



2010 ACMLA Web Committee Report

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A major achievement this year was the successful migration of the ACMLA website to Canadian Web Hosting. As of November 2009 the acmla.org website was live; however, it was a mirror for the UWO hosted site - thus content was duplicated. As of January 2010 content was removed from the UWO site, but a redirect page was left. As would be expected, the number of visitors redirected from the UWO site has decreased in the months since the change-over, which means many people have changed their bookmarks; however, April 2010 saw a spike in the numbers of pages being referred. As such it is suspected that there are still a number of websites with the old address listed. Members are asked to check their web pages and make the appropriate change to their ACMLA hyperlinks.

The Web Committee members did a critical review of all web pages and made recommendations for reorganization and enhancements; checked for broken links, etc. The ACMLA member satisfaction survey results also provided input for improvements that the web committee considered.

Members prepared mock-up pages. Siobhan will be reorganizing the site and making enhancements over the next several months. A demo of these changes will be made at the AGM in Guelph. Some of these include:

- Reorganizing the main page menu and providing a search function
- Updates to several pages, incl. committees; geospatial data sources; Toolkit.
- Inclusion of Bulletin award winning papers and other selected content

Also for security purposes, Siobhan set up corporate e-mail addresses for officers whose names appear on the web pages.

Trudy will be resigning from the Web Committee as of the AGM in June. She has made significant contributions over the years to the overall reorganization of the website and the toolkit content. Colleen will be stepping down as Chair (but remaining on the committee) with Siobhan resuming these responsibilities.

I express my sincere appreciation all committee members, and especially to Siobhan who has spent many hours reshaping the site.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Beard
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