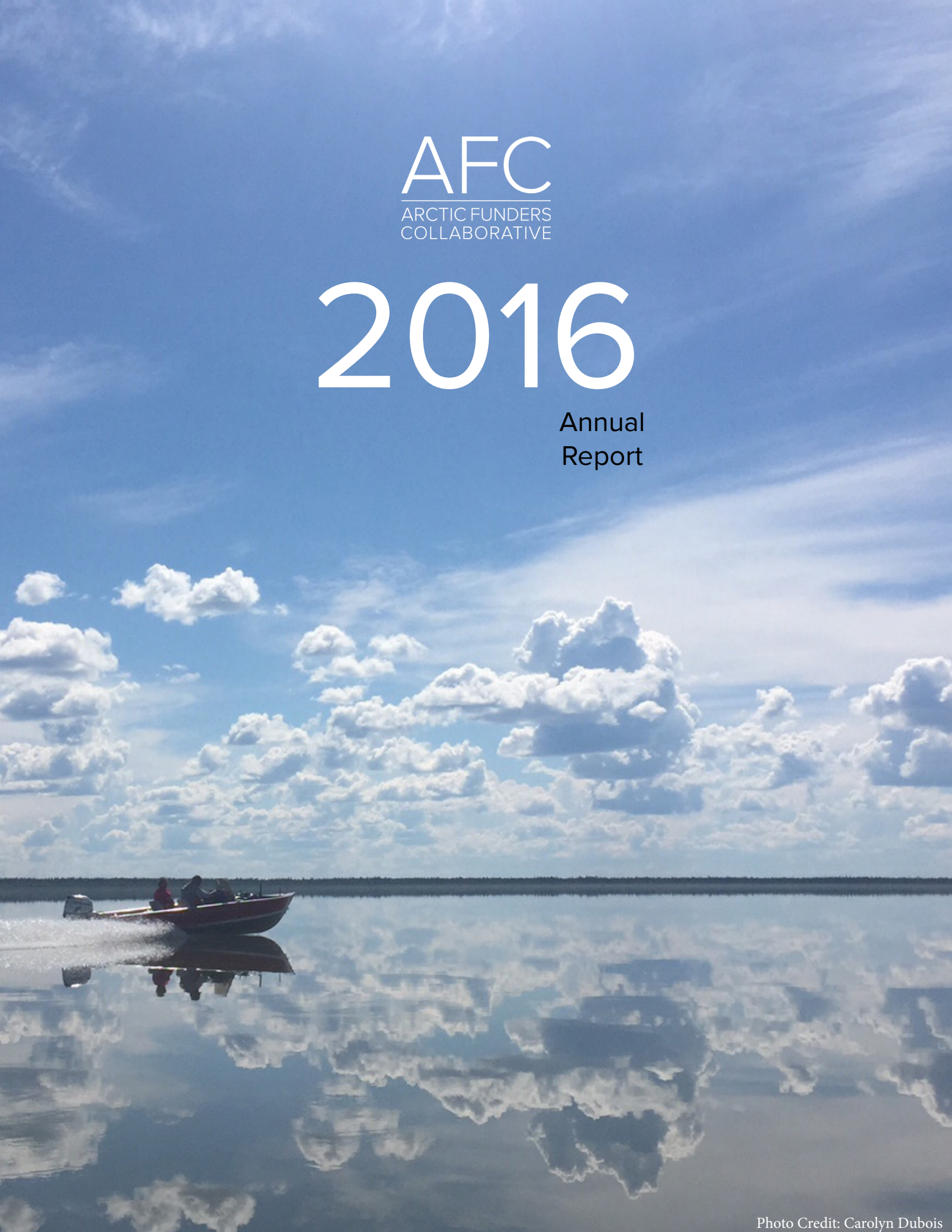


AFC

ARCTIC FUNDERS
COLLABORATIVE

2016

Annual
Report



2016 in Review

2016 AFC Members

444S Foundation
Alaska Conservation Foundation
Campion Foundation
Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation
Oak Foundation
Pew Charitable Trusts U.S.
Tamalpais Trust
Tides Canada Foundation
Trust for a Mutual Understanding
Walter and Duncan Gordon Foundation
Wilburforce Foundation

New AFC Member

The Tamalpais Trust has been a welcome addition to the AFC and are now actively supporting Arctic Indigenous organizations including the Saami Council. They are also supporting Indigenous leadership development in Northern Canada through other funds via Tides Canada Foundation. This is the first AFC funder to represent a grant partnership in the Nordic region.

