



## 2012 Annual Report from the ACMLA Second Vice-President

The Second Vice-President of the ACMLA is responsible for publication activities of the association.

The following committees and officers report to the Second Vice-President. Reports of their activities, where available, will also be posted on the association's web-site.

- Historical Maps Committee      Dan Duda, chair
- Publications Officer              currently vacant (was Heather Tompkins until in January 2012)
- ACMLA Bulletin Editor          Eva Dodsworth
- Web Committee                    Siobhan Hanratty, chair
- Webmaster                         Siobhan Hanratty

### Summary:

This past year, the main activity for the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP resulted from the resignation of our Publications Officer and the need to find a new location where our publications could be housed, both as a result of changes at Library and Archives Canada. That has mostly been looked after, but we still need a new Publications Officer.

Bulletin publication continued successfully with two new issues of the ACMLA Bulletin, under Eva Dodsworth as editor. Please refer to the web-site for her annual report. Thank you, Eva, for your enthusiasm and thoroughness.

There were no big changes in our web site in 2011. The web committee was mostly involved in administrative tasks, maintaining the ACMLA web-site. Thank you to Siobhan Hanratty for continuing to serve as webmaster, and for working readily and diligently to improve the web-site. Her annual report provides more details.

Historical Maps committee had a quiet year too.

### Activities:

In January 2012, our Publications Officer, Heather Tompkins, submitted her resignation since her position with Library and Archives Canada (LAC) became less geographically and cartographically related and she was not going to renew her membership with ACMLA. Also due to changes at LAC, we are no longer able to store our publications materials there. Fortunately, the University of Alberta Library is willing to keep our publications in their storage library at no cost (thanks to Dan Duda, for drawing on his contacts there). In late April 2012, the entire ACMLA publications inventory (seven boxes of monographs and twelve boxes of Bulletins) was shipped to Edmonton. The idea was that, with several ACMLA members

in Edmonton, someone will be able to retrieve publications when we need them. I plan to follow this up in person at our conference and I invite anyone willing to act as Publications Officer to get in touch with me. I would like to thank Heather for her service, for her help during the transition period and for facilitating the transfer of the publication materials from LAC to the University of Alberta.

While the Publications Officer position is vacant, e-mail requests to the [publications.officer@acmla.org](mailto:publications.officer@acmla.org) are being forwarded to the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP. This past year, there were no new orders to purchase ACMLA monographs. Other than the Bulletin, there are no pending (printed) publications.

Current copies of the Bulletin are sent to new members or for replacement of lost issues. Eva Dodsworth, Bulletin editor, looked after that this year. With the back issues of Bulletin having been digitized through Memorial University's Digital Archives Initiative (DAI) and those copies not needing to actually get mailed out, I expect we will be able to reduce the inventory of old paper copies of the Bulletin. (Remember, you can find the digitized back issues of the Bulletin through the DAI. Search <http://collections.mun.ca> under "Newsletters - Association of Canadian Map Libraries", or click directly <http://collections.mun.ca/cdm4/description.php?phpReturn=typeListing.php&id=139>.) Unfortunately, it was not feasible to sort through the entire inventory before moving the boxes to Edmonton. Dan Duda plans to rationalize the inventory while he is in Alberta during this summer.

In the coming year, we will likely need to find a new "permanent" mailing address for the ACMLA, instead of c/o Library & Archives Canada. The Executive has been looking into this. Also, the terms of reference for the Publication Officer and the publication policy should be reviewed and updated, as necessary.

Expenses related to ACMLA Publication activities:

Cost to ship publications materials (19 boxes via UPS, May 2012):	\$ 644.58
Honoraria (for Bulletin editor & Webmaster)	\$ 1250.00

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Toronto!

Respectfully submitted,

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