

Nomination for Honourary Member Betty Kidd

In the ACMLA By-laws, provision is made for a special category of member, above and beyond our regular awards recognizing accomplishments:

4.2.5 Honourary Members –

Such individuals who the Association chooses to honour by election to such membership status. Such individuals shall be nominated by two full members of the Association and the nomination confirmed by the Board of Directors and ratified by mail by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of at least 40% of the full members of the Association.

As an Association, we have only awarded this membership category to six other individuals: Theodore Layng (1970), Kate Donkin (1988), Lou Sebert (1981), Joan Winearls (2004), Serge Sauer (2004) and Barbara Farrell (2004). Five of the six elected to be honorary members were present at the first annual conference of the ACMLA in 1967 (Barbara's first conference was in 1971). All were extremely active and involved members of the Association until, and even beyond, retirement from their full-time jobs. From the outset, they assumed leadership roles within the association and championed the Association beyond the confines of institutional walls.

At this time, we are nominating Betty Kidd for election as an Honourary Member of the Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives.

Betty (née May) Kidd is known to many of us for her steadfast support of the Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives, and the Association has seen fit to recognize her many contributions with an Honours Award in 1986. Betty not only attended the formative meeting of the Association in 1967, but she was part of the organizing team for that first conference at the Public Archives of Canada.

As a founding member of the Association, Betty very quickly assumed an active role in the Association. By 1971, she had already served a term as treasurer of the Association and, with Karen Lochhead, had conducted a Workshop on Cataloguing for National Union Catalogue Maps at the annual conference. The attached documentation gives an idea of the many contributions she has made to the Association.

It is not merely the participation in every aspect of the Association's work that marks how significant Betty has been to the Association. Those who have worked closely with Betty through the many name and organizational changes at the Library and Archives of Canada know that she has given encouragement and opportunity to her staff to attend meetings, hold office, and participate in the work

of the Association. She has acted as counsel and supporter of Board members, providing a home for the Association during her tenure at the LAC. Without fanfare or desire for recognition, Betty has spoken up at critical junctures to help the Association focus on its priorities and had significantly contributed to the growth of the Association.

Her record of attendance at the ACMLA Conferences has been an outstanding one and she has consistently prepared and presented reports on the activities of her division/unit/branch with honesty and candor at our meetings. In the interview published in the ACMLA Bulletin on Betty's retirement, she affirmed her commitment to the Association:

I intend to stay involved with ACMLA—it's been part of my life for many years and if I can do anything in the background to help the Association, I'm quite pleased to do so.

As full members, the election to Honourary Member status gives the recipients certain rights and responsibilities:

- a) the right to vote;
- b) the right to hold elective office in the Association and to serve on the committees of the Association;
- c) the right to receive the official journal of the Association without charge;
- d) such other benefits and services as the Association may establish;
- e) honorary members shall have the right to membership and all benefits thereto without payment of membership fees or dues.

At this time, we formally nominate Betty Kidd as an Honourary Member of the Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives, for presentation at the earliest possible date. We deem it a suitable honour for an individual who has played such a pivotal role in the Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives. It is a small price for a lifetime of dedication, excellence and service to the Association.

Nominated by:

Seconded by:

Elizabeth Hamilton

Richard Pinnell

Date:

Association activities

1967

Attendee; Inaugural (First) Annual Conference, Association of Canadian Map Libraries

1969

"Check-list programme of Map Division, Public Archives of Canada," paper presented at the 3rd Annual Conference of the ACML (Proceedings of the ACML, Laval, 1969.

1970/71

Member, Map Cataloguing Manual Committee (Sub-committee of the National Union Catalogue of Maps Committee) (Newsletter, v.3, no.3 1970, p.3)

Chair, National Union Catalogue Committee 1970/71 (Newsletter, v.4, no.1 March 1971, p.9

Treasurer, ACMLA 1970/71 (Proceedings of the ACML, Vancouver, 4th 1970)

"Maps as Sources of Historical Evidence," paper presented at the fourth Annual Conference of the ACML. (Proceedings of the ACML, Vancouver, 4th 1970)

"Workshop on Cataloguing for the National Union Catalogue of Maps" with Karen Lochhead. ACML 5th Conference, Toronto, 1971

1971/72

Member, Conference Organizing Committee, ACML 6th Conference, Ottawa, 1972.

