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Message from the Chair

Like most of the world, the AMA and its members are continuing to face many challenges this January. However, I am pleased to say that the AMA is beginning this year in a strong position. This year the board plans on refreshing many of the organization's programs and procedures and I am excited to announce these changes in the coming months. I also look forward to engaging with the AMA's continued response to the Truth and Reconciliation process. Finally, I would like to thank the current and former board members who have helped me take on this position.

Andrew Morrison, Chair of the Association for Manitoba Archives

Committee Reports

Digital Initiatives: This committee is working to maintain the website, blog, and to provide training on MAIN. If your organization would like advice on how to use MAIN or would like to submit a blog post, please contact the committee at webmaster@mbarchives.ca.

Education and Advisory Services: Members of this committee wrote a blog post about their experience organizing the "Records Management for the Rest of Us" workshop. You can read more about it here: <http://mbarchives.ca/Blog/12203525>. The Committee is planning additional workshops and discussions about the future role of Advisory Services are continuing.

Finance and Grants: This committee needs a Chair and new members. Maureen Dolyniuk is stepping down as Finance chair in January 2022 and the AMA is grateful for her thoughtful work.

Indigenous Relations: The committee is planning an online discussion in March that examines the MMIWG2S Calls to Justice. All are welcome to join. Please stay tuned for further information.

Information and Outreach: The committee hosted a successful online Trivia Night on Thursday, January 20th. Thank you to everyone who joined and contributed! The City of Winnipeg Archives advocacy sub-

committee will be meeting with Mayor Bowman on January 25th. Remember to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram! On Sundays, we post resources specifically about reconciliation.

Membership Committee: This committee will be reviewing accreditation and accreditation procedures.

Special Initiatives Member-at-Large: Brian Hubner and Terry Reilly are preparing for the annual Manitoba Day Awards. Look for the nomination form in early 2022. The event will be held in May.

Special Announcements

David Suzuki Foundation Videos and AMA Land Acknowledgement

The AMA is working on creating a meaningful land acknowledgment for our organization. At the January 13th AMA board meeting, we reviewed the first video of the David Suzuki Foundation's three-part series on the Land Back Movement. The Board discussed the implications of the video's message for our understanding of Canada's history, for our shared future, and also for how we operate archival institutions. The Board will continue to review the other videos in the series. 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 is drafting new and updated by-laws that the Board will present to the membership at the next annual general meeting. Please stay tuned!

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>