



2013 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. Separate reports of their activities, where available, will also be posted on the association's web-site. Since this organization depends on volunteers, I would like to thank each one for the work they've done in support of the various publications activities of the ACMLA!

- ACMLA Bulletin Editor Eva Dodsworth
- Historical Maps Committee Dan Duda, chair; Gord Beck, distribution; Cheryl Woods, advisor
- Publications Officer Virginia Pow (May 2012 – January 2013);
Larry Laliberté (January 2013 – present)
- Web Committee Siobhan Hanratty, chair; Colleen Beard & Sue McKee, members
- Webmaster Siobhan Hanratty

ACMLA Bulletin:

The Bulletin editor prepares the manuscript of the ACMLA Bulletin for printing. I would like to extend a 'Thank you' to Eva Dodsworth, editor of the Bulletin, for her enthusiasm and commitment to publishing the three issues this past year. (See her report on the ACMLA web-site.) In addition, thank you to all those who participate as column editors and those who contribute content.

Historical Maps:

The historical maps committee preserves and popularizes the rich Canadian cartographic heritage through publication of facsimile maps. In a conversation with committee member Cheryl Woods, I learned that the historical maps project started back in 1976. This has been a tremendous success over the years. Lately, the main activity of the historical maps committee has been the distribution of facsimile maps in our inventory as requests come in. New ones have not been printed recently. Thank you, again, to Gordon Beck for handling the requests for historical maps and for maintaining the inventory.

Publication officer:

The Publications Officer distributes publications on behalf of the Association and manages the publications inventories. With our inventory of monographs having been moved to Edmonton around the time of last year's AGM, two ACMLA members at the University of Alberta covered the Publications Officer duties. First was Virginia Pow until January 2013, and then Larry Laliberté stepped forward when Virginia went on leave. Thank you to both!

Web:

The web committee oversees the maintenance of the website, its currency, and development in design and content as it benefits the membership. The webmaster maintains the association's website in collaboration with the Web Committee.

Earlier this year (March 2013), the web-page was refreshed with a new colour scheme and background structure. For now, the site address is still <<http://www.acmla.org>> . This change was prompted, in part, due to moving to an on-line registration system for ACMLA memberships.

I would like to thank all the members of the web committee, all of whom have been on the committee since its inception in 2005: Susan McKee who is stepping down this year, Siobhan Hanratty who has been our webmaster since 2009, and Colleen Beard who is continuing on the committee. Siobhan has been looking for someone to take over webmaster duties. I hope to be able to announce to the membership and welcome an incoming webmaster during our AGM next week.

New volunteers, especially those who would be interested in improving the French content on our website, are most welcome. Please contact the chair of the committee or the 2nd V-P to help you get in touch with the right people.

General activities:

In the fall, it was decided to change how we bill shipping costs for publications and historical maps, so that the association does not mail them at a loss anymore. Until recently, a small flat rate was charged for shipping but that had not kept pace with increases in costs. The implementation of this change is still being worked into our invoicing process. The intention is to bill those who order ACMLA monographs and maps for the actual shipping costs, and this is now stated on the association's web-site. Nevertheless, with the shipments for the past year having already been sent out, we are not going to re-invoice those recent orders. It is estimated that the loss for shipping of books was less than \$50 over this past year. For comparison, there were no monographs ordered in 2011-2012 so there was no loss that year.

This past year, the ACMLA's mail was redirected from c/o Library & Archives Canada because there was no longer anyone at LAC willing to handle & forward our mail. Our bylaws (2.1 & 2.2) currently say that our Head Office needs to be in the City of Ottawa, but that a "branch office" can be designated. The mail is now being distributed from Edmonton, thanks to various ACMLA members at the University of Alberta. As printed in the Bulletin, ACMLA's mailing address is currently: c/o PO Box 60095, University of Alberta Postal Outlet, Edmonton, AB T6G 2S4.

The Publications Policy was reviewed and updated, correcting the web-addresses and contact information (available digitally at: http://www.acmla.org/docs/publications_policy.pdf). The terms of reference for the Publications Officer are being reviewed and, I hope, will be updated shortly.

Other than continuing editions of the ACMLA Bulletin, there are no pending publications. (A French language version of the "ACMLA recommended best practices in citation of cartographic materials" is being worked on, but that document falls under the Bibliographic Control Committee, and the 1st V-P's portfolio.)

Expenses related to ACMLA Publication activities:

Honoraria (for Bulletin editor & Webmaster)	\$ 1750.00
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I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Edmonton!

Respectfully submitted,

Wenonah van Heyst

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