

2008 ACMLA Web Committee Report

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The Web Committee has undertaken the major task of a re-designed web site with the technical leadership of Siobhan at the helm. As you can imagine, this is a task that requires incredible time and effort especially for one person, as it is difficult to delegate the technical tasks. Final touches to the design (originally created by Heather McAdam) and content are currently being made to the main and secondary pages. Once completed, a launching of the site should follow shortly thereafter. Committee members can then work on updating the content of the secondary pages in concert with the new design.

It was the decision of the committee that careful attention to detail be considered to assure easy maintenance for our Webmaster. Below are some of the specifications being implemented for the newly designed website:

- all formatting is done through CSS (cascading style sheets) and not tables (this allows for easier accessibility by people with programs for reading text aloud)
- XHTML & CSS coding is compliant with W3C standards
- layout is scalable, which allows for easier enlarging and shrinking
- because content is separate from style, editing will be much more straight forward
- added metadata to pages
- compatible with Firefox, Opera, and IE

Priorities for French translation and details are also being established.

A big thank you to Siobhan Hanratty for taking on the technical grunt work, and to the committee members for their diligent feedback.

Respectfully submitted,

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