

## 2005-6 ACMLA President's Report

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A reading of the following Executive and Committee reports will show how busy the past year has been for the Association and the many accomplishments that have been attained. I'd like to comment on just a few of these.

Last year's conference at Memorial University in St. John's was truly a memorable event for all who attended. Exhibitions, presentations and social events – even 'kiss the cod' mark its place in the legacy of our annual conferences.

Our Awards Committee has met to consider nominations for our awards: the ACMLA Honours Award; the Papers Award; and the Student Paper Award. The Committee also developed Terms of Reference for the Certificate of Appreciation and reviewed a recommendation for that award.

The Bibliographic Control Committee (BCC) has also been very busy. Last year's conference featured a panel entitled *Metadata Standards: Why We Need Them, and How Do We Get Them*. A very well attended and successful one-day workshop *Demystifying Map Cataloguing* was held during the winter in Toronto; and this year's conference features a per-conference workshop *Demystifying Geospatial Data Cataloguing*.

Also on the outreach education theme I want to recognize the OCUL Map Group's *Library Assistants Workshop* hosted by Tom Power at Nipissing University. Like its predecessor at McMaster its focus on map library assistants and support staff provides valuable strength for an important sector of our community.

Our publication activities continue to support our community and our Association. The sale of our historical map series has been bolstered by a 'stock-reduction' event stimulated by the need to relocate our stock from University of Western Ontario where Cheryl Woods has been caring for it. The stock will be moved to space at LAC. Our special thanks go to Cheryl for her ongoing support of the Historical Maps project and to Gordon Beck and Louis Cardinal for the day-to-day operations.

Our webpage has seen major enhancements with its new presentation and particularly with the enhanced images of our historic maps. Anyone who hasn't looked recently, really should check it out. Thanks to Colleen and Gerald for their work

Also, our flagship publication, the Bulletin, deserves note. The three issues produced this year have provided us excellent articles and interesting news that keep our geographically dispersed members in community with each other. I know that we thank Cathy Moulder, the column editors and contributors for this valuable work.

Our Conference for 2006 is now here and it will be an exciting week for us in Ottawa. Marc Cockburn and his committee have worked hard but I am sure that we will all enjoy and benefit from the fruits of their labours. I write this on the eve of my departure for Ottawa and in anticipation of seeing many of you there.

I would like especially to thank the other executive members, Marcel Fortin, Andrew Nicholson, Colleen Beard, Marc Cockburn and Pat McIntyre for all their assistance and inspiration. It has been a pleasure and an honour to work on such a team. One member deserves special recognition this year and that is Pat McIntyre, our (almost) perpetual Treasurer who is stepping down this year. The fiscal health of your Association owes much to Pat and his quiet but superb management our funds over the past years. Many thanks Pat!!

Finally, thanks to our members, many of whom are such active contributors to our profession, our passion and our Association. You are the strength – please continue to participate.

Respectfully submitted

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