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*open positions*

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*open*

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*Incorporated 1966*

**GREETINGS FROM THE MCA BOARD**

**Greetings!**

Every year we hold an annual business meeting to offer the opportunity for members to become more involved in the association. The ballot this year includes two new names, Belissa Ho and Nanthang Has. All directors from 2014 are interested in another term, except for Racing Director/Marcus Imes. Marcus accepted a job out near the East coast, we wish him all the best, and will miss his enthusiasm. Nanthang Has will be on the ballot for the Racing director position. Belissa Ho is running for Vice-President. Our by-laws were written when the membership had several hundred members, thus there were many positions to fill. We would like to fill them all, yet we realize our numbers have changed. We do have openings for Director-at-Large, Public Relations, Volunteer Coordinator, Conservation, and Cruising Director. Page 12 contains descriptions. We are an easy and flexible group that can accommodate your talents. It is possible to set up an election on our ClubExpress site, but at this it is not worth the effort to ensure fairness, hacking, etc.

Did you sign the "petition" canoe? What an impact to see Amy Freeman portaging the canoe up to the White House. Hear their story on Sat., Feb. 7 at our annual meeting at REI.

Bob O'Hara has coordinated another Far North Symposium, the guest speakers have polished their presentations, and we invite you again to hear their stories. Best ticket price is early sign-up. Page 10 contains important parking information.

*Editor-*

*communications@mncanoe.org*

*Cover- Ice Canoe Race on the St. Lawrence River, Montréal, 2014, Simon Lebrun*

*From the by-laws of the MCA:*

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

- to unite in common organization those persons who are interested in all phases of recreational canoeing, professional and amateur canoe racing, canoe camping, and related activities
- to formulate and maintain standards for the guidance of members and others interested in canoeing
- to exchange information about canoes, canoe equipment, river, lakes and other waterways, campsites and other matters of common interest to members
- to promote and encourage conservation of wilderness, waterways and campsite and such other matters as will maintain and improve conditions for canoeing
- to do any and all lawful acts and things and to engage in any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful, suitable, desirable, or proper for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering, or attainment of any or all of the purposes for which the corporation is organized
- to aid and assist other organizations whose activities are such as to further, accomplish, foster, or attain any of such purposes.

# **2015 MCA Annual Meeting Announcement**

When: Saturday, February 7, 2015

Where: REI Community Room

750 W American Blvd., Bloomington, MN 55420

(Southeast Corner of I-494 & I-35W Intersection)

## **Agenda:**

10:15    Check-in/Seating

10:30    MCA Annual Business Meeting

Reading of the 2014 Annual Business Meeting minutes

Brief reports from MCA directors

Nominations from floor for elections of Directors

Election of Directors. Voting by proxy or mail is encouraged –  
Please Use the Proxy Form

Open discussion and adjournment of business meeting.

11:15    Exciting Public Presentation!!!

## **PADDLE TO DC—A QUEST FOR CLEAN WATER**

### **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ADVENTURER'S OF THE YEAR 2014**

The Current nominees for MCA Board positions are listed on the mail-in ballot on page 9. Nominees are sought for all positions, including those for which there is a candidate. Please contact: [president@mncanoe.org](mailto:president@mncanoe.org) (Kevin) for more information.

The MCA is a non-profit organization, registered in Minnesota. The annual meeting is a formal way of being accountable and accessible to our membership. An annual report containing the years activities and financial standing is distributed. The report will also be available at [mncanoe.org](http://mncanoe.org)

2015 MCA Public Presentation  
February 7, 2015, 11:15 a.m.  
REI Community Room , Bloomington, MN

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### **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ADVENTURER'S OF THE YEAR 2014**



AMY AND DAVE FREEMAN

The Freemans live on the edge of our nation's most popular protected wilderness: the BWCA. Alarming, both it and Lake Superior are threatened by sulfide ore mines that are being proposed in these pristine watersheds. To protect these precious waters and celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act, Dave and Amy are paddling and sailing their petition canoe from their home to the capitals of Canada and the United States.

