

Board Meeting Summary – Jan. 28, 2017

The MAS Board of Directors held a board meeting on Jan. 28, 2017. The meeting was held at Government House in Regina.

Key results of the January meeting were:

- The Board & Staff had participated in a joint training session on Friday, January 27th, on implementing the MAS Diversity Plan. The session was facilitated by Rhonda Rosenberg, Executive Director of MCOS.
- The Ends Report was presented by Wendy Fitch, Executive Director.
- The ED gave an update on the Enterprise Risk Management work that the staff has been doing. A draft risk register has been created that will be prioritized and transferred to a heat map. The results of this process will be incorporated into the annual planning process undertaken by staff. There are three board related “governance risks” on the risk register that will be forwarded to the Board Risk Management Committee for review.
- The Board undertook the monitoring of the Ends and several Governance Process & Board/Executive Director Relationship and Executive Limitation policies in accordance with their monitoring schedule.
- The following Committees all gave their updates: Nominations Committee, Audit Committee, Board Risk Management Committee, Board Procedures Manual Development Committee, Ownership Linkages Committee, Executive Committee, ED Performance Review Committee, Awards Committee & 50th Anniversary Committee.
- Staff were asked to purchase a fire safe with a combination lock to be kept in the office which will contain material relating to the ED Performance Evaluations, Contract, etc.
- The ED noted that a committee has not yet been established for the 50th Anniversary. However, staff have made application for a Young Canada Works grant to hire a student to travel to member museums to photograph their facilities for the forthcoming anniversary travel app.
- The ED provided an overview of the tentative agenda for the upcoming meeting in Ottawa. She noted that there is expected to be discussion of collections database projects such as Novamuse and SaskCollections given that several of the other provincial associations have expressed interest. As well, it is anticipated that there will be a discussion of developing a national training strategy.
- It was noted that while some museums are preparing special exhibits for Canada 150, there has been little enthusiasm in the lead up to 2017. For many it was the lack of coordination and financial support from the federal government that dampened expectations.
- The Board Workplan was reviewed and it was noted that in almost all areas the Board has met its objectives.

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