Terms of Reference

In March 2016, the AFC Terms of Reference was finalized and the document now provides



guidelines about membership in the collaborative and helps to establish consistent administrative processes and expectations between AFC staff and AFC members.

Outreach

In April, the AFC attended an Arctic Convening on Marine Stewardship hosted by the Oak Foundation, Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation and Tides Canada Foundation. The two-day meeting convened grant partners and funders supporting marine stewardship in the Canadian Arctic and Greenland. Funders, NGO and Indigenous partners were able to discuss how to collaborate to support Inuit-led marine stewardship priorities for the region.

Itoah Scott-Enns participated as a guest speaker in the Indigenous Leadership and Institutional Resilience Learning Seminar hosted by the Tamalpais Trust and the Christensen Fund. The seminar provided the opportunity for others in the philanthropy community to learn about the Indigenous Northern perspective. New partnerships were built in support of Northern leaders in the North.

The AFC hosted a Breakfast Conversation at the CEGN Conference in June to engage other funders in philanthropy North of 60°. Lush Cosmetics Fund participated to learn about op-

portunities North after attending the AFC Annual Meeting as an Observer. We are very pleased to collaborate with them as they seek to explore Indigenous and Northern funding opportunities in Canada and Alaska.

The AFC gave a presentation on philanthropic funding at the Government of the Northwest Territories Anti-Poverty Roundtable in Inuvik, NT, in November. The opportunity helped to increase community understanding of the philanthropic sector and raise awareness about the work of the AFC.

In December, the AFC participated in Bering Strait Regional Economic Development discussions led Kawerak. Our presence helped to strengthen the AFC's network and relationships with local and Indigenous organizations in Alaska and deepen our understanding of key environmental and economic priorities of the region.

Communications

In May 2016, the AFC launched our first ever website and blog. The website has helped to increase awareness of our work and the blog has created a platform for sharing knowledge about Northern grantmaking and best practices.

The AFC publishes an internal quarterly newsletter. While the AFC newsletter will continue to

be a platform for AFC members to share updates, knowledge resources, and news.

AFC Statement of Arctic Commitments

Eight AFC members collaborated on developing an AFC Statement to submit to the White House to express a commitment of ongoing support for the Arctic for the next three years. On December 9, 2016, the White House released an Executive Order securing protection for the Bering Strait region and a Northern Bering Sea Climate Resilience Area, alongside our AFC Statement. The AFC Statement and Executive Order represented an exciting alignment of priorities between the Alaska Native communities of the Bering Strait Region, the Obama Administration, and our members.

Grant Data

2015 Grant Data was compiled from all members and shared internally. This year, more detailed information was discerned from the data about the regional and thematic focus of the grants, as well as demographics about the grant partners. More in depth information from the database helped members to identify funding trends and gaps represented within the AFC and will continue to be requested moving forward.



Photo Credit: Pat Kane Photo - Above: Alina Enggist, Itoah Scott-Enns and Kite Ellis on a sunset boat ride on the Dehcho during the Denendeh Learning Trip in July 2017; Below Left: Mike Lowe catches a Jackfish Below Right: Sunset at Sah Naji Kwe Lodge on the Great Slave Lake

Denendeh Learning Trip



Four AFC members, the Canadian Environmental Grantmakers' Network, and the Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative participated in the Denendeh Learning Trip in July. The group traveled through traditional territory of the Tlicho and Dehcho First Nations. We spent two nights on the Dehcho (Mackenzie River) where they witnessed first-hand the connection between environmental stewardship, reconciliation, Indigenous leadership development, sustainable economic growth, and language and culture. Guided by local leaders and community members, they participated in traditional ceremonies, harvested traditional food, saw historical sites, camped along the river, and learned about Indigenous-led approaches to building community and cultural resilience.



