

## President's Report 2007-2008

It was a year of many accomplishments and the work of the members are acknowledged with thanks!

The following report is a summary of Executive and Committee work over the last year. Three items in particular will be presented for discussion at the Annual General Meeting in Vancouver and are provided for preview at the web links indicated. I also refer you to other committee and executive member reports posted on the ACMLA web site <http://www.ssc.uwo.ca/assoc/acml/2008commrpts.html>

Since the last AGM, we hit the ground running with the formation of the ACMLA/NRCAN working forum as a consultation venue to review the "next steps" of the NRCAN mapping program. The forum met/teleconferenced several times. An update was recently published in Bulletin #131 by Steve Wesley, and a NRCAN consultation session will be held as part of the CARTO 2008 conference program to review the "next generation" of the topographic map series.

Jeff Labonte, Chair, NRCAN GeoBase Steering Committee, extended an invitation to ACMLA to participate in the CCOG National Mapping Strategy initiative. Heather McAdam, our designate, has attended several meetings and will be providing members with an update in Vancouver. Thank you to several ACMLA members who attended GIAC (Geomatics Industry Association of Canada) sponsored workshops across the country to participate in NMS round table discussions.

The ACMLA Mentoring Program proposal has been resurrected from a few years back and will be discussed at the AGM in Vancouver. Grace Welch conducted a "needs" survey and concluded that a program would indeed benefit members. Her new proposal can be viewed at: [http://www.ssc.uwo.ca/assoc/acml/mentor\\_program08.pdf](http://www.ssc.uwo.ca/assoc/acml/mentor_program08.pdf)

Committee restructuring:

A proposal to disband the Publications Committee was drafted for member discussion at the AGM. Reasons for doing so are included in the proposal at: [http://www.ssc.uwo.ca/assoc/acml/Publications\\_Committee.pdf](http://www.ssc.uwo.ca/assoc/acml/Publications_Committee.pdf)

Also at the AGM, the Executive will be proposing to strike a standing committee to explore opportunities for access to geospatial data; software; and other resources for national consortia. Please read the following proposal AND consider committee participation: [http://www.ssc.uwo.ca/assoc/acml/PROPOSED\\_DATAcommittee.pdf](http://www.ssc.uwo.ca/assoc/acml/PROPOSED_DATAcommittee.pdf)

ACMLA member achievement highlights:

- The Great historical facsimile maps giveaway - Ottawa members.
- ACMLA/NRCAN working forum – members consulted with NRCAN on the "new topographic series" design.
- National Land and Water Information Strategy consultation forum – Richard Pinnell
- CCoG National Mapping Strategy - Working Group representation: member participation at meetings and workshops.
- Policy on reproduction of ACMLA facsimile maps – Historical Maps Committee
- Website re-design – Web Committee
- ACMLA representation to reverse LAC's reduced hours policy – Grace Welch
- ACMLA Mentoring Program proposal – Grace Welch
- Committee re-organization – Colleen Beard

Goals for 2008/09 Executive include:

Business Plan – for the following three years based on new ACMLA objectives.  
Membership drive  
Mentoring program  
Travel Policy revision

Thank you to all returning members and a sincere welcome to new members.

The Association is constrained in many ways due to its size and geography, and is difficult to populate committees and achieve the work it so desires. But every little bit helps! Putting a column together for the *Bulletin*, or achieving a small committee task as part of a larger one, or participating in a consultation forum on behalf of ACMLA, is very much appreciated. Thank you to all and I look forward to seeing you in Vancouver.

Respectfully submitted,

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