

Indigenous Director's Report
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Abstract

The second half of my term has been an incredibly busy one. Highlights include chairing the Chapters for Reconciliation Initiative, advocating for an Elder-in-Residence at the Annual Conference, communications with the We Matter Campaign and bringing their message to the Annual Conference, and supporting the Indigenous Circle Chapter in their activities. Other highlights include work on the Awards Committee and Truth and Reconciliation Committee as well as supporting the ICC MMIWG Sub-Committee.

Résumé

La seconde moitié de mon mandat a été incroyablement chargée. Les points saillants incluent la présidence de l'initiative des Sections pour la réconciliation, le plaidoyer en faveur d'un sage en résidence au Congrès annuel, les communications avec la campagne *We Matter* et la transmission de leur message au Congrès annuel, ainsi que le soutien de la Section du cercle autochtone à ses activités. Parmi les autres points saillants, mentionnons les travaux du Comité des récompenses et du Comité de vérité et réconciliation, ainsi que l'appui au sous-comité du MMIWG de la Section du CA.

Connections and Communications

A. Liaison with the Indigenous Circle Chapter (ICC)

- Provided ongoing support to the ICC Executive Committee, particularly for the ICC President and President-Elect, and maintained open communication via emails and telephone calls.
- Attended regular teleconference meetings with both the ICC Executive Committee and ICC Leadership Team.
- Worked with the ICC President and President-Elect to organize the upcoming ICC Annual General Meeting (to be held at the 2019 Annual Conference in Moncton, NB).
- Liaise with the ICC Executive Members serving in various ICC Sub-Committee Chair roles and committee representatives, including MMIWG, ICC Website/Social Media, and the CCPA Ethics Task Group

B. We Matter Campaign

- Met with Tunchai Redvers and Frances Moore of the We Matter Campaign in December 2018 via teleconference to explore potential collaboration opportunities and support their work for Indigenous youth.
- Identified several opportunities, including the sharing of the We Matter Toolkit; attending the 2020 CCPA Annual Conference; and supporting their multimedia campaign.
- Connected Frances (Operations & National Outreach Manager) to several CCPA Chapter Executives to share the Toolkit with their members and the new incoming Board of Directors.

- Working with National Office to set up a station at the conference inviting conference delegates to create their own video of hope and affirmation for Indigenous youth (to be submitted to the We Matter Campaign).
- Continuing ongoing communications and offering support, where needed.

C. Indigenous Continuing Education Credits (CEC panel)

- Serving as one of four members of the Indigenous CEC panel.
- The panel is currently working with National Office and the Indigenous CEC Committee to tweak and improve the application process for members.

Contributions and Celebrations

A. Chapters for Reconciliation Initiative

- This initiative is geared towards CCPA's Regional and Special Interest Chapters to engage in conversations about their meaningful participation in the reconciliation process within and between their respective Chapters, through a series of virtual sharing circles. Nine Chapters were represented.
- First sharing circle was hosted in November 2018. Chapter Leaders were tasked with reviewing the TRC 94 Calls to Action, write a reflective statement on why reconciliation matters to their Chapter, identify what current activities and/or initiatives are already taking place within their Chapters, and identify three goals to support their efforts to meaningfully participate in the reconciliation process.
- Second sharing circles were held in April 2019 (two sessions were offered to accompany scheduling conflicts and maximize participant availability). The participants were tasked with reviewing further resources to support their learning (focusing more on the "truth" aspect of "truth and reconciliation").
- This initiative has been a positive and powerful experience. Many of the participants are more actively engaged in their learning about Indigenous issues and involved in supporting reconciliation through their respective Chapters.
- The Committee plans to host a panel at the Annual Conference to share about the project. Participants of this project have been invited to highlight their experiences on why it was important for them to participate and share their plans to take action to support reconciliation through the work being done through their respective Chapters.

B. Elder-in-Residence at the CCPA Annual Conference

- In response to the cultural appropriation that occurred at the 2018 Annual Conference in Winnipeg, I have been working with the ICC to advocate for an Elder-in-Residence at the 2019 Annual Conference in Moncton to support reconciliation efforts and further embed cultural safety practices at the conference.
- Supported the ICC to submit a Chapter Support Fund application (with support from the Regional Development Fund). Application was approved in April 2019.

C. ICC MMIWG Sub-committee

- Worked with ICC President-Elect Cathrine Chambers to develop a survey that went out to the ICC membership in November 2018. The focus of the survey was to inquire on the level of capacities in which ICC members are involved with and/or connected to the issue of murdered and missing Indigenous women and girls (MMIWG) in Canada, as well as the National Inquiry.
- Themes from the survey results were compiled into article form that has been submitted to Cognica and accepted for publication. The article will highlight the results from the survey as well as make recommendations for further advocacy efforts.

D. Truth and Reconciliation Committee

- Please refer to Truth and Reconciliation Committee Chair's Report.

E. Awards Committee

- Please refer to the Awards Committee Chair's Report.
- Created an ad hoc committee with Tina Nash (ICC Executive Member-at-Large) to review and make recommendations regarding the CCPA Indigenous Practice Award.

F. Social Media

- As an avid user of social media, I continued to maintain an online presence on Twitter, focusing on sharing relevant resources and news items from various accounts of Indigenous influencers and community organizations as well as promoting and advertising CCPA initiatives and activities.

Concerns and Challenges

- As the ICC has been heavily invested in a number of projects, I have invested a considerable amount of time and energy to support with the ICC Executive with their projects.

TRC Calls to Action Update

- Please refer to Items A – D under *Contributions and Celebrations*.

Coming Attractions

- Identifying Indigenous organizations and stakeholders and make plans to reach out, offer support, and discuss collaboration.
- Attending the May in-person Board Meeting in Moncton, NB and attending the Annual Conference.
- Ongoing support for the Indigenous Circle Chapter.