

# 2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT





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# President's Report

On behalf of the 2017 - 2018 Her International board of directors, I want to first offer another huge "THANK-YOU" to all those who continue to support this amazing little charity. I am very happy to report that we are in a good spot these days thanks to the amazing work of a very engaged group of giving people who really are intent on making a difference in the world.

A personal thanks to all those on the board who continue to impress me with their dedication and commitment to the cause. These are ordinary people doing extraordinary things!

Much of our growth and success has come as a result of last year's decision to seek and executive director to take us to a new level. This was a very big decision for us, as keeping the culture and the "small but great" flavor to what we do remained a significant goal. Tamara McLellan and Kate Phelps were the answer we needed and together they came up with a co-ed. plan. A lot has happened since the decision to hire this dynamic duo and I can honestly say that this has been the best decision I have been involved in with this charity over the last number of years. These two wonderful ladies are the future of this charity.

The rebrand to such an iconic name; "Her International" is evidence of things to come. Our expansion in to the USA is another fantastic example of the work that these ladies are undertaking. Thank you Kate and Tamara for all you do.

The charity would also not be the same without Karen Hughes who remains the backbone of the charity, her commitment and organizational skills have been fantastic and we thank her for another great year with the organization.

Our partners in Nepal, Creating Possibilities and their staff continue to make it easy and enjoyable to do what we do. Thank you team Nepal.

Thanks to the troops on the ground here in Canada who volunteer at events and sell scarfs and jewelry. A special thanks to my wife Linda who continues to bring huge dollars into the organization telling the story through her speaking career. Linda's commitment has been instrumental in getting us to where we are today.

As we look ahead to another year with this organization, I am very optimistic as to the direction we are moving. The philanthropic world is a competitive place and people have a lot of options to place their hard earned dollars. I do feel that we are doing many of the right things to ensure the sustainability of the charity for the years to come.

On a personal note I am very much looking forward to leading another volunteer trip in fall 2018 where we will be taking part in the construction of 4 classrooms. This has been made possible by the volunteers who have signed up for the trip but one person in particular. Hugh Culver has raised enough money to cover 50% of the construction costs for this project. Thank You Hugh! I can't wait to work alongside you again this year!

Thanks again to all who make what we do possible, without time, energy, commitment and money, none of this is possible.



If you have any questions about the charity or want to get involved, Please give me a call on my cell phone at 250 212 1665 or email me at <a href="mailto:Kevin@herinternational.org">Kevin@herinternational.org</a>.

Thank You and Namaste

Kevin Edgecombe

**President, Her International** 

Are you Ready to do something GREAT?



# Executive Directors' Report

Dear board members, donors, supporters, and volunteers of Her International,

Years ago I saw John Wood speak about his philanthropic efforts (with Room to Read). He spoke of leaving his job to try to change the world. That day changed the trajectory of my life because I started thinking bigger about my own service. Could I potentially create a life dedicated to helping? Did I have it inside of me to travel to some of the most marginalized countries and use my privilege to fight for equality? I read everything I could on peaceful activists like Nelson Mandela and Gandhi and started to study International Development. One day I asked myself, "Could I use my life as my message and become a voice for the voiceless?"

As I sit here writing to you right now, I am somewhat at a loss for words. One of the richest moments of my life was when I was able to accept this role as one of the two Co-Executive Directors at Her International. This year has brought an immense amount of growth to my life in all kinds of ways, but one of the biggest being that I get to work with a team of people that care so deeply about being a voice for the voiceless. They say you are the sum of the five people you spend the most time with. I'm lucky that some of my five are my incredible colleagues and devoted Board of Directors. Another of the {easily} richest times of my life happened this year, when I had the good fortune of taking my son across the world to visit the women and children that we work with.

I get to live out my dream every single day with the work that we do and I want you to know this: not a day goes by that I am not deeply grateful for this work.

# Tamara

The past year at Her International has been marked with exciting changes - new name, new brand, and new programs. But while the organization is growing to expand the incredible impact that it is having in Canada and Nepal, the heart and soul of who we are and what we do, why I *love* my work, remains the same as the day we started in 2005 - and that all comes down to **CONNECTION**.

The connections between our **staff, program partners, board of directors,** and volunteers are the stuff of magic! When we get together I can almost SEE the sparks of ingenuity and inspiration fly through the air as we work towards advancing opportunities for women across the world and in our own backyard. I have never experienced this kind of connection or seen such innovation at another other organization in my almost 20 years working in development. It gives me tingles each time I think about it!

