

Minutes of the Board Meeting Mennonite Historical Society of Canada

Friday, January 20, 2017, 3:00 p.m.

Mennonite Heritage Centre

Winnipeg, Manitoba

Present:

Alf Redekopp, Secretary, Mennonite Church Canada

Alice Unrau, Mennonite Historical Society of Alberta

Barb Draper, Member-at-Large, Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario

Barry Dyck, Mennonite Heritage Village

Bert Friesen, Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society

Bethany Leis, Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario

Brian Froese, Observer, Canadian Mennonite University

Conrad Stoesz, Treasurer, Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society

David Neufeldt, Mennonite Historical Society of Alberta

Hans Werner, Mennonite Church Canada

Jake Buhler, Mennonite Historical Society of Saskatchewan

Jon Isaak, Centre for MB Studies, Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches

Karl Koop, Mennonite Church Canada

Korey Dyck, Mennonite Heritage Centre, Mennonite Church Canada

Laura Unger, Mennonite Historical Society of British Columbia

Laureen Harder-Gissing, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, Institute of Anabaptist and Mennonite Studies

Pam Peters-Pries, Mennonite Central Committee Canada

Richard Lougheed, Société d'histoire mennonite du Québec

Royden Loewen, Vice President, Centre for Transnational Mennonite Studies

Regrets: Richard Thiessen, President

1. Welcome: Royden Loewen, Vice President, called the meeting to order and invited each person to introduce themselves and the organization that they represented.
2. Minutes: M/S/C (Alf Redekopp/Korey Dyck) to accept the minutes of the board meeting of 15 January 2016 as distributed and reviewed.
3. Agreed by consensus to accept the agenda as distributed.
4. M/S/C (Alf Redekopp/Bert Friesen) that the Committee roster for 2016-2017 be as follows:
 - a. Canadian GAMEO editorial committee: Bert Friesen (chair), Alice Unrau (Alberta), Victor Wiebe (Saskatchewan), Alf Redekopp (Manitoba), Richard Thiessen (managing editor & representing British Columbia), Sam Steiner (associate managing editor and representing Ontario), Zacharie Leclair (Quebec).
 - a. Archives Committee: Laureen Harder-Gissing (chair) (Ontario), Conrad Stoesz, Laura Unger (B.C.), Alice Unrau, (Alberta), Jake Buhler (Saskatchewan), Jon Isaak (CMBS), Korey Dyck (MHC).
 - b. Mennonite Archival Image Database Management (MAID) group: Conrad Stoesz (chair), Alf Redekopp, Laureen Harder-Gissing, Alice Unrau.
 - c. DVCM committee: Royden Loewen, (chair), Marlene Epp, Lucille Marr, Pam, Peters-Pries, Leonard Doell, Brian Froese and Laureen Harder-Gissing.
 - d. Genealogy (task force): Bert Friesen (chair), Sam Steiner, Cary Sweet.
 - e. A People of Diversity (APOD) Project: Royden Loewen (chair), Lucille Marr, Laureen Harder-Gissing, Conrad Stoesz, Brian Froese, Bruce Guenther, Pam Peters-Pries and Marlene Epp.

5. Dissolution of MHSC Inc.: It was reported that we have received the certificate of dissolution for **MHSC Inc. We remain a registered charity without being incorporated.**
6. MHSC Constituion and By-Laws: Alf Redekopp presented a Notice of Motion regarding changes to the by-laws which need to be made to include the option of having Associate Institutional Members. The proposed changed were distributed and discussed. An electronic vote will be taken in 60 days.
7. President's Report: Royden Loewen will read Richard Thiessen's report at the Annual General Meeting.
8. M/S/C (Alf Redekopp/Jake Buhler) that the 2017 MHSC Award of Excellence be awarded to Dr. Helmut T. Huebert (post-humously) and Dr. Lawrence Klippenstein.
9. Requests for Institutional Membership: Two written requests for membership were received and discussed. M/S/C (Barry Dyck/Korey Dyck) that Mennonite Heritage Museum (Abbotsford, BC) be accepted as an institutional member. M/S/C (Conrad Stoesz/Pam Peters-Pries) that Humanitas Anabaptist-Mennonite Centre at Trinity Western University (Langley, BC) be accepted as an institutional member.
10. Divergent Voices of Canadian Mennonites: Royden will report in detail at the AGM.
11. Mennonite, War and Newcomer Project: Royden reported this project has been cancelled due to changes in government.
12. A People of Diversity Project: Royden will report in more detail at the AGM.
13. GAMEO Management Board: Bert Friesen will report at the AGM.
14. Archives Committee Update: Conrad Stoesz will report at the AGM
15. Mennonite Archival Image Database Management Group: Conrad Stoesz will report at the AGM
16. Genealogy: Bert Friesen will report at the AGM.
17. Ongoing Project
 - a. Founding leaders of MHSC video project: Korey will report at the AGM
 - b. Traveling Exhibits: Jake Buhler shared about MHSS's experience with bringing the Along the Road to Freedom Exhibit to the Diefenbaker Centre in Saskatoon.
18. Financial Reports: The reports prepared by Richard Thiessen were discussed.
19. Budget for 2016-2017: The budget was distributed and discussed. Questions were asked about how the MAID funds were shown. Clarification was requested regarding DVCM and Book Storage costs. Agreed that additional answers would be sought from Richard Thiessen before the AGM. A proposal regarding book storage would also come to the AGM.
20. Nominations Committee report: Jon Isaak and Richard Lougheed reported that the individual executive members each agreed to continue to serve in their current roles.
21. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Recorded by Alf Redekopp