

**Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives**  
**Draft Objectives**

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To encourage and support the development of high standards in the management of and access to geographic information.<sup>1</sup>

To encourage and support activities which further the awareness, use and understanding of geographic information by Canadians, chiefly members of the academic community.

To establish and maintain contacts with creators, publishers, and suppliers of Canadian geographic information in order to develop consortial access arrangements and in order to represent and promote the collective interests of Canadian end users of geographic information

To develop and maintain active communication networks for the exchange of ideas and information among members of the association and Canadians with an academic interest in geographic information.

To encourage and support Canadian students who wish to participate in the activities of the association.

To support members' professional development activities as these relate to the objectives of the association.

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<sup>1</sup> Or alternatively, spatial information. Terms I considered but rejected include: geospatial information, cartographic information, cartographic materials, map information, map data, geodata, GIS data, georeferenced information. Comments please!