

## **Minutes of the Board Meeting Mennonite Historical Society of Canada**

Friday, January 19, 2018, 8:00 p.m.

MCC Alberta Offices,  
Calgary, Alberta

Present:

1. Alf Redekopp\*, Secretary, Mennonite Church Canada
  2. Alice Unrau\*, Mennonite Historical Society of Alberta
  3. Barb Draper\*, Member-at-Large, Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario
  4. Barry Dyck\*, Mennonite Heritage Village
  5. Bert Friesen\*, Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society
  6. Bethany Leis\*, Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario
  7. Conrad Stoesz\*, Treasurer, Mennonite Heritage Archives
  8. David Neufeldt\*, Mennonite Historical Society of Alberta
  9. Dick Braun\*, Mennonite Historical Society of Saskatchewan
  10. Elma Pauls\*, Mennonite Historical Society of British Columbia
  11. Holly Nelson\*, Humanitas Anabaptist Mennonite Centre
  12. Jake Buhler\*, Mennonite Historical Society of Saskatchewan
  13. Jeremy Wiebe\*, Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario
  14. Jon Isaak\*, Centre for MB Studies, Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches
  15. Laureen Harder-Gissing\*, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, Institute of Anabaptist and Mennonite Studies
  16. Linda Klassen\*, Mennonite Historical Society of British Columbia
  17. Lucille Marr\*, Société d'histoire mennonite du Québec
  18. Richard Lougheed\*, Société d'histoire mennonite du Québec
  19. Richard Thiessen\*, President, Mennonite Historical Society of British Columbia
  20. Royden Loewen\*, Vice President, Centre for Transnational Mennonite Studies
  21. Brian Froese, Canadian Mennonite University
  22. Victor Wiebe, Mennonite Historical Society of Saskatchewan
  23. Dave Toews, Mennonite Historical Society of Alberta
- (\* ) denotes voting MHSC board member

1. Welcome the participants and invited each person to introduce themselves and the institution that they were representing.
2. Minutes: M/S/C (Alf Redekopp/Alice Unrau) to accept the minutes of the board meeting of 20 January 2017 as distributed and reviewed.
3. M/S/C (Barry Dyck/Jeremy Wiebe) to accept the agenda as distributed.
4. M/S/C (Alf Redekopp/Conrad Stoesz) that the Committee roster for 2017-2018 be as follows:
  - a. Canadian GAMEO editorial committee: suspended
  - b. Archives Committee: Conrad Stoesz (MHA), Richard Thiessen (B.C.), Alice Unrau (Alberta), Victor Wiebe (Saskatchewan), Laureen Harder-Gissing (Ontario); (chair), Jon Isaak (CMBS).
  - c. Mennonite Archival Image Database Management (MAID) group: Conrad Stoesz (chair), Alf Redekopp, Laureen Harder-Gissing, Hannah Keeney
  - d. DVCM committee: Royden Loewen (chair), Marlene Epp, Lucille Marr, Pam Peters-Pries, Leonard Doell, Brian Froese, Laureen Harder-Gissing
  - e. Genealogy (task force): Bert Friesen (chair)
  - f. A People of Diversity Project: Royden Loewen (chair), Lucille Marr, Laureen Harder-Gissing, Conrad Stoesz, Brian Froese, Bruce Guenther and Marlene Epp.

5. It was noted that the MHSC Constitution and By-laws changes presented in January 2017 would come to a vote at the AGM.
6. The President's report will be given at AGM.
7. M/S/C (Bert Friesen/Dave Neufeldt) that the 2018 MHSC Award of Excellence be awarded Henry Goerzen.
8. New institutional member: M/S/C (Alice Unrau/Alma Pauls) that Canadian Mennonite University be accepted as a member of MHSC.  
It was also clarified that the Chair in Mennonite Studies is now a member through the Centre for Transnational Mennonite Studies, which is a partnership of the Chair and the D.F. Plett Foundation.
9. It was noted that the DVCM committee would be hosting our Society's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a celebratory conference titled "A people of diversity", preceded by the MHSC annual meetings (November 14-17, 2018).
10. Mennonites, war and Newcomer Project: It is not a project of the society currently, but the project still exists.
11. A People Of Diversity: Royden Loewen will report in further detail at the AGM.
12. GAMEO – Richard reviewed the history of the project starting in 1996 to the present, where MHSC is one of 6 partners. M/S/C (Alf Redekopp/Richard Thiessen) that Bert Friesen continue to be the MHSC representative on the GAMEO management board for another 3-year term.
13. Archives: Laureen Harder-Gissing will report at the AGM.
14. MAID: Conrad Stoesz will report at the AGM.
15. Genealogy Task Force: Bert Friesen will report at the AGM.
16. Future Projects: It was noted that there would be time allotted at the AGM to dream and talk about future project. It was agreed to move this agenda item up the agenda at the AGM to be done after the DVCM report.
17. Financial reports. Conrad Stoesz will present at the AGM
18. Budget for 2017-2018. Conrad Stoesz will present at the AGM
19. Nominations: Jon Isaak reported that the following people are willing to serve in 2018 and ratification will happen at the AGM: Richard Thiessen (vice chair); Royden Loewen (chair), Alf Redekopp (secretary), Conrad Stoesz (treasurer); Barb Draper (member-at-large).
20. No new business.
21. No other recommendations were presented.

M/C (Bert Friesen) to adjourn the meeting.

Recorded by Alf Redekopp