

**UNCOMMON BONDS: LABRADOR INUIT AND MORAVIAN MISSIONARIES
PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**

MEETING #6: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH 2022

1. WELCOMES AND INTRODUCTIONS

1.A – ATTENDANCE

Janet Bangma, Associate Dean of Libraries, Memorial University

Shirley Broomfield, Member, Moravian Church in Newfoundland & Labrador

Sarah Jensen, Chair, Moravian Church in Newfoundland & Labrador

Lena Onalik, Archaeologist, Nunatsiavut Government

Tom McCullough, Assistant Archivist, Moravian Archives Bethlehem

Paul Peucker, Archivist, Moravian Archives Bethlehem

Mark David Turner, Manager of Audio-Visual Archives & Media Literacy, OKâlaKatiget Society and Nunatsiavut Government

Regrets

Joan Andersen, Community Representative, Makkovik

Deirdre Elliott, Heritage Program Coordinator, Nunatsiavut Government

Caitlin Horall, Secretary for National Heritage Digitization Strategy (NHDS) and employee of Library & Archives Canada (observing member)

2. ACTION ITEM UPDATES

2.A – NEW WEBSITE FEATURES

- i. Update to the book search feature which will allow us to add individual books in the bookshelf view.
- ii. Creation of a new, separate page for “Music” that will allow us to search and tag digital sheet music AND recordings according to item name and community. This feature is not yet live, and we will need to add content before it is.
- iii. A suggestion was made to add “Inuit authored sources” in the check boxes on the resources page. That has been relayed to the web developer and will be implemented.

2.B – NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Megan Dicker Nochasak has joined our committee as a youth member. Mark will also be following up with Nicholas Flowers (Hopedale/Iqaluit) to determine his possible involvement. Sarah will be following up with Nathaniel Winters (Hopedale).

2.C – DISCUSSION OF THE ROOMS

Earlier this fall, Mark spoke with The Rooms about their possible involvement in the project. They shared a link to a digitized collection of glass slides (which has since been added to our resources page) and an inventory of collections that contains Moravian material. Mark is sharing that inventory with Sarah and Joan. Mark will follow up with The Rooms in-person next week.

2.D – GENEALOGICAL DATA

After our last meeting Joan followed up with Patty Way who has confirmed sharing data 100 years old or greater is an accepted sound practice in her work. We will observe this practice when it comes to the digitization and distribution of records that contain genealogical data.

2.E – CHURCH BOOKS

As we cannot locate the physical copies of the Okak Church Books (aka Church Registers), we have requested that the Centre for Newfoundland Studies (Memorial Libraries) prioritize digitizing the QEII Library's microfilm copy of the Okak Church Books. The request is in-process.

3. COMMITTEE TRAVEL

3.A – COMMITTEE TRAVEL TO MORAVIAN ARCHIVES BETHLEHEM

In the first instance, we are prioritizing a visit by Sarah Jensen and Shirley Broomfield in the last two weeks of March 2023. Because of inflation, we are booking Sarah and Shirley first. Once they are booked, we will look to see if there is funding for a youth member to join them.

The MCNL will pay the fees to Mokami Travel upfront and the Moravian Archives will reimburse MCNL directly. Sarah will confirm the dates once she has them. Sarah and Shirley will set the length of the trip based on their needs. Sarah and Shirley will communicate any special needs or requests to Paul for this trip.

3.B – MAY CAPSTONE VISIT TO NUNATSIAVUT

This will happen during the last two weeks of May 2023. Some concern about the weather at that time of year and discussion around giving ourselves enough buffer to allow for weather days. Mark will work with Mokami directly to coordinate coast travel, but the MAB group will book their travel to Goose Bay. Tom and Mark will work together to develop a schedule

of coast travel and events. The preference is to have representatives from Nunatsiavut Government and MCNL travel with us at all points on this tour. Lena will explore the idea of using NG budget to pay for its travel.

Discussion around people bringing partners with them on their own. No objections. Janet will not be joining on this trip, but she has suggested Colleen Field from the Centre for Newfoundland Studies join.

4. ORGANIZATION STATUS POST-CLIR FUNDING

Janet's update focusses on the potential administrative burden of the draft by-laws that have been developed for sub-committee review. The primary issue we are faced with is generating inclusive by-laws that are not burdensome when it comes to implementation. The question was raised about other models for incorporation.

Paul raised the example of the [Digital Library of the Caribbean](#) for which the Moravian Archives is a contributing member. Tom mentioned that they partner with a lot of organizations in the Caribbean to help them build capacity. Janet affirmed the relevance of this partnership model but pointed out that a university takes on the administrative risk (in this case the [University of Florida](#)). [The full by-laws for the Digital Library of the Caribbean are available here.](#)

Mark posed the question whether this is a useful model for us to explore with Memorial as the parent administrative organization. Janet suggested this is something that can be explored from the vantage of Memorial University and/or Memorial Libraries.

Sarah discussed the example of certain charities she works with that form sub-committees to execute certain projects. Mark wondered if she might approach one of those organizations to share their by-laws with us for review. Sarah will approach the MCNL itself to request sharing its by-laws for review by our committee.

Janey discussed the relevance of the Digital Library of the Caribbean model and why it is attractive to university libraries. The by-laws and partner model can be separated out in this larger model and be scaled down to meet the objectives of the organization. She raised the idea that there might be a hybrid model to explore between the MCNL and the Digital Library of the Caribbean by-laws.

Mark will send out the current draft by-laws for review and Sarah will send Mark the MCNL by-laws so Janet and Mark can work up two different models involving Memorial University and/or Memorial Libraries. They will meet in January and share with the committee afterwards.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

6. ADJOURNMENT

ACTION ITEMS

1. Mark will send the whole committee the overview of Moravian-related materials from The Rooms to the committee.
2. Sarah will book travel to Bethlehem for her and Shirley in March 2023 once Paul confirms possible arrival airports in the area. Paul will also share a list of regional hotels.
3. Mark and Tom will develop a rough schedule for May 2023 travel to the coast.
4. Sarah will request the MCNL board share its by-laws with our committee to review as a potential model.
5. Mark will share current draft by-laws with the committee.
6. Mark and Janet will meet in January to generate two new organizational models for committee review.