The connection with our **donors** - both private and corporate - is nothing short of amazing. People that choose to align their dollars with their hearts and be a part of a global movement of education and joy for all. Your support has made everything we do possible. In you I have found not only kindred spirits but many new dear friends.

Lastly the connection with our **program participants** has reminded me that we are all here to teach other. Nothing we do is one sided. It come to me from a teenage girl in Nepal, working towards a degree in agriculture, who taught me how to use household waste to fuel a kitchen (a lesson I shared with my



sister who lives off-grid). It came from a woman in Kelowna, who was formally an addict living on the street, and was my partner at a self-defence class. She taught me to have the courage to stand in my power and use my voice.

Her International makes no claims to having all of the answers - to giving others what they do not have. Instead, it always has and always will, strive to CONNECT people - to share with others what we have learned, and to help each of us tap into our innate strength and skills to allow us to "dream big and reach far".

Kate

Not a second passes where we are not humbled by those that we work with and work for. For those reading this report, although it's just words and charts on paper, please know it is our life. To be the first paid Executive Directors for this charity is not something that we take lightly. We live and breathe our gratitude for it and want to acknowledge each and every single one of you that give us a chance to do this work. Thanks for being part of our Her family.

# LET US BE THAT VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS. LET US HELP WOMEN AND GIRLS TO RISE TO EQUALITY. AND LET US FIND A WAY FOR EVERY HUMAN TO BE HEARD, TO BE SEEN, AND TO SOAR.

Warmly,

Kate and Tamara





# Name Change

In case you missed the Annual General Meeting (AGM) last year, there was a motion and unanimous vote by the membership to change the name of Inter-cultural Women's Education Network (aka "IWEN") to Her International.

This recommendation was made to change IWEN to a name that instantly, clearly and simply states the organization's commitment to the advancement of women's empowerment around the world.

While the name changed, the organization's projects, vision, and mandate have not. Her International is still committed to helping marginalized women and girls through education and life skills opportunities. Our approach continues to work at a grassroots level - partnering with on-the-ground experts and the participants themselves to develop truly needed and effective projects. We are so excited to report that since the name change, only great things have continued. We are so proud to build on this small charity, to grow it and continue making a global impact.

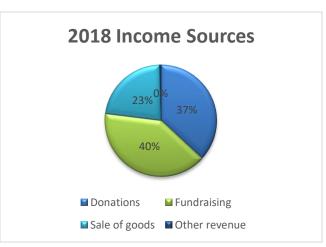




## Financial Report

This year was one of big changes for Her International. Our little charity went through a name change and with this exciting news came a new logo and rebranding. This new name and look, which didn't change our mission and programs, was one of the many positive ideas our new co-executive directors Tamara McLellan and Kate Phelps brought to the board. This year's changes have impacted our cash flow and we finished the year in a deficit position and had to transfer \$46,520.97 from our reserves. However, these amazing ladies bring a new energy along with big projects to the table and we are confident that the 2018-2019 year will be one of growth.

Many events and fundraisers were held during the year to guarantee our programs keep running efficiently. In February 2018, Her International and Hope Outreach joined hands to create an outstanding evening called *Hope in Her Eyes* and split the proceeds of \$17,066.58. Kevin and Linda Edgecombe held their annual 9, Wine and Pie golf tournament in September 2017 and they generously chose to donate the proceeds to Her International with \$10,000 to Empowerment through Education (ETE), \$10,000 to the Medical Scholarship Fund and \$2,000 to general funds. Kendra McFarland



initiated a Lake Dip Challenge this winter and raised \$2,000! We also had our first Christmas online auction with Kelowna Now and brought in an additional \$2,000. We had another successful year with our brick campaign that brought in \$13,900. I want to extend many thanks to everyone involved in fundraising to help improve the lives of the recipients of our programs.

Our founder, Michelle Bonneau, saw another one of her dreams come true by writing a book which tells the story of the Tharu women. This book is filled with beautiful pictures taken by photographer Julie Gascon. These two women launched a Kickstarter Campaign with the help of our co-executive director Tamara to fund the printing of *Her*, *The Tharu Women's Journey to Freedom*. They raised enough money to successfully print 1000 books as well as provide funding for Her International programs.

