

Board/Member Communications – March 16 & 17, 2011

The majority of the two day meeting was spent in a thorough review and revision of the strategic plan with the assistance of Ken Alecxe. This was the Board's opportunity to discuss in detail the initial draft of the strategic plan and make revisions based on that review. The final draft document will be presented to the membership at the mini-conference May 26, 2011.

A brief one hour meeting of the MAS Board of Directors was held on March 16th, at the Administration Centre in Saskatoon.

Key results of the March meeting were:

- The Board was briefed on the various activities MAS Board and/or staff participated in during Heritage Week, February 21 -26 in Regina. Activities included: attending a public lecture the evening of February 25 at Government House given by the Honourable Dr. Gordon Barnhart Lt. Governor of SK where he discussed the heritage significance of the Provincial Legislature building and Government House; attending the Ministry of Tourism, Parks, Culture & Sport Municipal Heritage Forum – February 26. This was the 8th forum sponsored by TPCS and the first where non-municipal officials were invited to attend. The keynote speaker was Gord Hume from London ON who spoke about the importance of municipal cultural planning as part of global municipal planning activities. Finally, MAS Board and staff attended the 2nd annual Heritage Saskatchewan Forum & AGM. MAS had a booth at the Trade Show which was well received. It was noted that former MAS Board member Susan Mackenzie was elected to the Heritage Saskatchewan Board.
- The Board was also briefed on the recent SaskCulture – Sport, Culture & Recreation Districts/ Provincial Cultural Organizations Gathering March 3 & 4 in Regina which was attended by the Co-Managers. The first day of the Gathering, organized by SaskCulture at the request of PCOs at their September meeting, was to introduce the Districts and PCOs to one another. This was a very valuable day given that all 7 regional Districts were in attendance along with 25 of the PCOs. Ample time to network was provided. The second ½ day meeting saw the Districts and PCOs separated and dealt with issues specific to the two groups. The PCO meeting was mainly about the financial reporting required by the Trust for all applicants and a review of the statistical reporting requirements of grant recipient final reports.
- The Nominations Committee reported on their work to date. It was noted that the resignation of Wayne Fennig from the Board and Gary Young's decision not to run again have added to the number of nominees sought from three to five. The committee has a goal of nominating at least seven in order to have an election. The Committee has received an indication from five people that they would be interested in letting their name stand for election. Several others have not yet made a final decision.
- The Board received an invitation to attend the Opening Reception for the Sasipenita First Nations and Métis Women's Exhibit hosted by the Honourable Dr. Gordon Barnhart Lt. Governor of Saskatchewan. The Reception will be held March 24 at Wanuskewin Heritage Park. Several Board members indicated they would attend. Wendy Fitch indicated that she had received an individual invitation and would also be attending.
- The Audit Committee Chair reported that the Committee has to meet with the Auditor in May to review the Financial Statements prior to the completion of the Audit.

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