[www.paddletodc.org](http://www.paddletodc.org)

# Far North Symposium

**Saturday, March 21, 2015**

Metro U 700 East 7th Street  
St Paul MN 55106

## **Time/Location:**

Saturday, March 21, 2015  
9am - 4pm  
Metropolitan State University  
Founders Hall - St. Paul Campus  
700 East 7th Street  
Saint Paul, MN 55106

## **Contact:**

Bob O'Hara  
Far North Coordinator  
952-927-0874  
email:  
Bobscanoe@comcast.net

## **Fee:**

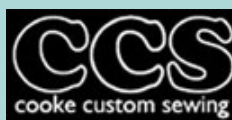
\$25 at the door  
\$20 if you register before  
March 20  
\$15 for MCA members be-  
fore March 20  
\$10 for students anytime

**\*Register online \***

Register Mail-in see page 5



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formation!**





# Far North Symposium



**Saturday, March 21, 2015**

Founders Hall Auditorium, Metro State University, St. Paul, MN

## Agenda & Speakers

**8:00 a.m.** Doors open, walk in registration, coffee & tea  
check maps and speakers tables, trips bulletin board

**9:00 a.m.** Welcome remarks--**Bob O'Hara**

Order of presentation is not yet determined  
(updated 01/01/2015)

**Adam Maxwell** -- Eight Rivers North Expedition, Canada

**Bear Paulson** -- Snake River, Yukon

**Dave and Josie Nelson** -- Killik River, Alaska

**Jim Gallagher/ Brian Johnston** -- "Paddling Unnamed Rivers",  
Victoria Island, Nunavut

**Kate Ellis & Bob O'Hara** -- Colville River Canoe Expedition,  
Alaska

**Lee Sessions** -- "Retracing the Steps: Across the Arctic Ungava",  
Nunavik, Quebec,

**Mel Baughman** -- Snowdrift River, Northwest Territories

**Peter Marshall** -- Labrador Passage Adventure, Canada

**4:00 p.m.** End

## Far North Parking Information at Metro State U

Please note that this year parking in the lot close to the auditorium is demolished-, i.e. under construction. There are very few parking spaces on the street. Union Depot is the alternate lot 0.7 miles away.

**Arrive Early**

**Park at Union Depot-Lot C in St. Paul for \$3**

**Take free shuttle to Founders Hall (0.7 miles)**

The Far North is able to offer the shuttle for the morning, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00p.m. If you are unable to walk back to your car, we can help you get there safely.

[Metro State InterimParkingMap.pdf](#)



Metro State Union Depot Parking: Enter on Kellogg Street (the entrance is on the Metro side of Hwy 52 bridge)



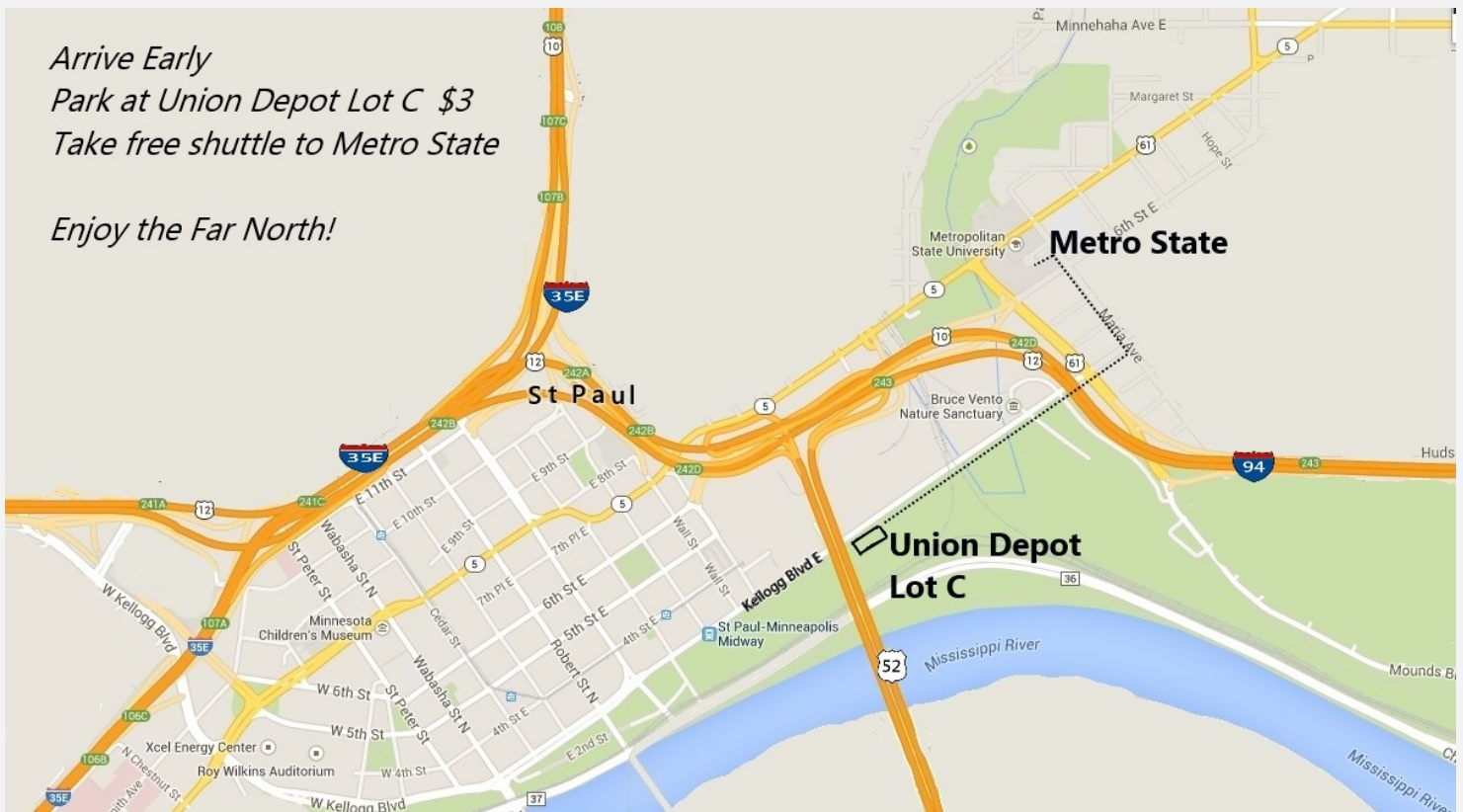
Lot C, Shelters. The Union Depot is a secure surface lot with security cameras, emergency phones, bus shelters and security patrols.

