



Aboriginal Circle of Educators

Annual General Meeting

Report

Annual Report July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

February 16, 2017

Agenda

1) Call to Order

2) Adoption of Agenda

3) Approval of 2015 AGM Minutes

4) Special Motion: Ratification of the By-Law updates

5) Annual Report

6) A.C.E. Elections

a) Co-Chair

b) Co-Chair

c) Secretary- Treasurer

7) Financial Report

a) Ratification of 2014-2015 Audit

b) Appointment of 2016 Auditor

8) Adjournment

Annual General Meeting, February 11, 2016

Minutes

In Attendance : Angela Fey, Stephanie Miller, Alison Cox, Renée McGurry, Tanya Lamb, Heather Hein, David Delorme, Tabitha Shiplack-McMurchy, Sarah Campbell, Merle Chief, Linda Stuart, Patricia Steuart, Kim Hope, Tannis Bullard, Muriel Halabisky, Jill Fast, Pamela Boen, Brent Lestition, Elizabeth Miles, Leanne Smith, Jocelyn Bergunder, Gaylene Chodak, Ko'ona Cochrane, Deborah Clark

1) Call to Order: The Annual General Meeting was called to Order by Angela Fey, Co-Chair, at 12:40 pm

2) Adoption of Agenda:

Motion: to adopt the Agenda as circulated

Moved by: Renee McGurry

Seconded by: Ko'ona Cochrane

Carried

3) Approval of 2012 AGM Minutes:

Motion: to adopt the Minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting, held December 10, 2012, be accepted as presented.

Moved by: Ko'ona Cochrane

Seconded by: Renee McGurry

Carried

4) Annual Report:

The Aboriginal Circle of Educators Annual Report was circulated, read by Co-Chair Angela Fey,, and accepted. It will be posted on the website.

5) A.C.E. Election of Officers:

The following positions were filled through acclamation:

a) Co-Chair, incoming—Alison Cox

b) Treasurer, incoming —Renée McGurry

c) Secretary, incoming —Stephanie Miller

Motion: to accept the acclaimed to the positions as indicated

Moved by: Renee McGurry

Seconded by: Kim Johnson

Carried

6) Financial Reports:

a) **Audit:** The 2014-2015 Audit was presented by Mike Yosyk of MYPD Chartered Accountants and approved by the Executive at the January 11, 2016 Member Meeting.

Motion: to ratify the Audit as approved by the Executive.

Moved by: Renee McGurry

Seconded by: Kim Johnson

Carried

7) Annual Conference and Awards Banquet:

The Conference and Awards Banquet were held February 12-13, 2015. The Award recipients are posted on the website. The Conference Committee has worked diligently to create the 2016 Conference and Education Awards currently being held at the Best Western Plus Winnipeg Airport Hotel.

Adjournment: 12:57 pm

Organization Report

Overview of the Year:

Tansi, Boozhoo, Aaniin, Han, Wotziye, Tawnshi. We have just completed another challenging year! Kitchi-Miigwech to the membership, and to our friends and partners who continue to support the vision and mandate of A.C.E. We continue to nurture and cultivate a collective voice as we support Aboriginal Education and those who work towards an inclusive system. We also look forward to continuing to develop new partnerships and promoting our organization to the broader community. Please walk with us on our journey as we continue to confront the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Special Events and Professional Development

10th Annual A.C.E. Education Awards Banquet, February 11, 2016

A.C.E. hosted 209 people at its 9th Annual Education Awards Banquet, “**Honouring Our Traditions, Celebrating our Future**” at the Best Western Plus Winnipeg Airport Hotel

The following were the 2014-15 recipients:

Honouring our Elders:	Lionel Houston, Pahan Pte San Win
Our Young Leaders:	Chrissy Kipling, Sara Rose Tessier
Leadership in Sustaining our Ways:	Leah Fontaine
Research/Curriculum Development:	Carla DiGiorgio, James B. Wilson
Honouring our Allies:	Rudra Subedar, Monique Woroniak
Trailblazer Lifetime Achiever:	Leah Gazan, Edie Turner
Spirituality/Culture Education:	Fred Ford, Leslie Spillet
Aboriginal Language Education:	David Swanson

We applaud them and celebrate their achievements and dedication to the promotion of Aboriginal Education in their lives, their communities and throughout Manitoba.

