Board Meeting Summary – July 26-27, 2019

The MAS Board of Directors held a board/orientation meeting on July 26-27, 2019. The meeting was held at Cypress Park Resort Inn.

Key results of the July meeting were:

- The Board accepted the resignation of President Teresa Carlson. Corinne Daelick was named the new President and Merissa Scarlet the new Vice-President. It was decided to not name a replacement for Teresa Carlson’s term at this time.

- The first full day was devoted to Board Orientation. The ED gave a presentation on policy governance and Board Roles & Responsibilities. The meeting schedule was set for the year and the assignment of board to committees and monitoring reports was completed. A review of the Lotteries System and the Operations of the organization was also done.

- The second day was devoted to the Board Meeting.

- The Ends Report was submitted and reviewed.

- The draft GP-8 policy was presented by Tracene Harvey and discussed by the Board. Tracene compiled feedback and will present it to the Governance Committee for their approval and the final draft of GP-8 will then be included in the agenda for the September Board Meeting to be approved by the Board.

- The Board discussed, in more detail, the implications of the adoption of the TRC Principles. The TRC Principles were adopted as guiding principles at the May 4th Board meeting. The Board discussed if it is policy vs procedure to perform Land Acknowledgement before MAS Activities and Board Meetings.

- In anticipation of the federal election in the fall the new ED of CMA worked with the PTMAs to develop an advocacy document which could be used by everyone in order to present a coordinated message.

- SaskCulture held its AGM along with member sessions – OTC Reconciliation Mapping Exercise and Northern Youth arts programming engagement. Merissa Scarlett, who attended the AGM summarized the note and brought up the opportunity to bring in the OTC to conduct the Reconciliation Mapping Exercise. It was suggested that this would be an opportunity to bring the Board and Staff together to do this exercise and include other groups (e.g. Heritage Saskatchewan to participate)

- The Board reviewed the results of the Member Forum session. It resulted in some really good feedback that can be used by the Board in direction setting and the staff for operational decisions.

- The SK Non-profit Partnership (SNP) held its second provincial summit in June. SNP is an unincorporated partnership that began with a small group of Sask-based non-profit professionals who decided to step in where the Sask. Network of Non-profit Organizations (SNNO) left off: to improve awareness of the impact of the sector in Saskatchewan, enhance its efforts and reduce its challenges. Its mission is to benefit the non-profit sector through research, networking, public awareness, sector strategy development and leadership.
• The Board examined the Global Ends Policy and discussion around the inclusion of the word culture to ensure that MAS is being inclusive to museums and galleries. The Board reviewed the Ends on the worksheet that Wendy had prepared and made revisions. The Visions were also reviewed and revised.

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