethical Intelligence in the Boardroom
- Modern Governance & Sustainability