

PAST PRESIDENT REPORT 2010

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As one would expect, stepping down as President would normally relieve some activity. But somehow my portfolio was rather extensive this year, and probably my own doing!

My responsibilities as Past President include:

Chair, Nominations Committee

Chair, SSHRC Committee

ICA Canadian National Committee – ACMLA rep

Other responsibilities included:

Member satisfaction survey

ACMLA “member-at-large” position proposal

Coordinator, Mentorship Program

Chair, Web Committee

The Nominations report has been submitted separately and is accessible from the website under the Past President. The SSHRC travel grant report is ongoing until post conference. The Web Committee report appears under the 2nd VP reports.

ICA activities

Under revised ACMLA Rules of Procedure, the Past President is now the ACMLA representative on the Canadian National Committee to the ICA. Every four years CNC submits a Canadian National Report to the ICA. The last one was 2006 (which appears as *Geomatica*, Vol. 64, No.2, 2007). In collaboration with Andrew, I am currently working on the entry for ACMLA activities to be included in the 2011 report. Other ICA activity includes the International Map Exhibit where Dan Duda is the organizer for Canadian submissions. The next ICA conference is in Paris, 2011.

Member Survey

In collaboration with Grace Welch, a survey was designed to solicit feedback on ACMLA activities and suggested improvements that could be made to meet the needs of the members. Recognizing that the map librarian/archivist profession has transformed somewhat over the last several years, and new members are emerging with job responsibilities that involve managing GIS services and geospatial data, the survey was an opportunity for members to assess their value from an ACMLA membership, and hopefully also to reflect on opportunities to further their participation with the association. The survey saw a 44% response from members. Some results that emerged from the survey were that: networking is important; the Bulletin is highly valued; members need to improve geospatial literacy; and the website needs work!

Results of the survey will be presented at the AGM followed by a member discussion. Survey results will also be presented in a future issue of the *Bulletin*.

Member-at-Large position

It was suggested at a recent executive meeting that the association may benefit from an additional member on the executive. I have written a description of this position and have forwarded to the executive for next steps. Although the By-laws indicate that the Board of Directors consists of six directors only, this position could be approved as an Officer of the Association rather than a Board position.

Mentorship Program Coordinator

A full report is available on the website under 1st VP portfolio. However, it is worthy to note that after the first year of activity the program was evaluated as fairly successful. The program saw eight pairings in total. Evaluations were solicited to mentors and mentees that included some very positive outcomes and good suggestions for improvement. Participation is currently being sought for this year.

Respectfully submitted,

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