13th Annual A.C.E. Conference, February 11-12, 2016:

The 13th Annual A.C.E. Conference, “**Sustaining Our Ways: *Mino Pimaatsiwin, Living the Good Life***”, was held at the Best Western Plus Winnipeg Airport Hotel.

Keynote Speakers: James B. Wilson and Lisa Meeches

Session Workshops and Presenters:

Decolonizing Education with Nehinuw (Cree) Pedagogy	Keith Goulet, Dr. Linda Goulet
The Birch Bark Canoe: Navigating a New World	Randy Herrmann, Pauline Broderick
The Consequences and Triumphs of Indigenous Philosophy	Ken McCorkle, Paul LaRoque
Indigenous Perspectives in Environmental Science and the Biology 40S Curriculum	Joel Boyce
Colonial Discourse: Going Beyond Stereotypes About indigenous Canadians	Dr. Mary LeMaitre
Beyond the Seven Teachings	Wanbdi Wakita
Blanket Exercise – Anishinaabe Bimigawe – Footprints of the Anishinaabe	Geraldine Campbell, Marsha Missyabit
Aboriginal Resources in French	Janine Tougas
First Nation Astronomy	Wilfred Buck
Resources from the Canadian Museum of Human Rights	Mireille Lamontagne, Julia Peristeraskis
Let’s Talk Family Literacy	Karen Ste. Marie
Partners in the Fur Trade	Jerome Marchildon
Managing Aggression Without Wrecking the Relationship	Louise Duncan, Kim Mackey
Answering the “Why?” in Mathematics	Joel Boyce
Interactive, Hands-On Science and Engineering in the Classroom	Michelle Carriere
Heads Up: A Team Effort to Post Secondary Recruitment	Tim Coughlin, Jaime Richard, et al
An Introduction to Using Jump Math Effectively for ALL Students	Liz Barrett
Restorative Approaches to Providing Supports for People with FASD and other Disorders	Eric Friesen

Miigwech to all our membership and friends who support our initiatives.

Workshops:

Cultural:

A.C.E. continued its Cultural workshop program, Cultural Opportunities for All People, with workshops on the Seven Teachings and Star Blanket making. We are continuing the program.

Governance:

A.C.E. began a consideration of policies and procedures to more accurately reflect an Aboriginal perspective.

Communication Strategy

Membership Meetings:

A.C.E. continues to host monthly supper meetings to inform, engage, and support the membership. Meetings present a powerful opportunity for people to network, share ideas, and come together for a common purpose.

Website/Social Media:

The website, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Pinterest are being used to connect with the membership and the larger community. We now have a blog and the ability to update all the information on the site. **Newsletter:**

We have sent out four e-newsletters last year. They are also available on the website. In addition, information and updates have been sent to the membership throughout the year as they come to the Office. We try to balance the need know what's happening and having overloaded inboxes

Organization:

Constitution and By-Laws:

The A.C.E. by-laws are being revised to more accurately reflect a Council structure and encourage more active participation.

Membership:

A.C.E. has opened our Circle and invited Adult Educators to enter. We are pleased to have representation from the Aboriginal Circle of Adult Educators at our meetings.

Committees:

A.C.E. relies on its Committees and their members to accomplish the goals of the organization. This year, in addition to the Conference Committee, we have struck a Cultural Workshop Committee, New members are always welcome.

Staffing:

Deborah Clark, the A.C.E. Executive Director, continues working toward developing networks and relationships within the community; programming for the Conference, Banquet and workshops; and researching and acquiring additional funding sources to further strengthen the organization.

Funding:

A.C.E. has received core, program and event funding this year. We look forward to continuing our ongoing collaboration and partnership with the Indigenous Initiatives Directorate, TD Canada Trust, United Way of Winnipeg, Winnipeg Foundation, Manitoba Community Services Council, and several small grant funders. Thank you, Kitchi-Miigwech for your tremendous support. We look forward to enriching continued alliances.

Financial Statement:

We had our Audit completed by MYPD Accountants, with Mike Yosyk as Auditor. He has been with A.C.E. since our first full Audit in 2011. The complete Audit can be viewed at the A.C.E. Office.

Election:

There are four positions on the A.C.E. Executive. The Secretary, Treasurer and Co-Chair positions are open, with one person appointed currently for the upcoming year. The three positions each have one person nominated. Additional nominations will be invited from the floor.

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