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## <u> Annual General Meeting – November 10</u>

Our AGM will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. You can register on our website at: <a href="https://mbarchives.ca/event-5018153">https://mbarchives.ca/event-5018153</a>

## **AMA Constitution/By-laws**

AMA members received an email recently with our proposed changes to the AMA constitution and by-laws. Please review and email any comments or questions by **October 31** to the board members below. Suggestions for changes will be reviewed by the board and the proposed amendments will be presented for a vote at the AGM.

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# **Committee Reports**

**Digital Initiatives**: Registration for events is running smoother as we have begun using EventBrite software. We are also upgrading our analytics capabilities to not only capture data on MAIN, but also the AMA's website.

**Education and Advisory Services**: We held a successful webinar on Oct 25 with Dr. Laura A. Millar on "Truth, Lies, and Evidence: The Role of the Archivist in an Information Age". Over 100 people registered for the event.

**Finance and Grants**: Stay tuned for our fulsome report at the AGM. Also, we are looking for volunteers to join the committee.

Indigenous Relations: We updated the Indigenous Resources list on our website at <a href="https://mbarchives.ca/indigenous resource list">https://mbarchives.ca/indigenous resource list</a>. Two new sections are added: "Repatriation and Reparation" and "Theses by Archival Studies M.A. students". If you have links you would like to suggest, please email <a href="mailto:IndigenousRelations@mbarchives.ca">IndigenousRelations@mbarchives.ca</a>

**Information and Outreach**: The committee has been very active during the municipal election campaign advocating for a proper facility for the City of Winnipeg Archives.

**Membership Committee**: Please take a few minutes to fill in our quick survey and contribute to improving the membership renewal process. Survey closes **Friday, November 4**.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScDVnjoXvozsXFuYzJIaGVLeG9EY1wUNMh2RI8y-tyWeMGiCw/viewform

**Special Initiatives Member-at-Large**: We are looking for volunteers to help with the Manitoba Day Awards! If you are interested, or want more information, please email <a href="mailto:ama1@mts.net">ama1@mts.net</a>

Student Member-at-Large: We will provide a report next newsletter. See you at the AGM!

#### **Photo of the Month**

This photo comes from Christy M. Henry at the **SJ McKee Archives** at Brandon University. Titled "1975 SF – Travellers", this is part of a new acquisition from the *Brandon Sun*.



If you would like to feature a photo from your archives, please submit a photograph along with a sentence or two describing the records, to <a href="webmaster@mbarchives.ca">webmaster@mbarchives.ca</a>. We love to showcase the collections from our member institutions!

#### **News from our members**

The **Pembina Manitou Archive** website has issues from 75 different Manitoba newspapers and magazines. This digital collection has been developed through a partnership with the Manitoba Legislative Library. Visit the collection at: <a href="https://pembinamanitouarchive.ca/types/view/11">https://pembinamanitouarchive.ca/types/view/11</a>

Funded by a generous grant from The Winnipeg Foundation, the **University of Winnipeg Archives and Oral History Centre** are excited to begin the second phase of the Two-Spirit Oral History project, emphasizing life stories of Two-Spirit Elders and Knowledge-Keepers.

The first phase of the project, donated by Two-Spirited People of Manitoba Inc., consists of interviews conducted in 2018, during the 31st International Two-Spirit Gathering at the Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre near Beausejour, MB. The recordings have been made accessible online in accordance with the stewardship agreement signed by Two-Spirited People of Manitoba Inc., and consent agreements signed by interviewees: <a href="https://archives.uwinnipeg.ca/our-collections/two-spirited-people-of-manitoba-oral-histories.html">https://archives.uwinnipeg.ca/our-collections/two-spirited-people-of-manitoba-oral-histories.html</a>

The stories of Two-Spirit people have been mostly absent from history owing to white settler colonization and discrimination, including within Indigenous and LGBTQ+ communities. The goal of the project is to record Two-Spirit histories for future generations by sharing their lived experiences. These stories will help to provide source material for new histories, research, and creative works about, for, and by Two-Spirit people, and they may assist people of all ages who identify as Two-Spirit, through these examples. The Archives hopes to have the second phase of the project accessible online by the end of the year.

# **Special Announcements**

# <u>Webinar</u>: **Governance Back: Exploring Indigenous Approaches to Reclaiming Land Governance**

The David Suzuki Foundation presents a free public webinar on Thursday, Nov 3 at 2:30 pm CST (3:30 EST). The panel features Aimee Craft and Valentin Lopez, and will be moderated by Rachel Plotkin. Register at

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN MzZxMYQUQ5CCcdDQ2ETL6g?mkt\_to k=MTg4LVZEVS0zNjAAAAGHpI10KcHyDugDBVdeAUQN2HdClt5IB7z15vRLLTjskTw AKkwApcBAYZclnJWDH0agqA1g6QiOWaIHGBI7rSx5DxhDdJ\_osNnsYgUNU6X9fA-7 The Governance Back event is based on the recently published report, available for download at <a href="https://davidsuzuki.wpenginepowered.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/DSF-governance-back-September-20-v2-003.pdf">https://davidsuzuki.wpenginepowered.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/DSF-governance-back-September-20-v2-003.pdf</a>

#### **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 <a href="https://mbarchives.ca/contact">https://mbarchives.ca/contact</a>



#### News for the newsletter?

Does your archive have a new grant or a new hire? Or do you have a collection you want to promote? Send your news to <a href="mailto:ama1@mts.net">ama1@mts.net</a> and we will include it in an upcoming newsletter.