

**ICH Provincial Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, 30 April 2009
Memorial University, St, John's, NL**

In attendance:

Gerald Pocius, Jerry Dick, Mark Ferguson, Sandra Wheeler, Lloydetta Quaicoe, Mary Ellen Wright, Catherine Rice, Dale Jarvis; by phone: Patrick Carroll, Anita Best; recording: Lara Maynard

1. Review of Agenda:

D. Jarvis reviewed the agenda, which was accepted as presented.

2. Review of Committees:

G. Pocius spoke of the need to regularize the PAC's 3 subcommittees: scheduling regular meetings, and setting priorities and goals which the subcommittees will work on between general PAC meetings.

D. Jarvis, as ICH coordinator, will sit on all 3 subcommittees.

Action: Solicit graduate students with appropriate interests and expertise to volunteer as members of the subcommittees.

- Committee One: Documentation/Inventory:

G. Pocius, Mary Ellen Wright, and Mark Ferguson form this subcommittee so far.

M. Wright suggested that doing an inventory of existing documentation is one task this subcommittee should consider.

The subcommittee needs to figure out a process of finding groups and putting information on the DAI.

Action: Approach Jed Baker about sitting on this subcommittee.

- Committee Two: Celebration/Transmission

Members: Karen Hewett, Lloydetta Quaicoe, Anita Best, and now Pat Carroll.

This subcommittee has not met to date.

D. Jarvis reported that an application for funding for an intern to work on a folklife festival has been submitted.

There was discussion around having a pilot project where MHA's offices will nominate someone (tradition bearer) or aspect of intangible cultural heritage from their ridings as "living treasures." This could be beneficial for political buy-in, and become an annual program if it goes well.

There was also discussion about how this subcommittee's work might relate to school programming. D. Jarvis suggests something along the lines of an "elders in the schools" program, and G. Pocius offered folklore/tradition in the schools programs in the US, being quite broad, as examples. J. Dick suggests tapping into existing programs, such as Cultural Connections via the Dept. of Education, with a proposal. There may be some overlap with the "living treasures" program in terms of the pool of tradition bearers and potential presenters for the school program.

Actions:

- M. Ferguson to look into having a representative of The Rooms sit on this subcommittee.
- A. Best and S. Wheeler to think about another person to invite sit on this subcommittee.
- The subcommittee should also think about finding an aboriginal member.
- L. Quaicoe to also think about another person to invite sit on this subcommittee, perhaps from Association for New Canadians.
- The subcommittee to write a proposal for Cultural Connections, with Dale assisting.

- Committee Three: Training

Members: Mary Ellen Wright, Gerry Pocius, Jillian Gould, and now Catherine Rice

D. Jarvis circulated a list of 8 topics with subtopics for ICH fieldwork training – possible courses which could be offered over the course of a year. The subcommittee could aim to hold 4 to 5 courses per year, possibly partnering with organizations or events like ANLA, MANL, the St. John's Storytelling Festival, and Rural Development Boards.

Action: J. Dick to ask Lucy Drown if she would like to be a member of this subcommittee.

3. Discussion of Executive and who that should be:

The Executive shall include G. Pocius as Chairperson; D. Jarvis and J. Dick as ex officio members; and the chairpersons of each of the 3 subcommittees.

The general ICH PAC will meet twice per year, around May and November. Executive Committee will meet a minimum of two times between general meetings. Sub Committees will also meet a minimum of two times between general, possibly more as set by Sub Committee chairs.

Actions:

- D. Jarvis to call meetings of each of the 3 subcommittees, in coordination with members.
- The subcommittees should choose chairpersons before summer.

-Subcommittees should keep their own meeting minutes, and circulate them to everyone, including the general PAC and members of the other subcommittees so that everyone knows what work is underway.

4. Annual work plan – based on four main provincial goals (documentation, transmission, celebration, cultural industry):

The Executive will set a work plan for D. Jarvis, with input from the 3 subcommittees.

Action: Jarvis to draft a work plan for the Executive to review.

5. Honoraria:

A graduate student in the Department of Folklore was hired to research the amounts of honoraria that organizations are currently providing to tradition bearers presenting at folklife festivals, workshops, etc., to help the PAC decide what ought to be recommended as standard honoraria in such circumstances. The information was gathered into a document which was reviewed by the PAC.

Motion by M. Wright, seconded by P. Carroll, unanimously carried:

Be it resolved that the ICH Provincial Advisory Committee establishes a suggested standard rate of \$150 to \$250, as honoraria for a part-day to a full-day presentation, performance, demonstration or workshop for the sharing of traditional knowledge and skills. The rate may be adjusted for shared performances where multiple tradition bearers are presenting together.

6. Other business:

Jed Baker is working on the ICH web site - www.mun.ca/ich.

The DAI is not accessible to government computers.

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

-LM, 30 April 2009