

Bibliographic Control Committee Report 2005-2006

I am pleased to submit the annual report of the Bibliographic Control Committee.

Membership

The Committee members this past year were Trudy Bodak (Chair), Anne Draper, Velma Parker, Donna Porter, Grace Welch, Frank Williams and Alberta Auringer Wood.

Recruiting new members was one of the Committee's goals this year. Three new members will be joining BCC when we meet in June: Christine Alexander (Library and Archives Canada), Nancy Lemay (University of Ottawa) and Martine Rocheleau (Natural Resources Canada). We welcome them as part of our team.

Workshops

This was a busy year for BCC as we planned and organized a series of training sessions in St. John's, Toronto and Ottawa.

The BCC panel entitled "**Metadata Standards: Why We Need Them, and How Do We Get There?**" at last year's ACMLA/CAA conference in St. John's was well attended and was a success. Three panelists (Sally Hermansen from the University of British Columbia, Grace Welch from the University of Ottawa and Cameron Wilson from Natural Resources Canada and GeoConnections) addressed metadata from different perspectives and expertise.

In response to several requests for map cataloguing training, the Bibliographic Control Committee of ACMLA and the Technical Services Interest Group of CLA organized a one day map cataloguing workshop "**Demystifying Map Cataloguing**" at Ryerson University in Toronto in February. The purpose of this introductory workshop was to focus on print sheet maps. The instructors (Christine Alexander from Library and Archives Canada, Paige Andrew from Pennsylvania State University Libraries and Frank Williams from the University of Ottawa Library) presented an intensive and informative training session, covering AMICUS, descriptive cataloguing, subject headings and classification. Their teaching was supplemented with a binder that included handouts, map cataloguing sources and map cataloguing examples.

In response to the positive feedback we received from this workshop, BCC has planned a pre-conference workshop in Ottawa on June 17, 2006 entitled "**Demystifying Geospatial Data Cataloguing**". Two excellent and well renowned instructors will be leading this training session: Mary Larsgaard, Assistant Head, Map and Imagery Laboratory, Alexandria Digital Library/Davidson Library University of California, Santa Barbara and Frank Williams, Cataloguing Services' Authorities Librarian at the University of Ottawa.

Cataloguing

Although officially retired, Velma continued to serve as the ACMLA representative on the Canadian Committee on Cataloguing this past year. Velma reported that AACR2 is in the process of being revised and will be called **Resource Description and Access**. She read the draft of Part 1, prepared written comments on it and other related documents, and attended the Canadian Committee on Cataloguing in which the Canadian response was discussed. The draft for Part 2 on access points is due out this summer with comments to the Joint Steering Committee due in October. The draft for Part 3 on the formulation of name and title access points and other aspects of authority control is expected sometime in late 2006 or early 2007. The last sections, the General Introduction, Appendices and the Glossary are due in 2007. Publication of the completed revision is expected in 2008.

In December, several Committee members attended a meeting in Ottawa with representatives from LAC (Library and Archives Canada) to follow up on the status of maps in AMICUS and discuss map cataloguing issues, and also to plan for cataloguing training in Toronto and Ottawa. Marc Coburn joined us to provide an update on the ACMLA/GeoTec 2006 Conference in Ottawa and to hear our plans for a pre-conference workshop. We were very pleased to have Emilie Lowenberg drop by on her last day at LAC. Everyone wished her best wishes for a happy retirement. Emilie has been working at LAC for many years, and her work on the Union Catalogue of Maps has been exemplary. We will miss her expertise and wisdom at our BCC/LAC meetings.

Once again, I would like to express my gratitude to the Committee members for their work and accomplishments this past year. It has been a very busy year.

Respectfully submitted
Trudy Bodak, Chair BCC
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