



## **Happy Holidays from the AMA!**

As the Holiday Season approaches, it is time for us to extend best wishes to family and friends. When we look back on the year, we see all that we have accomplished despite COVID. In this inaugural issue of the AMA's newsletter, we would like to take the time to congratulate the hard work of volunteers in making our programming a reality. It is through their work that that AMA can continue supporting Manitoba archives.

### Meet the new Board of Directors

Chair of the Board/Chair of Management Committee: Andrew Morrison

Chair of Finance & Grants Committee/Secretary-Treasurer: unfilled \*

Membership Committee co-chairs: Carmen Miedema and Heather Bidzinski

Information and Outreach chair: Mary Horodyski

Education and Advisory Services chair: Al Thorleifson

Digital Initiatives chair: Chris Zaste

Indigenous Relations co-chairs: Carmen Miedema and Mary Horodyski

Special Initiatives Member-at-Large: Brian Hubner and Terry Reilly

Student Member-at-Large: Carly Roberts

\* Maureen Dolyniuk is stepping down as Finance chair in January 2022.

The AMA thanks our outgoing Chair, David Cuthbert, for his outstanding service.

## **Committee Reports**

**Digital Initiatives**: This committee is seeking new blog posts for the website. View the published blog posts here <a href="https://mbarchives.ca/Blog">https://mbarchives.ca/Blog</a> and the call for blog posts here <a href="https://mbarchives.ca/Blog/10623164">https://mbarchives.ca/Blog/10623164</a>

**Education and Advisory Services**: The November workshop "Records Management for the Rest of Us" by Carole Pelchat was very successful. Future plans for workshops on "How to Archive Email" and "Trauma-Informed Archival Practices" are underway. 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: We have posted a list of resources on our website:

https://mbarchives.ca/indigenous resource list Plans are in development for a webinar examining the MMIWG2S Calls for Justice and for a discussion of the Response to the Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Taskforce <a href="https://archives2026.com/response-to-the-report-of-the-truth-and-reconciliation-commission-taskforce/">https://archives2026.com/response-to-the-report-of-the-truth-and-reconciliation-commission-taskforce/</a>

**Information and Outreach**: We are hosting an online Trivia Night on Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be prizes! The event is free, but registration is required. Please register here: <a href="https://mbarchives.ca/event-4608495">https://mbarchives.ca/event-4608495</a> Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Twitter! Instagram is coming soon.

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.

**Student Member-at-Large**: Carly Roberts organized another successful webinar in October on working as a records professional.

# **Special Announcements**

### **Endowment Fund**

The Association for Manitoba Archives Fund with Endow Manitoba/The Winnipeg Foundation will provide the AMA with a reliable, meaningful source of operating income today and in future years if we can continue to build capital through ongoing contributions. We are pleased to report the current market value of the fund has reached \$301,335, this a \$91,562 increase over last year at this time! The AMA is grateful for the financial contributions made by The Winnipeg Foundation, the province of Manitoba and from individual AMA members. To learn more about this fund, and the opportunity to donate to it, please click this link: <a href="https://www.mycharitytools.com/gift/wpgfdn/donate?fund=894">https://www.mycharitytools.com/gift/wpgfdn/donate?fund=894</a>

#### **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 <a href="https://mbarchives.ca/contact">https://mbarchives.ca/contact</a>