

**Provincial Advisory Committee on ICH
Meeting Minutes
10 December 2009
Memorial University, St. John's, NL**

In attendance:

Gerald Pocius, Jerry Dick, Mark Ferguson, Lloydetta Quaicoe, Mary Ellen Wright, Catherine Rice, Ryan Davis, Karen Hewett, Mu Li, Anna Guigné, Diana Quinton, Dale Jarvis; by phone: Sandra Wheeler, Martha MacDonald, Anita Best; recording: Lara Maynard

1. Review of previous minutes:

Mary Ellen moved to accept the minutes of the 30 April 2009 meeting, Anita seconded, all in favour, carried.

Review of action items or business arising:

The following items need or still need to be acted upon:

Mark to find a Rooms rep to sit on the celebration and transmission committee.

Anita to check back with Kevin Barnes to see if he will serve as an aboriginal rep on the celebration and transmission committee; if not, Sandra knows another possible rep to approach.

Dale to follow up with Lloydetta regarding another rep, possibly from the Association for New Canadians.

Dale and Karen to converse regarding a Cultural Connections application.

Dale to send around the link to meeting minutes online.

Dale to draft a work plan, and this will be addressed at the next executive meeting.

2. Mummers Festival Overview:

Ryan reported that events finished to date include a Janney Film Night and "How Do You Mummer Anyway?" Workshop at the Rooms. Events coming up include a Hobby Horse and Wren Stick Workshop and presentations by E.A. Kennedy, a Mummers Parade and a Mummers Concert and Mummers Jam. Other events are listed on the festival web site, poster and postcard.

Ryan has been video-recording some of the events. His evaluation of the festival will be included in his report.

E.A. Kennedy has been invited to stay till the end of the festival to document the parade, which means extra travel expenses.

Motion by Gerald, seconded by Anna, unanimously carried:

Pay for E.A. Kennedy's extra nights travel expenses from the ICH training budget, including accommodations and per diem.

3. Celebration and Transmission Committee and ICH Awards:

Diana circulated a one-page update on the committee's activities to date, as well as background information on the proposed awards program, and reviewed key points. The committee plans to give out 5-6 awards to regions broken up according to the provincial tourism map. The application itself will be a 1-page document. The awards program will be launched on February 15, 2010, Heritage Day, in conjunction with the Heritage Foundation of NL. The committee is looking at promotional opportunities, and hopes to get MHAs involved in making nominations and getting the word out about the program. The nominations should be in hand before summer, and the committee will do the judging, bringing in content experts as required. Presentations will be made at the community/regional level, perhaps with a plaque or other item presented to winners, and award winners will be promoted, possibly with a booklet. The committee also wants to consider educational opportunities.

The committee's next steps are establishing a budget and working on the program launch. Jerry suggested that CEDP funds might be used for this program.

There was discussion around the title "Intangible Heritage Awards," in which "Cultural" may seem to have been omitted, and suggestions for other titles for the award program.

Motion by Jerry, seconded by Diana, unanimously carried:

The ICH awards program will be called The Living Traditions Awards.

Actions: Jerry to send Diana info about the criteria for the aboriginal commemorations program, and can link The Living Traditions Awards info to the provincial government web site.

4. Provincial Historic Commemorations Board and ICH Stipend Policies:

Jerry reported that the Provincial Historic Commemorations Board has its first ceremony coming up and is dealing with the question of offering a stipend to the award recipient. There was discussion about obliging an award recipient to perform in some capacity, and one suggestion was to make the stipend optional. Alternatively, use the funds instead to make a short film documenting the award winner.

5. ICH Development Officer Report:

Dale has been busy, giving workshops in communities including Colliers and Ferryland, attending the Place Narrative and New Media Symposium, and presenting about ICH work in NL at the CC for UNESCO. In the New Year he will be doing a staged interviews series, and those interviews will be available as podcasts.

6. Training Committee Report:

Anna reported that Dale applied to CEDP and received \$15,000 for training. A number of training sessions will take place over the next several weeks and in Corner Brook in January. Anna will deliver workshops in Marystown and Gander. Gillian Gould will deliver workshops in town. Workshop fees are being charged.

Actions: Dale to talk with Martha about holding training in Labrador, and to Anita about holding training in Bonne Bay.

Gerald would like to see something along the lines of David Taylor's Boxes Under the Bed workshop held in NL. And perhaps bring in Andy Kolovos for a digital recording workshop.

7. Project Based Training:

Gerald raised this idea of partnering with organizations on documentation projects, from the planning stage through to the final product. There was discussion around how this would be funded and related issues, and the topic was deferred to the training committee.

Action: Training Committee to discuss project based training program.

8. Documentation Committee Report:

Mary Ellen reported that over the summer an attempt was made to do a survey of ICH holdings using a summer student from the Newman Wine Vaults. ANLA plans to apply for a Young Canada Works Project to do a proper survey.

Gerald reported that Jed Baker is working on the Fogo Island and mummering material, as well as David Taylor's boat-building interview material.

9. DAI Internship Update:

Jed Baker has been the intern. In the next year of work material that could go up on the DAI include Gillian Gould's material on the Lebanese community, Folk Festival material, and material relating to the Chinese Association in which Mu Li has an interest.

10. Rug Hooking Video Project:

Sandra circulated a one-page request for \$2000 in support of film editing for her project, and explained it. After some discussion, the committee deferred the matter to the executive committee.

Action: Executive Committee to consider Sandra's funding request.

11. New Business:

The Canadian Museums Association (CMA) is having a conference in St. John's in May 2010, with ICH content.

Mrs. Duvall, the ICH UNESCO Chair, will hopefully meet with the minister while here.

Dale circulated information about Strathcona County's Community Heritage Legacy Framework. Dale is going to apply to have a rep of HFNL attend UNESCO's ICH meeting in Istanbul as an observer from a non-signatory state. (Canada did not sign the international ICH charter.)

The next full meeting of the committee will be in May.

-LM, 10 December 2009