

## Board Meeting Summary – March 6, 2021

The MAS Board of Directors held a board meeting on March 6, 2021. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

Key results of the March meeting were:

- The Ends Report was presented by Wendy Fitch, Executive Director.
- The Board was very impressed with the level of activity carried on by MAS during a pandemic. In most cases, staff have been busier than usual. The report, provided by the ED gave a very detailed account of why the various activities took place during the past year to achieve the Board's ENDS.
- The MAS Youtube channel was created just before the pandemic but has come in handy and will continue to be used down the road.
- The budget presented this year is the same one included in the Interim application for year 2 of the 3-year AGF application. A letter was received last week confirming the first half of the request has been deposited into our account.
- The Board approved the transfer of an additional \$13,000 into the General Reserve from Accumulated Surplus to enable expenses to be paid for a 4 month period in the event of the organization having to close.
- There are six board members who are at the end of their current term and eligible to stand for re-election. Karen Grenier and Kaiti Hannah have decided to not continue on the Board at this time. Tracene Harvey, Katrina Howick, Helanna Gessner and Andrew Whiting are willing to let their names stand for re-election. This would leave two spots to still be filled.
- It was noted that Merissa Scarlett will have completed her three terms next year. Because she will be Past-President, she's able to remain on the Board for the duration of her successor's term as President to assist the new President.
- The ED Review was completed just prior to the Board meeting and used as a "pilot project" for the ED Evaluation of the current ED.
- The Board discussed results of the COVID survey report and agreed that another survey down the road would be beneficial.
- A letter from SaskCulture, was received March 1<sup>st</sup> announcing that our annual submission was complete and we'd be receiving the \$589,000 we asked for – receiving 50% shortly and the rest after the Follow-up Report in June has been completed.
- AMA is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and will be celebrating by having a four-part virtual conference spaced out over the course of the year.
- The OMA is also offering a free registration to an upcoming symposium on Indigenous Collections on March 25<sup>th</sup>. It was decided that should be available for one of the program staff to attend.

- Nomination packages for upcoming awards will be available on our website and advertised in Ephemera soon.

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