

NWT Archives Council  
Annual General Meeting  
September 13, 2012  
9:30 am

Minutes of the teleconference

1. Call to Order: 9:41 AM  
The meeting was chaired by Ian Moir, President

2. Introductions

Sarah Colbeck	Norman Wells Historical Society
Ingrid Kritsch	Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute (GSCI)
Alestine Andre	Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute (GSCI)
Giselle Marion	Tlicho Government
Ian Moir	NWT Archives Council
Erin Suliak	NWT Archives

Regrets: Mathieu Doucet, Northern Life Museum and Cultural Centre

3. Approval of the Agenda, no changes.
4. Approval of minutes from last AGM: April 26, 2011. No changes.  
**Motion: Ingrid Kritsch**  
**Seconded: Sarah Colbeck**
5. Update re: Canadian Council of Archives and National Archival Development Program (NADP)

Ian spoke regarding the NADP elimination announced April 30, 2012 due to federal government budget cuts, as had been reported in the June 27, 2012 meeting. The \$1.7M NADP was managed by Library and Archives Canada (LAC) as a part of their operational budget, and was delivered by the Canadian Council of Archives (CCA). NWTAC historically used this funding mainly for training opportunities for its membership. With the cancellation of NADP we no longer have our main source of funding available.

Lobbying efforts have had no positive results. Councils in other provinces and territories have cut services or have decided to shut down completely. The CCA is having their AGM with provincial and territorial councils next week on September 22, 2012. CCA itself has had drastic staff reductions.

Ingrid asked about the call for letters protesting the cuts. What kind of response has there been?

Ian stated that he drafted a pan-northern letter with the Nunavut and Yukon archives council presidents to show northern solidarity. This letter was sent to Daniel Caron, Librarian and Archivist of Canada (LAC), Heritage Minister Moore and the northern MPs (in our case, Dennis Bevington).

Ingrid stated that the GSCI sent a letter and received a response from Minister Moore. She can forward that letter to NWTAC for our files.

Ian stated that he has learned most reply letters sent in this campaign have been virtually identical form letters.

6. Review and approval of financial statement 2011-2012.

**Motion: Alestine Andre**

**Seconded: Sarah Colbeck**

7. 2012-2013 membership renewal.

The 2011-12 NWTAC fee structure has been based on individual institutions' operating archival budgets. For institutions with an annual operating budget of \$150K+ the fee is \$200/year. Under \$150K is \$5 a year. These fees are set to cover general administration costs (e.g. banking fees).

Informal conversation between our members in the NWTAC suggests that we may go into a "hibernation" period. The logistics and funding of the NWTAC is managed by NWT Archives staff and as a consequence there are limited ongoing expenses. NWTAC would continue to submit reports to Societies and keep open a bank account, in a "wait and see strategy" to see if any funding programs become available.

Paid members from 2011-2012 would have their membership "grandfathered" (no fees to be paid 2012-2013). Other organizations wishing to join the NWTAC would be required to pay a membership fee based on the 2011-2012 fee structure.

The seven 2011/12 NWTAC members are: GSCI, Native Communications Society, Yamoza Kue Society (DCI), Northern Life Museum and Cultural Centre, NWT Archives, Norman Wells Historical Society and the Tlicho government.

Motion: Current paid members for 2011/12 will pay no fees for 2012/13. New members would pay according to the 2011/12 fee structure.

**Motion: Ingrid Kritsch**

**Seconded: Sarah Colbeck**

8. Election of new Board.

Outgoing Board: Ian Moir, President; Ingrid Kritsch, Vice President; Alestine Andre, Director.

Proposed new Board:

- a. President: Erin Suliak
- b. Vice President: Ingrid Kritsch
- c. Director: Alestine Andre
- d. Director: Ian Moir

**Motion: Sarah Colbeck**

**Seconded: Giselle Marion**

9. Signing Authorities.  
Signing authorities changed to new Board members.

**Motion: Sarah Colbeck**

**Seconded: Giselle Marion**

10. Other Business. N/A

11. Adjournment: 10:02 AM