Board Meeting Summary – July 7&8, 2017

The MAS Board of Directors held a board/orientation meeting on July 7-8, 2017. The meeting was held at Waskesiu Lodge & Convention Centre in Waskesiu.

Key results of the July meeting were:

• The first full day was devoted to Board Orientation. The morning was facilitated by Kristin Enns-Kavanaugh, Executive Director of Sask. History and Folklore. She led the Board through an overview of Board roles and responsibilities as they relate to Policy Governance with a section on the Monitoring process. The afternoon was facilitated by Wendy Fitch, who provided an overview of the contents of the Board Orientation Binder and the operational side of the Association.

• The second day was devoted to the Board Meeting.
• The Ends Report was submitted and reviewed.
• The dates for the 17/18 Board meetings were set.

• The Board Workplan was reviewed which shows the priorities for 2017/18. The Board will review the Ends, Vision, Philosophy at the September Board meeting.

• Some possible ideas for a Board professional development opportunity were: Building a diverse board; Building understanding of needs of Newcomers; How to deal with difficult discussions regarding diversity issues.

• A standing Governance Committee was established to be responsible for drafting new policies and revising existing policies at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The Committee will review and revise the Bylaws for presentation to the membership at the 2018 AGM. The Committee will also develop and present for approval a draft Terms of Reference for the Executive Committee and itself.

• Board members were assigned to all policies being monitored throughout the year.

• The following Committees were set:
  Nominations – Yvonne Hotzak (Chair), Jennifer Matotek, Amber Andersen and one non-Board person.
  Audit – Darlene Brown (Chair), Katrina Howick
  Ownership & Stakeholder Linkage – Merissa Scarlett (Chair), Evelyn Siegfried, Tracene Harvey, Katrina Howick
  ED Performance Evaluation and Compensation – Teresa Carlson (Chair), Yvonne Hotzak, Darlene Brown, Tracene Harvey
  Executive – Yvonne Hotzak (Chair), Teresa Carlson, Corinne Daelick, Merissa Scarlett
  Governance – Evelyn Siegfried (Chair), Darlene Brown, Tracene Harvey
  Board Risk Management – Teresa Carlson (Chair), Darlene Brown, Amber Andersen
  Board Procedures Manual Development – Corinne Daelick (Chair), Evelyn Siegfried, Jennifer Matotek
  Awards – Teresa Carlson (Chair), Merissa Scarlett, Katrina Howick

• Merissa Scarlett and Corinne Daelick will be added to the Conference Program Committee.
• Sask. History & Folklore will be invited to present a joint conference with MAS in 2018.

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