

ICH Executive Committee Meeting: Jan 21, 2014

In attendance: George Chalker, Jerry Dick, Dale Jarvis, Jerry Pocius, Mary Ellen Wright

Minutes: Nicole Penney

1. Executive Committee Member Representatives: HFNL board representative, sectoral representative, government representative, community representative

- The ICH committee needs a community rep. to replace Pat Carroll.
- Also, the sectoral rep. will rotate- ANLA and MANL rotate every two years.
- HFNL board rep. is in Grand Bank- difficult to get to meetings.

Sectoral Representative:

- ANLA will rotate out at end of their term, which is coming up soon.
- Will ask Danielle to sit for MANL, but this decision may not be in her hands. With their training background, Danielle or Sarah would be good. Dale will look into this and informally gauge Danielle's interest.

HFNL Board Representative:

- Need someone in town who can sit as a backup rep. if Frank Crews can't attend meetings. Mary Ellen suggests the ICH committee teleconference with Frank, via speaker phone. This is most politically correct option as it still allows the committee to retain a rep. who resides outside of St. John's.

Community Representative:

- Possible candidates include: Marilyn Dawe (Bay Roberts), Mark Ferguson (The Rooms) and Crystal Braye (Wooden Boat Museum).
- Considering the WWI projects, Mark is a good first choice and this will get The Rooms involved on the ICH Committee again.

2. Committee Meeting Schedule 2014-2015

- Good turnout for ICH mini forum. Would be good to do earlier in the year
- Just 2 annual meetings for ICH Committee: Spring and Fall.

3. Thematic Priorities:

Digitization workshops:

- Doing three digitization workshops with ANLA. The workshops will look at how to scan documents, and will teach best practices. Will have one in St. John's, Cupids and Central. A focus on cookbooks and recipes will translate well.
- JP: Will we digitize community cookbooks?
 - the goal is to teach people to digitize, so we will teach the technique with what they bring. But it all does not have to go on the DAI. Will have to be selective of what goes on the DAI. Will look into copyrights and do some risk management.
 - What is fair use for cookbooks and how much of a cookbook can go on the DAI?

Is there a certain percentage that is legal to upload?

- This workshop is also a great ICH opportunity as it is a chance for people to think about and discuss foodways.

Grey Sock Project:

- Will gather planning committee of ICH people, heritage people and knitters.
- The project will have three components:
 - Put the grey sock in historical context and explore the role of Newfoundland women during the first world war.
 - Get people knitting socks as a skills based training component. A knitting club?
 - Those knit socks will then go to a social end and be given to a group in the community in need. Possibly the Association for New Canadians?
 - We need another knitting partner- this person has to be a really really good knitter! It would be good to get a community group involved- Anna Templeton maybe?
 - MEW: We can possibly turn this into a larger archival project and ANLA can see about funding options.
 - MEW: The Trinity Historical Society has Women's Patriotic Association (WPA) records that list knitting patterns. **Follow up with Jim Miller**
 - Mary Ellen will also follow up with other ANLA members to see if anyone else has WPA records in their collections.
 - Keep Barb Hunt in mind for textile arts projects.

Traditional Children's Games Project:

- Dale spoke with Erin Whitney (Folk Art Council) about possibly developing something with this summer's Folk Festival.

Twillingate house Project:

- Looking to get oral history regarding house. Dale will follow up with homeowners and start documentation project.

4. Other Areas:

- It would be nice for ICH to do something on the fishery and we could fund it with the fisheries heritage programs. Does not have to be a built heritage project.
- JP: Next field school in Witless Bay and ICH can not take part? Will use the convent in Witless bay. But what exactly the field school will do is up in the air, so it could focus on ICH in the fishery. Will also be a documentation project on religion in the area. If ICH wants to navigate through the nun world, and do a project, some good contacts would be Larry Dohey and Wanita Bates. Possible Thematic priorities: religious documentation project?
- JD: How does all this relate to the ICH strategic priorities? Need clear objectives and clear evidence of success. Good to show results that relate back to the ICH committee's strategic plan. MEW: This should not be an issue for ICH as we can hit any marks they

give us.

Action item: Take thematic priorities and link back to strategic plan.

- Dale: We document our projects and the process of our work. Need to look at what has worked and what hasn't.
- JD: Our objective is to raise awareness about ICH. Can we evaluate the numbers? What is the impact of our ICH efforts? Should we have a meeting with stakeholders to see what we have done and what directions we can go in?
- MEW: Should we touch base with the larger, original ICH group?

Action Item: Mary Ellen will send final report for CEDP to Dale to take a look at.

Other Areas (continued):

- JD: There is a lot of interest in ICH across the country. Is there interest in having a national ICH forum here in Newfoundland? Is this something we should think about doing? Should look at this for 2016. This year would mark ten years of ICH in Newfoundland and Labrador. Also, 2017 is Canada's 150 anniversary, so this might be a good way to get funding.
- If ICH has the form in 2016 it could be positioned as "on the road to 2017" and possibly have an aboriginal partner and component. Much easier to be inclusive now that ICH is better understood.
- Canadian Commission for UNESCO- have larger ICH conference in NL?
- Children's Games: get funding from pot of money for multicultural projects. 2014 is the 100 anniversary of Bowring Park and it would be really good to have this project take place there, if the folk festival is there again this summer or not.

