

2006 ACMLA Standing Web Committee Report

This is the first report of the Web Committee since its inception in July 2005.

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The Web Committee established its Terms of Reference and responsibilities. The ACMLA Board approved these terms in November 2005 and read as:

TERMS OF REFERENCE: To oversee the maintenance of the website, its currency, and development in design and content as it benefits the membership.

REPORTING STRUCTURE: A Standing Committee reporting to the Board of Directors through the Second Vice-President.

Established according to the Minutes of the Board of Directors, November 5, 2005, item 8.

MEMBERSHIP: Webmaster; and Full members in good standing.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. To maintain currency by adding announcements or features to the main page and to update current pages.
2. To improve content to the website by creating new web pages.
3. To develop a process for members to provide input for improvement or content.
4. To improve the ongoing design of the website.
5. To maintain and develop the French content according to the ACMLA Official Languages Policy.

A major achievement of the Web Committee was the reproduction of all the ACMLA historical map images (still in print) on the web catalogue. The images were produced using a digital camera, and each image cropped and adjusted for resolution, sharpness and contrast using Adobe PhotoShop Elements software. A resolution of 100 dpi was used to restrict a good quality reprint from the web. Although not perfect, the images are a great improvement to the previous. Thanks especially to the Brock University Map Library staff for their work.

Some of the projects in progress to develop the web site include the descriptions of provincial government digital data agreements. Currently, agreements on the web include the national data consortium agreements. We would like to expand this to provide members with a site that lists province-wide agreements in a "one stop" shop. Trudy continues to keep the Cataloguing Tools web page current.

A priority of the Web Committee for the next year is to post selected *Bulletin* content on the website. Featured articles of interest and digital data procedures are items that come to mind.

I would like to propose that a francophone member come on board the Web Committee to assist and recommend translation of web content. This will assist in keeping with the terms of reference of the Committee. Please contact me if you would like to help out.

A big thank you to Gerald Romme for maintaining the web site and performing his technical magic that makes our work visible.

PLEASE send us your ideas. It's YOUR web site!

Colleen Beard
Chair, Web Committee
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