

CONSTITUTION of the SOCIETY FOR APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGY IN MANITOBA (S.A.A.M.)

1 - The aims of this society are to gather practitioners and academics dedicated to applying anthropological knowledge in provincial, national and international contexts. To further this goal, this association will:

-1.1: foster the dissemination of information in a network of anthropological practitioners and academics, to identify skills and expertise and to contribute to an increase in professional opportunities.

-1.2: foster the dissemination among the general public, in government and in the market place, of knowledge and awareness of the great potential contribution of the holistic, cross-cultural approach of anthropology to the discovery, analysis and solution of many social, political, economic and ecological issues.

-1.3: The activities of this association dedicated to furthering these goals will include meetings of the membership at least five times each year, the creation of a World Wide Web (WWW) site, and when possible, pamphlets and publications such as a regular bulletin.

2 - The membership of S.A.A.M. will meet in a General Assembly normally held in September of each year. One fifth of the registered members will constitute a quorum.

2.1: During its annual General Assembly, the membership of the society will elect by a majority vote no less than 3 and no more than six persons to serve on the Executive committee.

3 - The Executive Committee will be normally: be composed of one President, one or two Vice-presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary and a Member at-large in charge of membership.

3.1: The Executive Committee will be elected for a renewable term of one year, with the exception of the President whose term of office will normally last two consecutive years. To preserve flexibility of choice by the membership, there will be no position of "President -elect".

3.2: To promote continuity in the running of this association, all other members of the Executive Committee will normally be encouraged to seek re-election at least once.

4 - If necessary, the Executive Committee will recruit a new member to fill any vacancy created by any individual who becomes unable to participate actively

in the executive. This interim appointment will be proposed for ratification by the membership at its next meeting.

5 - The address of the registered office of this association will be the address of the President. Each President will decide whether to use a personal address or a professional one.

6 - Normally, each meeting will start with a report from the Treasurer. The Treasurer will be one of the three people entitled to sign cheques for the association. Each cheque will require the signature of two of these individuals, who will normally be the President and one of the Vice-presidents. The account of the association will be kept at the Assiniboine Credit Union, except if the Executive Committee decides at a later date that other arrangements are preferable.

7- Any change in this constitution would require one-month notice to all members and a special meeting or approval by at least fifty percent of the membership in a mail vote.

This constitution was approved unanimously by the assembled membership of The Society for Applied Anthropology in Manitoba (S.A.A.M) in its meeting of March 2, 1996, at the Norlander Inn, Winnipeg.