

International Network for Training, Education, and Research on Culture

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Minutes

Friday, 25 January 2018

1:30 pm

244 Northwestern Avenue, Ottawa, Canada K1Y 0M3

Present: La Mingying, Marie-Françoise Guédon, Martin Kalulambi, Angela Sumegi, Idoia Arana-Beobide, Linnéa Rowlatt, Pauline McKenzie Aucoin

Guests: Eric Anttila

Regrets: Annette Isaac

Chair: Idoia Arana-Beobide

Minutes: Linnéa Rowlatt

Agenda

1. approval of agenda
2. statement from the President (Rowlatt)
3. statement from the Treasurer (Sumegi)
4. statement from the Secretary (Aucoin)
5. statement from the Vice-President, Research (Guédon)
6. approval of 2018 financial statements (attached; Anttila)
7. appoint a public accountant (Sumegi)
8. amendments and approval of by-laws (Rowlatt), including
  - \* the process for amending by-laws
  - \* the qualification requirements membership
9. insurance for Directors and Officers (Rowlatt)
10. confirming Directors and Officers (Arana-Beobide)
11. Other

Minutes

Idoia opens the meeting at 1:45 pm.

1. approval of agenda
  - Linnéa moves to adopt this agenda; Marie-Françoise seconds. Adopted.
2. statement from the President (Rowlatt)
  - Linnéa described the trajectory of the Network on Culture thus far, from incorporation as a not-for-profit, our first application to Charities Canada, withdrawing it, making a second application, and an update on our website (we're working slowly towards a functioning website; we currently have a placer page and email).

3. statement from the Treasurer (Sumegi)

Angela notes that we have completed one full year of business. We have an application underway to register for charitable tax status, and we should hear this year. We have not had any significant activity, although we had a donation. Angela moves that we accept the financial statements for 2018 as presented; Marie-Françoise seconds. Approved.

Since Pauline has not yet arrived, we move to Item 7 now. Angela thanks Eric Anttila for his work as our Interim Public Auditor and says that Eric has agreed to serve as our Public Auditor for another year. She moves that Eric Anttila be appointed as Public Auditor for 2019. Marie-Françoise seconds. Approved.

4. Since Pauline has not arrived yet, we bring forward the statement from the Vice-President, Research (Guédon)

1. follow-up on Cuba 2018: during the May 2018 CASCA Cuba conference, we launched the Global Matricultural Research Network (MatNet for short), making our existence on the Canadian anthropological scene official. The term 'matriculture' is being used in literature now. MatNet is active : we are launching a journal called *Matrix : a Journal on Matricultural Studies* to support the research network.
2. Follow-up on Chengdu 2016 : Marie-Françoise has an agreement with Southwestern Minzu University (Chengdu, China) to produce the World Matricultures Exhibit. Current political issues between China and Canada are influencing its progress; if funding does not arrive, we will continue with the project by publishing with Northern Books or Université de Laval Presse.

*Arrival of Pauline McKenzie-Aucoin*

3. follow-up on Ottawa workshop 2016: Marie-Françoise presented a paper linking language families with matricultural societies, and this research is growing quickly. Martin is working on African matricultural societies and discovering correlations between language and social behaviours. La Mingying will take on the Asian region; she and Marie-Françoise will begin to map languages next week.
4. Affidavit on Algonquin women as members of matricultural societies: sent to Michael Swinwood for two legal cases.<sup>1</sup> The principle discovery is that the language

<sup>1</sup> Legal cases are the following:

- Matriarch Grandmother Jacquelin Sarazin on Behalf of the Traditional Grandmother of Pikwakanagan v. Canada and Windwill. This is filed in The Federal Court of Canada. File # T-301-18.
- Matriarch Grandmother Jacquelin Sarazin on Behalf of the Traditional Grandmother of Pikwakanagan v. Canada, Province of Ontario, Algonquins of Ontario, and Chief and Counsel of Pikwakanagan. This is filed in the Superior Court of Ontario. File # 17-71857.

rule works for everyone except Algonquian language speakers, arguably due to colonization by the English. The affidavit is being re-written as an academic article on language and matriculturalism.

Marie-Françoise moves that we accept her report. Angela seconds. Approved.

5. statement from the Secretary (Aucoin)

Pauline reports that we have been keeping records of our meetings for the last two years; they have been provided to Linnéa for storage. Copies were also sent along to CRA with our application for charitable status. We need to set up an online dropbox. Pauline moves that we accept the Secretary's report. Linnéa second. Approved.

6. approval of 2018 financial statements (attached; Anttila)

Eric Anttila approves the financial statements from 2018 and provides his written statement of approval. We receive it and will file it.

7. amendments and approval of by-laws (Rowlatt), including

- the qualification requirements membership: we discuss examples of other organizations' requirements of their members (CASCA: fee, professional academics affiliated with a university or practicing anthropologists conducting anthropology; CHA: fee, practicing historian). Angela suggests that our requirements include being involved in the human sciences (history, philosophy, genetics, sociology, psychology, evolutionary biology, biochemistry, neurosciences, and anthropology) as a researcher, graduate student, or educator, and that community members, including Indigenous elders, or experts in other fields are also welcome to join. All members must agree with our mission statement and mandate, as well as subscribe to our statement of ethics (to be further developed). Further, members must provide us with information on the areas in which they are working and where their interests lay.  
Fee: \$ 75/yr for regular membership and \$30/yr for discounted membership (students, retired, etc). Members receive: newsletter, access to our conferences, connection with our network, a vote in the affairs of the Network on Culture, and the opportunity to conduct scholarly research in a formally recognized organization. Linnéa moves that we approve these requirements for membership. Pauline seconds. Approved.
- Quorum for our Board of Directors are three of five board members, or half of the current board membership plus one. General membership quorum would be 50% plus one. Linnéa moves that we adopt these processes for achieving quorum. Pauline seconds. Approved.

*departure of Martin Kalulambi and Marie-Françoise Guédon*

- the process for amending by-laws: by-laws may be amended at a formal meeting of the Board of Directors and must be approved at the annual meeting of members. Linnéa moves that we adopt this process of amending by-laws. Pauline seconds. Approved.

8. insurance for Directors and Officers (Rowlatt)

1. Linnéa moves that we purchase insurance for Directors and Officers. Idoia seconds. Approved. Linnéa will find three Ottawa-based insurance companies and get quotations, and bring them to the next board meeting.

9. confirming Directors and Officers (Arana-Beobide), including

- Angela Sumegi confirms her service for another year as Treasurer. Pauline McKenzie Aucoin confirms her service for another year as Secretary. Linnéa Rowlatt confirms her service for another year as President. Marie-Françoise Guédon confirms her service for another year as Vice-President (Research) (*verified prior to her departure*). Idoia Arana-Beobide confirms her service for another year as Chairperson.

10. Other

There are three items which were placed in Other:

1. Website Content
2. CASCA/AAA Conference Vancouver
3. Application for SSHRC Connections programme (Marie-Françoise and Pauline)

We postpone discussion of Other items for the next Board Meeting.

Meeting concluded at 3:20 pm.

Next Board Meeting : Friday, 22 February 2019

Next Mat-Net : Friday, 1 February 2019, 1:30, and Monday, 11 February 2019, 1:30