At Christmas, we launched our *Bottles to Beads* line of jewellery. Francine Walker, one of our board members, went to Nepal earlier in the year to design earrings, bracelets and necklaces with 4 local women. While we are just in the beginning stages of promoting this line, we believe it brings a beautiful new variety to our social enterprise. We still have a high inventory of scarves and jewellery of \$38,945 and it is our priority in the next year to explore new sales avenues to reduce that inventory. We have transitioned the eastern operations to our Kelowna office, which means that our sales have decreased out East along with our online sales. However, Linda Edgecombe has done outstanding work at promoting our programs and products to audiences all around the world and continues to be a huge support to our social enterprise. Even though the social enterprise has gone through many changes, it still brought \$28,000 into Her International programs and we want to thank the many volunteers who dedicate their time at scarf sales and events year long.





With 163 girls in school, over 1000 women in our Mother's groups, 44 bikes distributed, future medical professionals and literacy and mentorship classes, each and every donation makes a difference in her life.

With much gratitude,

Sylvie Forget, Treasurer/Secretary



## **Financial Statements**

## Her International Foundation Statement of Financial Position as at March 31, 2018

	2018	2017
Assets		
Current		
Cash	54,353	101,110
Inventory	38,945	37,752
Prepaid expenses	30,748	35,000
Due from related party	5,726	-
	129,772	173,862
Liabilities		
Current		
Accounts payable	4,931	2,500
Fund Balances		
Reserves	124,841	171,362
Unrestricted	-	-
	129,772	173,862

# Her International Foundation Statement of Reserves For the year ended March 31, 2018

	2018	2017
Reserves		
Bikes Reserve	7,193	7,015
Classrooms	-	1,281
<b>Empowerment through Education</b>	15,510	15,669
General	60,317	124,904
Literacy	3,470	2,000
Medical Scholarship Reserve	33,008	4,960
Teacher Training	180	180
UBC Sickle Cell	5,163	14,353
	124,841	170,362



# Her International Foundation Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances For the year ended March 31, 2018

	2018	2017
Receipts		
Donations	84,881	107,951
Fundraising	92,479	34,117
Sale of goods	52,083	71,324
Other revenue	960	1,126
	230,403	214,518
Disbursements		
Advertising	1,162	-
Bank charges and interest	4,341	4,641
Charitable programs	134,934	157,138
Fundraising	32,583	5,403
Insurance	655	655
Office	7,198	3,878
Professional fees	68,711	23,594
Purchase of goods for resale	23,940	17,922
Travel	3,400	1,600
	276,924	214,831
(Deficiency) Excess of receipts over disbursements	- 46,521	- 313
Transfer to reserves	46,521	313
Unrestricted, beginning of year	-	-
Unrestricted, end of year	-	-



#### **Programs**

#### **Empowerment through Education**

"Last year went very well. All the planned activities were completed. School admission, books, stationery items, personal care items and home dress were allocated on timely manner. This certainly helped to ease the financial burden of the families and helped to motivate their children to go to school and to go ahead. "Dinesh Raj Sapkota, Creating Possibilities, Country Director

The Empowerment through Education program continues to be the cornerstone of Her International's work to support the advancement of girls. The reach and impact of these scholarships are growing. This year Her International provided 182 scholarships to girls in rural Nepal bringing the total annual scholarships allocated since 2007 up to 2,261. We distributed 45 bicycles in January to students who met the financial and academic requirements, thus helping them get to school more quickly and safely. In addition to the schooling, tutoring, counseling, and peer support facilitated by Her International, our students also took part in career fairs, self-development training, women's rights rallies, and public speaking competitions.



#### **Mother Groups**



Last year was very fruitful. The women actively participated in a local election some mothers' member also stood as a candidate for the election. It was a good opportunity to the women to raise their voices and demands. They thanked us as they had been informed of their rights through their mothers' group meetings and spending time at Unako House. The literacy classes, Maghi event, women's day celebration and regular monthly meetings were the major events of the last year.

There were 833 mothers in 2015/2016 and last year and there were 952 mothers' members. We have been able to reach more women in new areas. They are continuing to understand the importance of saving and borrowing, how to operate a small business, how to fight for their rights, the

importance of the education, unity, health issues and other social subjects.



Last year 35 mothers from 2 groups were able to participate in a four month literacy program. They were taught to read Nepali, the English alphabet and basic math. By the end all women were able to write their own names and do basic math. Many went on to learn to read books and signs, use a calculator and use a phone. These women are proud that they can now teach their younger children these skills and they can continue to learn from their older children.

