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Message from the Chair

I am pleased to announce two new board members to the AMA, Katrín Nielsdóttir and Corser du Pont. We continue to hold productive and informative board meetings and will continue to aim for responsive and productive services for the community. I hope that everyone is keeping warm!

-Andrew Morrison, Chair of the Association for Manitoba Archives

Committee Reports

Digital Initiatives: The Committee is working to maintain the website, blog, and to provide training on MAIN. Planning is also underway for the annual MAIN training session. More details to come!

Education and Advisory Services: The Committee is promoting several professional development opportunities as well as planning additional workshops and discussing the future role of Advisory Services.

Finance and Grants: The AMA would like to welcome Katrín Nielsdóttir, who recently began her position as Chair of the Finance and Grants Committee! Katrín is the Special Collections and Rare Books Librarian at the University of Manitoba.

Indigenous Relations: The committee is continuing to plan an online discussion that examines the MMIWG2S Calls to Justice. Our collaborators for this discussion, to date, are 1JustCity, SEED Winnipeg, Polonia Inclusive, and Winnipeg Police Cause Harm. Note that we have a new email address: indigenousrelations@mbarchives.ca

Information and Outreach: The AMA would also like to welcome Corser du Pont as the new Chair of the Information and Outreach Committee! Corser is currently the Acting University Archivist & Digital Curator at the University of Winnipeg.

Membership Committee: The Committee is reviewing accreditation and investigating the possibility of including multi-year memberships as well as early registration prizes. More details to come!

Special Initiatives Member-at-Large: Brian Hubner and Terry Reilly have created the nomination forms for the 2022 Manitoba Day Awards. The deadline for submission is March 14, 2022 and the form can be downloaded from this webpage: <https://mbarchives.ca/mbdayaward>.

Student Member-at-Large: The Committee is working towards rebuilding the ACA Student Council.

Special Announcements

AMA Land Acknowledgement and David Suzuki Foundation Videos

The AMA is working on creating a meaningful land acknowledgment for our organization. At our AMA board meetings, we are discussing the videos of the David Suzuki Foundation's three-part series on the Land Back Movement as a way to deepen our understanding of our colonial history and our colonial present. We encourage you to view the Land Back videos at <https://davidsuzuki.org/what-you-can-do/what-is-land-back/>

AMA By-Law Revisions

The AMA Board held a special meeting on January 27 to discuss the by-law revisions. The Board is working to ensure that the by-laws reflect the current needs of the AMA and Manitoba's archival community. Stay tuned for future updates.

AMA Photo of the Month

The AMA has launched a new initiative to promote the diverse and rich archival heritage in Manitoba by asking the community to submit a photograph from their collection to be featured in the AMA's next newsletter. If interested, please submit a photograph along with a sentence or two describing the records, to webmaster@mbarchives.ca. We would love to showcase the collections from local institutions!

Call for Volunteers

We are always looking for members to join our committees. Volunteering with the AMA is an excellent way to network with archivists, build skills, and shape the future of archives in Manitoba. If you are interested, please contact the Chair, or a Committee chair, at one of the email addresses listed on this page <https://mbarchives.ca/contact>