



## 2015/2016 Annual Report of the ACMLA Past President

The ACMLA Rules of Procedure and the ACMLA bylaw that was passed by the membership in June 2015, stipulates that the Past-President is the Chair of the Awards Committee and is responsible for the disbursement of the travel funding for the Association.

### Travel Fund

I worked with the Executive of the Association to revise the ACMLA Policy of Travel Funding and the travel funding application form. The travel policy now includes funding allocation for travel, lodging, meals, and registration. In addition, the language of the policy was updated to reflect the changes to the Rules of Procedures and bylaw. The application form for travel funding was updated and is now available as an Adobe PDF format to make it easier for our members to submit their applications in an online environment. The policy and form were approved by the Executive on April 14, 2016 and available online:

**Policy:** [http://www.acmla-acacc.ca/docs/ACMLA\\_conference-travel\\_funding\\_policy.pdf](http://www.acmla-acacc.ca/docs/ACMLA_conference-travel_funding_policy.pdf).

**Conference Travel Application Form:** [http://www.acmla-acacc.ca/docs/forms/ACMLA\\_conference-travel\\_assistance\\_request.pdf](http://www.acmla-acacc.ca/docs/forms/ACMLA_conference-travel_assistance_request.pdf)

The call out for Travel Assistance was sent out on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016, with a deadline of May 15<sup>th</sup>. On May 18<sup>th</sup>, I met with the Treasurer to adjudicate the applications and allocate funds. I am pleased to report that all members who applied for conference travel funding were granted their request.

### Awards Committee

I would like to thank Eva Dodsworth for her dedication and service to the Awards committee, and for her guidance. Eva served as Chair of the Awards committee from 2011 to 2015. In addition, Cheryl Woods, a long serving member of the committee stepped down earlier this year.

This year, the Awards Committee consisted of the Chair (Rosa Orlandini), Francine Berish, and Rhys Stevens. The task of the committee is to ensure that the guidelines and protocols of the ACMLA Awards are carried out according to the wishes of the Association. The Committee conducted its business via email and telephone. A call for nominations for the ACMLA Paper Award, ACMLA Honours Award, and the Student Paper Award were sent to the CARTA and ACMLA mailing list in February with a deadline of on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016. In March 2015, Rhys Stevens stepped forward to become a member of our committee. Due to lack in response for the Student Paper Award, the deadline was extended to April 27<sup>th</sup>.

The committee met on the phone on May 5<sup>th</sup> 2016, to adjudicate the awards. The committee didn't receive any nominations for the *ACMLA Honours Award*.

Although no nominations for the *Cathy Moulder Paper Award* were brought forward, the Committee reviewed articles in the ACMLA Bulletin issues **149, 150 and 151** based on the criteria outlined on the ACMLA website. The recipients of the Cathy Moulder Paper for 2015 are: Colleen Beard, Jay Brodeur, Sharon Janzen, Amber Leahey, and Sarah Simpkin for their article, *Ontario's Historical Topographic Map Digitization Project*. The Paper Award consists of a monetary award of \$200.00. This year the authors declined the award and requested that funds be transferred to the ACMLA travel fund.

For the *Student Paper Award*, the Committee received three submissions. The committee awarded the Student Paper Award to Adrian Christ, undergraduate student at University of Alberta, for his paper, "*Delineating East and West: Dutch Cartographers and Divided Hungary, ca 1570-1685*". His paper was selected for the Student Paper Award because it was very well written and interestingly connected Dutch cartographers to maps of Hungary and the Ottoman Empire. Unfortunately, Adrian won't be presenting at the conference, but he will be publishing his article in the *Bulletin*. Adrian will be receiving a monetary award of \$250.00 and a free membership in the Association for one year.

Respectfully submitted by Rosa Orlandini, ACMLA Past-President, June 10th, 2016.