

Bibliographic Control Committee Report 2007-2008

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

Membership

The Committee members this past year were Christine Alexander (Library and Archives Canada), Stéfano Biondo (Université Laval), Trudy Bodak (York University), (Chair), Nancy Lemay (University of Ottawa), Donna Porter (Library and Archives Canada), Grace Welch (University of Ottawa), Frank Williams (University of Ottawa), and Alberta Auringer Wood (Memorial University).

We welcome our newest member, Stéfano Biondo, who brings to BCC new ideas and perspectives, and we are sorry to see the departure of Anne Draper and Martine Rocheleau. Donna Porter is our new representative on the Canadian Committee on Cataloguing and the Anglo-American Cataloguing Committee for Cartographic Materials. Donna will continue to represent the interests of the Canadian cartographic cataloguing community and will be a voice for ACMLA regarding rules relating to cartographic materials.

Meetings

The Committee held its annual meeting on May 9th, 2007 at the CARTO 2007 conference in Montreal, where we outlined several goals for the coming year.

In December, several BCC members attended a meeting in Ottawa with representatives from LAC (Library and Archives Canada) to review the status of maps in AMICUS, discuss map cataloguing issues, metadata, and plan our next presentation for CARTO 2008 in Vancouver.

Workshops

The **Geospatial Metadata Workshop** led by Nancy Lemay and Martine Rocheleau and the **Panel on Geospatial Metadata** moderated by Nancy Lemay for the CARTO 2007 Conference in Montreal received favourable responses. As a continuation of our efforts to educate our members about metadata, BCC has organized another metadata information session for CARTO 2008 in Vancouver. The presenter will be Andrea Buffam from Natural Resources Canada.

Cataloguing

Throughout the year Donna Porter, as the ACMLA representative on the Canadian Committee on Cataloguing (CCC), has been very active reviewing and submitting comments to the Joint Steering Committee for RDA (Resource Description and Access) scheduled for release in 2009. Frank Williams has graciously agreed to help Donna review the new drafts as they are released to the members of CCC. We will keep ACMLA posted on the progress of RDA and the work of CCC.

Other Activities and Accomplishments

The Committee worked on some major projects this year. We reviewed and redesigned the BCC web pages, and submitted our recommendations to the ACMLA Web Committee. Alberta Auringer Wood compiled an online guide to citing cartographic materials, which we will be posting on the ACMLA website. In addition, Grace Welch started to work on a metadata template for geospatial core elements that we could recommend to the Canadian cartographic community. She has completed a draft for review. We will be distributing this document to the community for their feedback.

Acknowledgements

Once again, I would like to express my gratitude to the Committee members for their work this past year. It has been a pleasure chairing such a Committee of dedicated and inspiring colleagues. On behalf of the Committee I would also like to thank the ACMLA executive for their support for travel funding.

Respectfully submitted
Trudy Bodak, Chair BCC
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