(From L to R: Alina Enggist, Grand Chief Herb Norwegian, Pat Kane, Mary Turnipseed, Jodi Hilty, and Pegi Dover at Herb Norwegian's family camp in July 2017)

Annual Meeting: Catalyzing Collaboration for a Sustainable North

The AFC hosted the 2016 Annual Meeting: Catalyzing Collaboration for a Sustainable North in San Francisco, CA on October 12 & 13. The meeting was well attended with 10 AFC members present. Lush Cosmetics Fund also participated as an observer to the meeting. Members shared program, news and policy updates and learned about Indigenous-led stewardship in the Arctic, as well as the challenges and opportunities to support sustainable livelihood development. Guest speakers from across the Arctic, Okalik Egeesiak, Leena Evic, Dana Tizya-Tramm, Alannah Hurley, and Leonard Kenny shared their stories and experiences on important topics such as land and marine stewardship, community-led conservation, language, youth leadership, reconciliation, and sustainable economic development.

Resilience, Stewardship & Sustainable Livelihoods Discussion

Following the AFC Meeting, we gathered with 12 other organizations from the philanthropic community in the Bay Area to discuss our role in supporting Indigenous community and cultural resilience, environmental stewardship, and sustainable livelihood development across the Arctic. The discussion was grounded by five Indigenous guest speakers from different regions of the Arctic who traveled with us to share their perspectives and ideas. The discussion event opened critical lines of communication between Northern Indigenous and philanthropic perspectives and engaged both communities in honest and productive dialogue about how to strengthen relationships moving forward.

PP Pooled Fund Project

Seven members of the AFC pooled and aligned \$137,000 in 2016 to support the Better Arctic Funding Mechanism Proposal from the Indigenous Peoples' Secretariat (IPS) of the Arctic Council. Funding was pooled into a Donor Advised Fund at Tides Canada Foundation and was managed by the AFC. In August, the grant was issued to the Arctic Athabaskan Council to support development of the Algu Fund. This Indigenous-led and controlled fund was being designed for the Arctic Council Permanent Participants to gain better access to more sustainable, predictable, and stable core and project funding.

Technical work needed to launch the fund was subcontracted to the Institute of the North in Alaska. Five of the six Permanent Participants have worked together and come to consensus on the establishment and future governance of the fund, which has been named the Álgu Fund, which means "new beginning" in Saami. A ceremonial signing and launch event will be held in Fairbanks, AK, on May 10, 2017 during the Arctic Council Ministerial Event.

The Indigenous Peoples' Secretariat submitted their final report to the AFC and the next steps following the launch are to fundraise initial start up costs and the \$30-million-dollar endowment. They will be recruiting an Executive Director to lead the fundraising campaign and manage the fund. The IPS remains in negotiations with the sixth Permanent Participant to sign them onto the fund in the future.

Photo credit: Sonja Swift - Hovak Johnston of the Inuit Women's Tattoo Revitalization Project lighting the Qulliq in an igloo in Yellowknife, NT, for the Windrose Fund in January 2017



2017

Looking Forward

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Windrose Fund

New AFC Member



In 2017, the AFC welcomed the Windrose Fund as a new member. They have already traveled to the Northwest Territories to build partnerships and are now supporting an Indigenous healing foundation project, an Inuit Tattoo Revitalization Project and participating in an AFC collaborative funding project. The Windrose Fund managers, Sonja Swift and Marcus Lund, have extensive experience support Indigenous initiatives including in areas of environmental and social justice.