Member, National Union Catalogue Committee 1971/72 (Proceedings, 7th, p.119

Chair, Committee to revise and republish the Directory (Proceedings, 7th, p.119, p. 128)

1972/73

Publications Officer, ACML (report in Proceedings, 7th, 1973, p. 77-78)

Chair, Directory Revision Committee (report in Proceedings, 7th, 1973, p. 87-88)

Chair, Publications Committee (report in ACML Bulletin, no. 13 (October 1973) pp. 15-16.

1973/74

President, ACML (announcement in Proceedings, 7th, 1973, p. 89)

“Diffusion money goes to Dark Continent.” ACML Bulletin, no.14 (1974), p.19.

“International Conference on the History of Cartography [conference report].” ACML Bulletin, no.13 (October 1973) pp.32-33.

1974/75

Past President, ACML; Chair, Nominating Committee 1974/75

Review: Federal Government Map Collection: a Brief History. Washington: SLA, 1969 ACML Bulletin, no. 16 (Nov. 1974), p.31

1975/76

Chair, Conservation Committee (report in Proceedings, 10th, 1976, p. 89-90)

Conference report, “Maps and Atlases: a new world in rare book and manuscript collection,” ACML Bulletin, no.22 (Oct. 1976) pp.6-7.

Review: “American War of Independence, 1775-8” ACML Bulletin, no.22 (Oct. 1976) p27.

1976/77

“Map User in Libraries and Archives” / Betty Kidd & Louis Cardinal. ACML Bulletin, no.23 (January 1977), pp.12-20.

“Maps and atlases: a new world in rare book and manuscript collection’ conference report.” ACML Bulletin, no.22 (October 1976), pp.6-7.

1978/79

“Information Systems in the National Map Collection: a Status Report”, ACML Bulletin, no.30 (March 1979), pp.41-44.

Chair, Conservation Committee. ACML Bulletin no. 30 (March 1979), 36.

1979/80

“Response from the National Map Collection Concerning the National Librarian’s Recent Proposals.” ACML Bulletin, no.34 (March 1980), p.7-19.

1981/82

Chair, ACMLA Conservation Committee

Member, ACMLA Publications Committee

Review: "Windows to the Past: A Bibliography of Minnesota Country Atlases." ACML Bulletin no. 40 (September 1981) p. 54.

"Lou Sebert: On His Retirement." ACML Bulletin no.42 (March 1982), p.15.

"A Selective Bibliography of Works by L.M. Sebert." ACML Bulletin no. 42 (March 1982, p.16-19.

"Exhibiting a County Map," ACML Bulletin, no.42 (March 1982) p.53-54.

1982/83

Chair, ACMLA Conservation Committee

Member, ACMLA Publications Committee

1983/84

Chair, ACMLA Conservation Committee

Member, ACMLA Publications Committee

1984/85

Chair, ACMLA Conservation Committee

Member, ACMLA Publications Committee

1985/86

Recipient, ACML Honours Award.

1986/87

Review: "1984 Huron County Historical Atlas" ACML Bulletin, no.62 (March 1987) p. 26.

Coordinator, Cartographic Archives news for the ACML Bulletin. ACML Bulletin, no.61 (Dec. 1986) p. iii.

1987/88

"Cartographic Archives," ACMLA Bulletin, no. 64 (September 1987), p.19.

1992/93

Panelist, "Two Sides of the Same Coin," 1993 ACMLA Conference.

2001 July

Retirement

2001/2002

"Review of the ACMLA Monographic Publication Program, with Recommendations for the Future: Interim Report." ACMLA Bulletin, no.114 (Spring/Summer 2002), pp.35-40.

2001/02

"ACMLA 'Founding Fathers and Mothers': an Interview with Betty (May) Kidd." ACMLA Bulletin, no. 113, Winter 2002, pp.21-25.

2002/03 2005/06

Chair, ACMLA Publications Committee