

Board Meeting Summary – Sept. 21, 2019

The MAS Board of Directors held a board meeting on Sept. 21, 2019. The meeting was held at Government House in Regina.

Key results of the September meeting were:

- The Ends Report was presented by Wendy Fitch, Executive Director.
- The ED has been working with the Regina Eco-Museum Board and staff as they transition from a traditional, collections-based institution to an ecomuseum.
- The ED will participate in a CMA/PTMA conference call Sept. 24. This will be the final discussion regarding the joint advocacy message developed for use in the fall federal election.
- The total number of participating museums in SaskCollections is 25.
- The deadline for the next 3-year AGF application is Dec. 2, 2019.
- The Community Engagement Coordinator is contributing an article for the CMA's MUSE magazine on our two Bulletins – from their initial development through their use as the basis for the last two Network Knowledge Exchange training offerings. This represents a change at CMA. In the past the magazine focused primarily on the activities of institutions rather than the provincial/territorial associations.
- Initial work has begun for the 2020 MAS conference and AGM. A Program Committee is being put together to assist staff in determining a conference theme, sessions, etc.
- It was noted that a previous MAS board member had passed away this month Vera Weenie-Kasokeo, as well as Honorary Lifetime Achievement Award recipient – Ron Borden. Messages of condolences will be put in the next Ephemera.
- 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 Board Skills Matrix was reviewed. Board members will fill in the spreadsheet and send the updated information to the ED. The updated spreadsheet will be sent back to board members.
- A resignation letter was received from Darlene Brown. It was determined that her spot should be filled with someone for the interim. Katrina Howick will approach Vince Houghtaling as a possibility. The ED and Vice-President will meet with whoever the new member is to do a brief orientation before the first meeting they attend.
- The Fall Network meeting schedule was revised.
- The Statement of Philosophy/Vision/Values was reviewed and revised.
- The draft Strategic Plan was presented. The Value Statements will be replaced with the new ones and then it will be good to go. It was decided that an outside consultant will be hired in a couple years to do a more thorough review of the Strategic Plan.

- The ED distributed a copy of the draft infographic that MAS will use during the upcoming federal election. She indicated that once final information is received from CMA a package will be sent to all candidates in the province along with a separate package to be sent to members relating to the election and their role.

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