This year the community came together to celebrate International Women's Day. Over 1000 women marched together and celebrated with the theme "Time is Now: Rural and Urban Activist Transforming Women's Lives". They shared speeches, played games and danced. This was an empowering day for everyone.

#### Language is the Key

The Quebec, Canada based "Language is Key" project that launched in fall 2017 was particularly exciting for Her International because it was our first project in Canada outside of the Okanagan region. Her International recognizes that people who are victims of marginalization, poverty, lack of education and opportunity can live anywhere - not just in developing countries, but also down the street from where we live. Just as it is important for us to give a hand up to those in Nepal, it is also vital that we seek to help those in our backyard.



We were particularly excited to partner with the "Service d'Accueil des Nouveaux Arrivants" (SANA) de Trois-Rivières. SANA, is known in their community to be wholeheartedly involved and invested in their work in helping newly emigrants to Canada settle in. In their work, they shared with us at 'Her' that they observed how women who were home-bound (usually through having small children at home), did not learn the local language (French) and could quickly fade away in society. They did not make connections in the community and struggled to be involved in their children's education. In times of crisis such as illness or abuse, they did not know who to turn to or where to seek help. Unknown and unseen, they were silently lost.

"Language is Key" brought together volunteers to teach and mind children while 'Her' supplied materials and transportation. The results are that the women in the course reported not only greater capacity in reading, speaking, and writing in French, but they also reported greater self-confidence and less isolation.



#### Her Volunteers

"Her Volunteers" are fierce supporters who are making a difference - empowering women and girls around the world - through volunteering their time and talents. This year we held a few volunteer meet-ups in Kelowna that brought together like-minded individuals to gather and chat about the work that is being done. There were writers, photographers, videographers, and those that helped with our product lines, either by tagging or working at a sale. We could not operate without our volunteers and we are so thankful for your dedication over the years.

#### Her Ambassadors

In January we launched our Her Ambassadors program. Her Ambassadors are a group of passionate people who have committed to be ADVOCATES and ACTIVATORS for our organization. They work closely with our organization to develop their own **fundraising** initiatives, to sell Unako products, or to **raise awareness** for our cause. Ambassadors are featured on our website and awarded "Her Ambassador" badges for their websites and business cards.

Here are a few examples of what ambassadors have done this year:

#### 9 Wine & Pie

Each September, Kevin and Linda Edgecombe, host their annual golf tournament. Once again, Her International, was chosen to be their recipient. This amazing day starts with golf and concludes with dinner and pie tasting. We are humbled every year by the generosity of the Edgecombes' and their supporters. This year they raised over \$25,000 for Her International programs.

#### I Give a Dang

Check out Her Ambassador, Hugh Culver, spin his birthday on its head by choosing to give instead of get. For his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday Hugh chose to make a huge impact by launching a campaign to raise money to build classrooms in the region of Dang. Hugh has raised over \$15,000 to date. Hugh and his family will personally see the work first hand when they arrive in Nepal in November to build the classrooms. See: <a href="http://hughculver.com/i-give-a-dang-nepalproject-2018/">http://hughculver.com/i-give-a-dang-nepalproject-2018/</a>

#### #LakeDipChallenge

In January, a local Kelowna woman, Kendra McFarland, started a challenge that encouraged participants to brave the cold and jump into the lake, gathering in groups to do so and empowering themselves to do something they may never have done before. In February, Country Singer Brett Kissell and his group came on board to bring some media attention to the campaign. \$3550 was raised from this campaign.

See: <a href="https://lake-dip-challenge.causevox.com/">https://lake-dip-challenge.causevox.com/</a>



#### In The News

#### Michelle Bonneau awarded the Meritorious Service Medal

On June 5th our amazing Founder, Michelle Bonneau, received the **Meritorious Service Medal** from Her Excellency the Right Honourable Julie Payette at Rideau Hall in Ottawa. President Kevin Edgecombe and Vice President Ann Haymond Hill accompanied her on their own dime for support and celebration.



Meritorious Service Decorations (Civil Division) are given to recognize remarkable contributions in many different fields of endeavour, from advocacy initiatives and health care services, to research and humanitarian efforts.

As stated on GG.ca, the Governor General's website, "In 2005, Michelle Bonneau founded Her International to promote the education and development of marginalized women in Canada and elsewhere in the world. Through various programs supporting education in Nepal, as well as through the establishment of micro-credit groups, Ms. Bonneau has helped numerous Nepalese women to become self-reliant and achieve financial independence."

