



## 2016-17 Annual Report from the ACMLA Past President

As per ACMLA's Rules of Procedure, the Past President is the chair of the Awards Committee and is responsible for the disbursement of conference/travel funding for the Association. This year, the Past President was also the chair of the Nominating Committee.

### Conference/Travel Funding

As per changes made in 2016, the Conference/Travel Funding Policy was updated to include costs other than just travel costs for members to attend the annual ACMLA conference. In 2017 the policy was once again modified slightly to state more explicitly that the objective of the funding is to "assist in achieving and maintaining a diverse and inclusive conference make-up." This year the Conference/Travel Funding application form was converted from a pdf to a Google Form.

The call for Conference/Travel Funding applications went out on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 and closed on May 15<sup>th</sup>. The Treasurer and I both reviewed all applications to the fund, and I am pleased to report that all members who applied for funding were granted their requests.

### Awards Committee

This year the Awards Committee consisted of the Chair (Siobhan Hanratty), Francine Berish, and Rhys Stevens and the committee conducted its business via email and telephone. The Awards Committee proposed that a change to the page length for articles eligible to be considered for the Cathy Moulder Paper Award be changed from three to two, and the ACMLA Executive Board approved said change. As such, the committee reviewed seven papers that had been published in the *Bulletin* in 2016 (issues 152, 153, and 154). This year's winner is Trevor Ford, for his article "New Tools for Military Historians: How GIS Can Help Understand Canada's North-West Europe Campaign."

The committee received one nomination for honorary membership for Richard Pinnell, former ACMLA member who retired from the University of Waterloo. As per the awards manual, a vote was conducted and the required number of votes was greatly surpassed. Mr. Pinnell will be reinstated as a member (life-time) with voting privileges and a subscription to the *Bulletin*.

The committee also received one nomination for the certificate of appreciation for ITMB Publishing Limited "for leadership and exemplary conduct in the production of traditional or digital map and spatial data products." Deena Yanofsky sent a letter to ITMB informing them of this award.

The committee received no nominations for the ACMLA Honours Award or Student Paper Award.

### Nominating Committee

After not being able to solicit nominations for one position last year, the 2016-17 Nominating Committee, Siobhan Hanratty (acting as Chair), Rosa Orlandini, and Wenonah van Heyst, were faced with the challenge of finding candidates for two positions this year: President and Vice President/President Elect. We met via telephone four times for regular meetings and one final time to finalize the slate of candidates.

As has been the case in the past several years, no nominations were forthcoming without some prompting from committee members. After calling reaching out to some candidates who had either expressed willingness or interest in the past, I am pleased to report that Marcel Fortin has agreed to let his name stand for President and Daniel Brendle-Moczuk has agreed to let his name stand for Vice President/President-Elect. As we had only two candidates for the slate, one for each position, it was the recommendation of the Nominating Committee that we acclaim both candidates. The Executive Board agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Siobhan Hanratty  
Past President  
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