

Board Meeting Summary – November 17, 2018

The MAS Board of Directors held a board meeting on November 17, 2018. The meeting was held at Government House in Regina.

Key results of the November meeting were:

- The Board/Staff met for a joint Christmas supper on the Friday night before the meeting.
- SaskCulture notified MAS announcing that funding had been confirmed for 2019/20.
- The ED attended the National Trust for Canada Annual Conference in Fredericton, NB.
- The ED attended the OMA Conference in Toronto, ON, October 24th-25th. She was asked to give a presentation on the MAS Network program to the first meeting of the Ontario Network of Regional Museum Networks in Toronto.
- 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 gave their updates: Nominations, Audit, Ownership Linkage, Executive, ED Review, Governance, Board Risk Management and Board Procedures.
- There are 4 Board members who are up for re-election – Amber Andersen, Jennifer Matotek, Tracene Harvey and Katrina Howick, and two who has completed 3 terms – Evelyn Siegfried and Yvonne Hozak. There will be at least one new board member elected at the AGM and possibly two because while Yvonne can remain on the Board beyond her 3 terms so long as she is Past President (the term of her successor as President). The Committee will start the process of contacting potential nominees.
- The Ownership Linkage Committee is working on developing a proactive feedback framework for member consultation in order to incorporate it into broader consultation framework. It will be presented at the next board meeting.
- The ED and the President will meet in February for a performance review. The ED will also provide feedback to the Board on her perspective regarding the Board's support of the work of the organization.
- CMA is transitioning to a new CEO after 40 years under John McAvity. They hope to make an announcement by the end of December.
- The ED reviewed the recommendations of the House of Commons Standing Committee for Canadian Heritage report – Moving Forward: Towards a Stronger Canadian Museum Sector. The majority of recommendations direct the Department to review and expand the Museum Grant Program; review and modernize the National Museum Policy; and encourage collaboration within the sector.

- The SNP recently released the first in a series of reports in which they will share the results of their recent survey of SK non-profits. It was noted that culture is the 3rd largest sector after Recreation and Social Services; over 77,000 people are employed in the non-profit sector second only to Health & Social Services; and over 86,000 people volunteer in the non-profit sector.
- It was also noted that Hill Strategies recently reported on their recent analysis of Statistics Canada 2016 General Survey results that indicates virtually all Canadians participate in cultural activities with 70% having visited a heritage site and 39% having visited a public art gallery.
- Some of the feedback from Board members after travelling to Network meetings was provided in a report for review. The Community Engagement Coordinator also provided a summary of the meetings that had been attended.
- The Board/Committee Calendar & Task List was reviewed by the Board. It was decided they will review and revise the calendar annually prior to the beginning of the new Board year.

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