

REPORT OF THE BIBLIOGRAPHIC CONTROL COMMITTEE FOR 2000/01

Membership

The Committee members for the past year were Trudy Bodak (Chair), Lorraine Dubreuil, Velma Parker, Donna Porter, Grace Welch, Frank Williams, Alberta Auringer Wood and Frances Woodward.

At our annual meeting which was held on June 1st in Edmonton, we decided it would be useful to have two more map cataloguers join the Committee, and we are pleased that Frank Williams from the University of Ottawa and Donna Porter from the National Archives agreed to be members of BCC.

Ongoing Projects

Work during the year focused on two ongoing projects:

1. Revision of *Cartographic materials: an interpretation of AACR2*

Velma and Grace worked very hard on the revisions for Chapter 3 of AACR2, which now have been presented to the Joint Steering Committee. The Committee passed some of the changes. Most notably is the change of GMD to “cartographic material”. However, there was some difficulty with rules in area 3 for scale, and the Committee sent these back to the community to resolve. Velma and Grace worked with the National Library of Canada’s staff to frame responses for the Canadian Committee on Cataloguing. As a result, the rules in Chapter 3 have been simplified. Digital cartography has been accommodated so that scale will be recorded, if it is present on the item, in the same way as it would be done for a paper map. Another change is the relocation of “geospatial reference data” to the note area. It is expected that the Joint Steering Committee will approve these rules at their meeting in Ottawa in October.

The appendices for series and serials and the index to *Cartographic Materials* are still to be finished.

2. National Union Catalogue of Maps

Work on the National Union Catalogue of Maps is progressing very well. There are now approximately 18 Canadian map institutions that are contributing cartographic records to AMICUS. The size of the cartographic file has grown to approximately 65,000 to 70,000 records. In November, Trudy Bodak, Lorraine Dubreuil, Velma Parker, Donna Porter, Grace Welch and Frank Williams attended a meeting in Ottawa with Ellen Katic, Emilie Lowenberg and Nicki Quintero from the Union Catalogue Division of the National Library of Canada to follow-up on activities from our last joint meeting in March, and to plan for the coming year. At this meeting, we reviewed the status of map collections in AMICUS. We also identified those institutions, that are not presently contributing cartographic records to AMICUS, that we will approach in the future. We discussed the revisions to the documents on *Core Level Cataloguing for Non-Serial Cartographic Materials* and the *Online Matching Guidelines*, and we addressed some of the cataloguing problems. We focused on database cleanup, and prioritized the work to be done. Thanks to ACMLA funding, we hired 2 students, who worked for a brief time,

correcting the GMDs (i.e. changing \$hmap to \$hcartographic material). To date, about 5000 (out of a total of 17,000) GMD records have been corrected. The Union Catalogue Division staff also reported that the National Archives records have all had GMDs added, and the backlog of error logs has been finished.

Publicity for the Union Catalogue of Maps continues to be an ongoing goal for BCC and NLC. This year, articles on the *National Union Catalogue of Maps: More Than 60,000 Records* and the *Core Level Cataloguing for Non-Serial Cartographic Materials* were published in the Spring/Summer 2000 issue of the *ACMLA Bulletin*. Our priorities for the coming year include mounting some of our documentation on the ACMLA web site, and writing an article for the *ACMLA Bulletin* and the *National Library Bulletin* on using AMICUS to find maps. The Bulletins are an excellent way for promoting our work and for encouraging map cataloguing. Several suggestions for future articles were mentioned at our last annual meeting, which we will follow-up on, as well.

This report reflects some of the highlights of the past year for the Bibliographic Control Committee. The Committee should be pleased with its accomplishments, none of which would have been possible without the dedication and cooperation of the members and the Union Catalogue Division staff at the National Library of Canada. Sincere thanks go to them.

Respectfully submitted,

Trudy Bodak, Chair
Bibliographic Control Committee
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