

President's Report to the Board

April to June 2024

This is always a busy time as the Board welcomes the new board members. Three new members came on the board for the 2024/25 year. We started out with an orientation for all board members on 12 April 2024. This was followed by the formation of Committees that report to the Board. MWSA has 8 Standing Committees which are:

1. Executive
2. Strategic Planning
3. Human Resources
4. Finance
5. Fund Development
6. Governance and
7. Risk Assessment and Management
8. Nomination Committee

The Executive Committee is made up of the President, the Vice-President, Treasurers, and Secretary. The position of Treasurer is co-chaired by two board members for one year. They are also chairs of the Finance Committee. All other committees are made up of two board members, one of whom is the Chair, and at least one Member-at-Large. The Committees have all been asked to develop their workplans. The Fund Development Committee developed its workplan end of 2023 which was approved by the Executive Committee and sent to the Board for information. The Governance Committee has developed its 2024/2025 workplan. Other Committees are in the process of developing their workplans.

The Executive Committee meets once a month the week before the monthly Board meeting. This allows the Executive to obtain information and make recommendations for a final decision by the Board members. The Consent Agenda was also introduced last year. Items that are routine or do not need a board decision are contained in the Consent Agenda and approved with the Board Agenda. This has allowed the Board meetings to run more smoothly without spending too much time on items provided for information. Any item on the Consent Agenda can be brought forward to the main Agenda at the request of a member who has questions or wants further discussion.

On April 10, I met with Irene Mayer, Executive Director of Churchill Manor. MWSA has a good working relationship with Churchill Manor who sponsors some of our events.

I met with Barbara Hood of Rotary Club to discuss sponsorship of rooms or events. We scheduled a second meeting but it is being rescheduled as Barbara had some urgent business to take care of. Anne McNabb has also met with her previously.

On April 8, I met with Yash Sharma of Asian Tribune to discuss sponsorship of one of MWSA rooms. He will be back in Edmonton in June. Deb Cautley and I will set a date to meet with him.

I helped out at the Rummage Sale on April 20 and 21. I was glad to see many people coming to the rummage sale and the number of volunteers that helped out prior and at the rummage sale. MWSA raised over \$15,000 and this could not have been possible without all the work of our dedicated staff and volunteers.

Deb Cautley and I met with Marilyn Buchanan of North East Edmonton Seniors Association to find ways for senior centres to work together. Future meetings will be scheduled as needed.

I also met with Board members to discuss their roles and other issues that concerned them. As well, I meet with members at large as needed.

I am an ex officio member of all committees, as is Deb Cautley.

I was at the AGM of the Edmonton Seniors Coordinating Council which is an umbrella organization for senior centres in Edmonton. MWSA is a member and Deb Cautley is a Board member of the Council.

I attended the Mother's Day Brunch organized by MWSA and helped with cleaning up after the event.

Deb Cautley and I met with Servus in early June. They are one of our sponsors.

In April, I was asked by Edmonton Age Friendly Alliance EAFA, to join the committee to organize the kick-off event for Seniors Week at Edmonton City Hall. The event celebrating seniors took place on 3 June 2024. Mayor Sohi brought greetings from the City. I was honoured to be the emcee for the event.

I discussed MWSA's audit of the 2024 financial statements with Rochell of Crowe McKay which will be carried out in 2025. I followed this up with an email outlining the following:

1. The Auditor will make a presentation of their findings to the MWSA Board of Directors at the board meeting on 27 February 2025. The audit is reviewed by the Board prior to being presented to the Members for approval.
2. The Auditor will be at MWSA's Annual General Meeting (AGM) to present to the members and to answer any questions they may have. This will be an in-person presentation. Date and time will be confirmed once the date for the AGM is confirmed.
3. The total fees for all activities relating to the audit will not exceed \$9,000. Crowe McKay will provide a breakdown of the fees.

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