*Arrive Early*

*Park at Union Depot Lot C \$3*

*Take free shuttle to Metro State*

*Enjoy the Far North!*



## Far North Symposium Registration Form by mail.

[Please Print] FNS 2015

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee No. Total

On or before **March 20th** \$20x \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_ MCA member \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

Student \$10 x \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed. . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Make checks to: *Minnesota Canoe Association, Inc.***

Mail March 16/17 to guarantee delivery--don't miss the last pickup of the day.

Mail to: MCA Far North Symposium

C/O Bob O'Hara

6001 Goodrich Ave

St. Louis Park MN 55416

**Need Information?**

Bob O'Hara e-mail [Bobscanoe@comcast.net](mailto:Bobscanoe@comcast.net)

or call 952-927-0874

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# Mail Ballot and Proxy Form for the 2015 MCA Inc. Annual Meeting

I, (print full name) \_\_\_\_\_, a voting member in good standing of the Minnesota Canoe Association Inc. do hereby assign my proxy vote for the business that shall be conducted at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, February 7, 2015 to:

(print full name) \_\_\_\_\_

In assigning my proxy vote, I (check one)

\_\_\_\_\_grant the above named individual authority to cast my vote as they deem fit.

\_\_\_\_\_grant the above named individual complete instructions on how to cast my vote as shown below.

Vote for one candidate for each MCA Board of Director position by **circling the name of the person for whom you are voting:**

(Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.)

<u>Office</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Write-in</u>
President	Kevin Groeneveld	_____
Vice President	Belissa Ho	_____
Secretary	Kent Huemiller	_____
Treasurer	Mike Coriale	_____
Membership	Emily Johnson	_____
Publications	Mary Hoffman	_____
Building	Bob Anderson	_____
Education&Safety	David Shanteau	_____
Racing Director	Sinhang Has	_____
Public Relations	. . . . .	_____
Director thru 2015	. . . . .	_____
Director thru 2016	. . . . .	_____
Director thru 2017	. . . . .	_____
Cruising	. . . . .	_____
Conservation .	. . . . .	_____
Volunteer	. . . . .	_____

Vote on proposed changes to the MCA By-Laws:

No proposed changes.

**Submit your Proxy Ballot:**

Completed Proxy Ballots will be accepted at entry to the meeting or by floor call.

**To vote by mail**, please fill out this form and mail to:

Minnesota Canoe Association, PO Box 14989, Minneapolis, MN 55414-0989.

## Meet the latest nominees for 2015 MCA Board Candidates



### **Belissa Ho- Vice-President**

I am the drummer for the Duluth Dragon Boat Club. Dragon boating is based off a 2500+ year tradition. It involves a lot of teamwork and a lot of paddling. It's one of the fastest growing water sports worldwide. Find out more about the history, the basics, styles, and Dragon Boating opportunities in Minnesota.