2017 Annual Meeting

The next AFC Annual Meeting will take place in Toronto, ON, on October 18 and 19, 2017. The meeting will be followed by a side event to provide other funders in the Greater Toronto Area the opportunity to engage in discussions about opportunities in Northern philanthropy and network with our members.

Grant Partner Convening

Seven AFC members are collaborating to support a convening of Indigenous grant partners who are leading work across the Arctic in Indigenous leadership development. The AFC is working with members and with the grant partners to design the gathering and facilitate this important opportunity for organizations to build networks, exchange knowledge, share experiences, learn about common issues and different approaches, and identify opportunities to collaborate in the future.

Next AFC Learning Trip

Suggestions for the next AFC Learning Trip are still being considered and the next AFC-led trip will take place in 2018.

AFC Webinar Series

The AFC is excited to be launching our first Webinar series in 2017 that will provide a platform for AFC members and their grant partners across the Arctic to share about the exciting innovation emerging from Northern communities in key topics impacting Arctic communities and ecosystems. The Webinars will seek to provide the greater philanthropic community access to Northern perspectives, provide Northerners a platform to tell their stories, and promote dialogue that will strengthen relationships between philanthropic and Northern communities.

The first Webinar is scheduled for May 16, 2017 and will discuss the use of Indigenous Knowledge and Science as complimentary tools to support environmental stewardship. The webinar will be moderated by AFC Member, Anne Henshaw, and will feature Indigenous panelists from Alaska, Nunavut and the Northwest Territories, who will discuss the different ways they are using modern technology, science, and Indigenous and local knowledge to advance their community-led conservation initiatives including a food security project, cyber-atlas mapping project, and guardian program.

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Networking & Outreach

In February 2017, the AFC traveled with the Tamalpais Trust to Traante and Norway to participate in 100 year celebrations of the first convening of Sami to discuss their self-determination. The week-long event included political meetings, cultural performances, governance discussions, youth convenings, and a diverse range of conferences. The AFC attended the conference hosted by the Saami Council, a grant partner of the Tamalpais Trust, which touched on discussions such as cross border unity, language, self-governance, reconciliation, and environmental stewardship.

The AFC participated in the Confluence Philanthropy Conference March 14-16, 2017 in New Orleans. The conference provided opportunities to connect with other practitioners who are advancing the field of social financing and responsible investment in philanthropy.

The AFC will prioritize participation in events and meetings that provide relevant learning opportunities, opportunities to share about Arctic philanthropy, or highlight our collaborative activities.

Communications

The AFC will continue to publish a quarterly newsletter containing AFC updates, member updates, news, and knowledge resources. The AFC will continue maintain a blog on the AFC website, to share knowledge and experience about the North and best practices within philanthropy. All members are encouraged to write posts based on their own work and areas of expertise to publish on the AFC Blog. An Annual Report has been identified as a valuable tool for tracking AFC progress and meeting member reporting requirements, so the report will be continued each year.



Above: Photo Credit: Pat Kane Photo - The Denendeh Learning Trip Group departing Fort Simpson and doing a smudging ceremony at Telemia Camp.
Below: AFC Annual Meeting 2016 participants and guest speakers.



2016

Financials

Dec-16	
Assets	
Current Assets	
Cash	57,008
Accounts receivable	530
Prepaid expenses	575
Total Current Assets	58,114
Total Assets	58,114
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	-
Fund Balances	
Restricted	58,090
Total Fund Balances	58,090
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	58,090

2017 Budget

	2017
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REVENUE	
Awards revenue	211,500
Donations and gifts-in-kind	-
Other revenue	-
Total Revenue	211,500
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
TCI Overhead Allocation	21,150
Staff costs	81,000
Contracted services	3,000
Professional Services	5,500
Office expenses	12,000
Travel	8,900
Finance Expenses	80
Communication/Outreach	4,220
Events/Programming	75,700
Granting	-
Total Program Expenses	211,550
Revenue over expenses	(50)
Opening Balance	58,090
Ending Balance	58,040

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