We are so proud of you, Michelle, and humbled to continue your work.

#### **Book Launch**

In June of last year, we started a Kickstarter campaign to bring one of our dreams to fruition. The campaign proved to be successful in raising over \$15,000 to completely cover the cost of printing and the book HER: The Tharu Women's Journey to Freedom became a reality.

On Thursday, June 21st we hosted a marvellous evening on the beach at the Kelowna Paddle Centre to officially launch HER: The Tharu Women's Journey to Freedom. Michelle gave us a beautiful reading from the book which you can see in the video (online here) link to <a href="https://herinternational.org/our-book-her-the-tharu-womens-journey-to-freedom/">https://herinternational.org/our-book-her-the-tharu-womens-journey-to-freedom/</a>.



You can purchase your own copy here: https://unako.ca/product-category/books/



#### **Events**

#### **HOPE IN HER EYES**

Hope in Her Eyes On Feb. 9th, 2018, Her International partnered with H.O.P.E. Outreach and the House of HOPE to bring Kelowna an evening to support women locally and globally. This event sold out with over 225 people. The night included an art gallery which showcased over 20 pieces by local artists that depicted women as the subject. We decorated an area to allow for people to sit down and try eye-



gazing, an exercise that shifted perspectives from the inside out. There was a Nepali style dinner and powerful speeches made by women who HOPE Outreach has helped, as well as videos depicting the courageous stories of women we work with in Nepal. The night raised over \$17,000 for women worldwide.



#### IWD #HERTIMETOTHRIVE

For International Women's Day on March 8th, Her International coordinated a series of local and global empowerment pop ups. Pop up events were held in 6 countries and had over 1300 attendees.

The worldwide events created good exposure for Her International locally and globally. The events linked followers to a successful campaign to raise \$10,000 for 30 girls to attend school. We secured new donors, volunteers, and supporters.

#### **CHRISTMAS SEASON**

Over the Christmas season, we began to offer a few Christmas "gifts" that one could purchase and were fortunate to have had \$1100 in sales of bricks, shoes, backpacks and hygiene products for the girls in Nepal. We will do much of the same this year, as the holiday season is a lovely time of year to give a mindful and meaningful gift.

From December 10th to December 21st, we had the Twelve Days of Giving and announced new and exciting packages every day to be bid on. The online auction with KelownaNow raised over \$2500 and attracted a lot of media attention for the charity. Thank you to KelownaNow for your partnership in this process. We will run the Festive auction again this year, so stay tuned.



# Social Enterprise

The Unako scarf line was artisan redesigned this year and offers modern prints and cuts. Our social enterprise welcome a new jewellery line launched this year that features eco-chic earrings, bracelets, and necklaces. The jewellery is handmade by women in rural Nepal by grinding up discarded glass bottles and firing the glass in mud ovens and the result is that each bead is unique and looks like burnished sea glass. The jewellery is for sale at artisan fairs, online at Unako.ca, and popup events around North America.













# Looking Forward

It is our greatest hope to expand the work that we do so that we can reach more women and girls. We are in a continuous process of ensuring that our programs are highly effective, that they involve community participants in the planning process, and that they allow the recipients to also give something back to our organization, resulting in a reciprocal learning.

We hope you'll consider taking part in a few of our upcoming events and programs:

**Dec 1-15th:** Bid on lots of goodies at <a href="https://auctions.kelownanow.com">https://auctions.kelownanow.com</a> for our Christmas auction with KelownaNOW.

**December gift ideas:** HerInternational.org/holiday is where you can purchase a brick with a loved one's name on it or sponsor a girl and her mother for just \$33/month in someone's name. You can also reach us at <a href="mailto:info@unako.ca">info@unako.ca</a> to sell scarves + jewellery at your office or to gift for corporate gifts.

March 8th: HOPE in Her Eyes at the Laurel Packinghouse (Kelowna, BC)

At any time you become an ambassador and host your own fundraiser for the charity. You can join our volunteer crew at scarf and jewellery events. Or you can become a digital volunteer in a variety of ways.

In any way that you come to find Her International, we hope you find a sense of belonging here.

