



The 2013-14 Annual Report from the ACMLA President

The 2013-14 year has been an active one for ACMLA. I would like to thank my fellow Executive members, officers, and general members who have made contributions to the activities of the Association over the past year.

This June will be our 47th conference and I would like to welcome all members to CARTO 2014, especially folks who are attending their first ACMLA conference, and a big thanks to our Local Arrangements team in Montreal and our Program Committee.

This was a busy year, especially for our two key members of the ACMLA By-Laws task force, Courtney Lundrigen and Leanne Trimble. Courtney and Leanne, with assistance from all members of the Executive, spent numerous hours drafting a new set of by-laws and governing structure to reflect the Emerging/Flexible model that was proposed by our membership in the Fall of 2013. In addition, Courtney and Leanne coordinated our communications to our members, worked closely with our lawyers and translators, to present our membership with a set of proposed by-laws to direct the future of the Association. These proposed by-laws will be discussed and voted upon at a special meeting that is part of our Annual General Meeting on June 19th, 2014. Kudos to Leanne and Courtney for their hard work and dedication, it is much appreciated!

In late March 2014 as president of ACMLA, I attended a meeting of library association leaders, organized by the President of the Canadian Association of Law Libraries. This meeting brought together leaders from approximately 25 Library and Archives associations from across Canada to discuss how we can better advocate on behalf of our professions. In May 2014, the ACMLA Executive decided to take part in this initiative by actively communicating and sharing our advocacy needs with other associations, and participating in common communication strategies.

For more than a year, Deena Yanofsky has been working hard as ACMLA's representative on the Canadian Geomatics Community Round Table (<http://cgcr.ca/>) and she was a significant contributing member to the Education and Capacity Building working group. Deena and I attended CGCRT Geomatics Strategy, Action and Implementation Planning Workshop in Ottawa, from June 9th to June 10th in Ottawa, in which we participated with other stakeholders in crafting future goals, objectives, and action plans for the Canadian Geomatics community.

As you will read from the annual reports posted on the ACMLA website this has been a busy year for all of our Executive members and committees. I would like to extend a big thank you to Wenonah Fraser Van Heyst who has been our 2nd Vice-President since 2011-2012. Previous to that Wenonah was our Secretary. It has been a great privilege to work with Wenonah and I wish her well in her future endeavors.

We have several active committees that cover just about every aspect of Maps, Geospatial Data Librarianship as well as archival work. Please consider volunteering and sharing your interests and ideas for the future of our profession and the ACMLA. For more information about our activities, committees, or task forces, please speak with one of the executive members or consult the ACMLA website.

We also have a mentoring program to assist new members to become orientated to the profession and our association. If you are interest in being matched with a mentor, please speak to me or any other member of the Executive.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Montreal and an active and fulfilling year for ACMLA.

Respectfully submitted,

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