### **Sinthang Has- Racing Director**

I've been involved in canoe racing for the past couple of years and have quickly grown to love the sport. I plan on increasing the promotion of canoeing events and training sessions to expose the sport to new members. I want to increase our relationship with the Loppet Foundation. The Tri-Loppet is an event that promotes and brings attention to canoe racing.



### **Public Relations**

**We need your skills!**



### **Director-at Large**

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**President** is Chief Executive Officer, presides over meetings of the Board of Directors and of members, actively manages MCA business and sees that all orders and resolutions of the Board are carried into effect, and serves as ex officio member of all standing committees.

**Vice President** performs the duties and exercises the powers of the President during the absence or disability of the President.

**Treasurer** acts as Chief Financial Officer, decides all matters pertaining to the financial assets of the organization, keeps full and accurate accounts of all transactions of a financial nature, tracks the current year's budget against the actual income and expenses, and submits a quarterly summary of the financial condition of the MCA.

**Secretary** keeps minutes of all Board meetings, submits minutes to the Communications Director for publication to members, and performs other duties as may be delegated by the Board of Directors.

**Membership Director** is responsible for insuring that an accurate roll of members in good standing is kept, recruits new members, and insures that appropriate materials are sent to members.

**Racing Director** promotes canoe racing and related activities of the MCA.

**Building and Materials Director** is responsible for promoting MCA activities relating to canoe and kayak building.

**Communications Director** is responsible for the promotion and publication of all editions of books, pamphlets, newsletters, magazines, or other written or electronic materials printed or published by the MCA

**Education and Safety Director** promotes MCA activities in safety instruction as well as education in technical skills of canoeing and kayaking.

**Director at Large** serves 3-year staggered terms. We have had some vacancies so some terms are not less than 3 years. They have no specific duties, but advise the Board on all matters and may fulfill duties of vacant director positions as agreed upon.

**Cruising Director** is responsible for promoting canoe cruises and related activities of the MCA.

**Conservation Director** is responsible for all MCA activities pertaining to conservation of natural resources with special emphasis as they relate to the enjoyment of recreational canoeing and kayaking and manages a river cleanup project each year.

**Public Relations Director** plans and promotes regular MCA meeting programs and irregular events.

**Volunteer Director** develops and manages a volunteer support system for the MCA.



## REGIONAL UPDATES

### Sandpiper Oil Pipeline MN

**January 23, 2015** Comment period ends. Online Visit [mn.gov/puc](http://mn.gov/puc), select *Comment on an Issue*, find this docket (13-473), and add your comments to the discussion.

January 14, 2014 Environmental Impact Statement (EIR) published by Enbridge.

Good summary of links [ACCLakes](#)

### Polymet Copper Mining in Northern MN

**2015-2016 session– Final Environmental Impact statements, public comments, decisions**

July 15, 2014 No pending legislation, reviews, actions

[May 20, 2014](#) PolyMet Mining Issue Gives Carlson School Freshmen a Case Study for Ethical Decision-Making

April 18, 2014 Nothing reported.

[March 13, 2014](#) EPA issues EC-2 rating.( Environmental Concerns– Insufficient Information)

### Cannon River/Hidden Valley Campground

**January 21, 2015 MN Appellate Court to decide on appeal**

[August 12, 2014](#) Campground Owner Appeals county's permit revocation

[June 16, 2014](#) Owner applies for a variance for holding tanks instead of on-site sewage treatment.

[May 16, 2014](#) Campground permit revoked by county– Thanks for your support and care for clean water!

[April 3, 2014](#) Troubled Campground Gets Reprieve

[March 14, 2014](#) The Cannon Falls Beacon, "Campground permit revoked by county",

[~2011 through 2013](#) Woodhalls Campground Management, The Independent Voice of the North American Campground Business, gives many dates and details

[October 2011](#) Goodhue County Land Use Management, documents, photos, letter, inspections

## PADDLING OPPORTUNITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

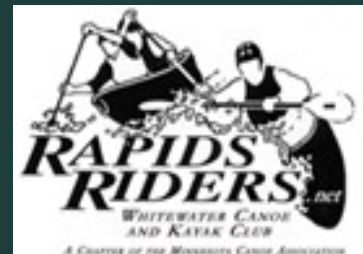
### PADDLING CLUBS IN THE REGION

#### ICE CANOEING IN QUEBEC CITY

<http://www.quebecicecanoeing.com> All equipment & guide included  
February 21st race at [Montreal Ice Canoe Challenge](#)

#### Rookie Racers

Your club here



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