

## **Board Meeting Summary – March 21 & 22, 2014**

The MAS Board of Directors held a board meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014. The meeting was held at the Western Pizza meeting room and the Neil Balkwill Civic Arts Centre in Regina.

Key results of the March meeting were:

- The Ends Report was presented by Wendy Fitch, Executive Director.
- Wendy Fitch and May-Lin Polk-Museums Advisor had attended an MGP Adjudication Follow-up meeting. SaskCulture wanted feedback on all aspects of the granting process.
- Conference plans were discussed & the tentative locations for the bus tour.
- The Board undertook the monitoring of several Governance Process & Board/Executive Director Relationship and Executive Limitation policies in accordance with their monitoring schedule.
- The Board will be reporting to the membership at the AGM some changes to the Global Ends Policy.
- Wendy Fitch, Robert Hubick and Chad Debert will be attending the CMA conference in Toronto.
- Many of the MAS board members attended the Heritage Sask. Forum in Saskatoon.
- Wendy Fitch briefly highlighted some of the topics at the SaskCulture Eligible Organizations meeting. Lottery sales are down which will have some impact on project grants for the coming year. This will not affect MAS operational funding or the Museum Grant Program. The Capacity Building Grant will no longer be for strategic planning activities. It will be more for innovative one-time projects. Over the next 18 months to 2 years, SaskCulture will be transitioning to having all of its grant program applications online.
- The following Committees all gave their updates: Board Procedures Manual Development Committee, Advocacy Policy Development Committee, Stakeholders Linkage Policy Development Committee and the Board Risk Management Committee.
- Wendy Fitch highlighted some of the activities/training during the week long Strategic Leadership course in Banff that was just attended.
- The next board meeting will be on May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Holiday Inn in Swift Current. Immediately following the AGM, there will be a brief meeting of the board to elect a President and Vice-President.

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