Thank you for being a part of our circle,

Kate + Tamara





Annual General Meeting October 16, 2017 Third Space Coffee Kelowna, BC

#### Welcome

Opening remarks by Kevin Edgecombe, President

#### **Opening**

The Annual General Meeting of the Inter-Cultural Women's Education Network was called to order at 7:07pm by Kevin Edgecombe, President

28 people in attendance, 14 members, quorum met.

Introduction of the 2016-2017 outgoing Board of Directors.

Copies of the 2017 Annual Report and the 2016 Minutes were made available to everyone in attendance.

#### **Approval of 2017 Agenda**

Motion to approve the 2017 Agenda as presented made by Sylvie Forget, seconded by Beth Hanishewski; all in favour, motion carried.

#### **Approval of 2016 Minutes**

Motion to approve the 2016 Minutes as presented made by Chloe Edgecombe, seconded by Kate Mulvaney; all in favour, motion carried.

#### **Directors Reports**

See 2016-2017 Annual Report

#### **Financial Report**

Presentation made by Sylvie Forget, Treasurer

Sylvie reviewed the Statement of Financial Position as at March 31, 2017, Statement of Reserves for the year ended March 31, 2017 and the Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances for the year ended March 31, 2017. The costs associated with the ETE program were reviewed. Salangiri School was finished in 2016, \$47,500 is now fully paid off.

Motion by Kate Mulvaney "To accept the financial report as presented" seconded by Maureen Cousins, all in favour, motion carried.

#### **IWEN Programs**

Presentation by Kate Phelps



Kate reviewed her findings from her January 2017 trip to Nepal. The staff of Creating Possibilities were introduced. ETE, Mothers' Microcredit & Life skills Groups programs were updated.

#### **New Society Act**

Presentation of New Society Act to be implemented

Motion by Francine Walker "To accept the New Society Act" seconded by Sylvie Forget, all in favour, motion carried.

#### **Election of Officers**

#### President

Heather Oishi called for nominations for President, Sylvie Forget nominated Kevin Edgecombe, Heather called two more times for nominations, none were received, Kevin Edgecombe declared President by acclamation.

#### Vice President

Kevin Edgecombe called for nominations for Vice President, Chloe Edgecombe nominated Ann Haymond Hill, Linda Edgecombe nominated Francine Walker, Francine declined the nominations, Kevin called two more times for nominations, none were received, Ann Haymond Hill declared Vice President by acclamation.

#### Secretary/Treasurer

Kevin Edgecombe called for nominations for Secretary/Treasurer, Francine Walker nominated Sylvie Forget, Kevin called two more times for nominations, none were received, Sylvie Forget declared Secretary/Treasurer by acclamation.

#### Directors at Large

Kevin Edgecombe called for nominations for Directors at Large

Heather Oishi nominated Francine Walker

Sylvie Forget nominated Chloe Edgecombe

Francine Walker nominated Heather Oishi

Heather Oishi nominated Mandy Glinsbockel

Chloe Edgecombe nominated Dana Smithers

Francine Walker nominated Christina Benty

Chloe Edgecombe nominated Maureen Cousins

Maureen Cousins nominated Carolyn Walsh

Kevin called two more times for nominations, there being none, all were declared Director at Large by acclamation.

#### **Executive Directors**

Kevin Edgecombe announced the decision that was made March 2017 to hire two co-executive directors. Kate Phelps and Tamara McLellan introduced themselves to the membership.

Student Sponsorship – change was made this summer to community sponsorship from one to one.



Kate spoke about the loss of an IWEN student and how we are supporting the local community with mental health programs.

"Bottles to Beads" was introduced to the membership. Recycled bottles are ground and put into mud molds, fired and then made into jewellery. The women have just finished training and we look forward to growing the Unako brand.

Various new Canada Programs were introduced and how IWEN is looking to make a difference in our own backyard.

Liz and Lenard from Jackets 4 Jasper were invited to share their story.

#### **Proposal for Name Change**

Proposal to change the name of IWEN to Her International. We are changing, growing and improving, there is no better time than now to expand and to give IWEN the best chance to succeed.

Motion from Sylvie Forget "To change the name of Inter-Cultural Women's Education Network to Her International" Seconded by Chloe Edgecombe

Discussion was held in the membership over the name change.

Vote was held, all in favour, motion carried.

#### **Unako Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Kevin Edgecombe shared the story of little Unako and the status of funds raised for the scholarship fund.

#### **Closing Remarks**

Kevin Edgecombe

Adjournment Kevin Edgecombe adjourned the meeting at 9:26pm.