

Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives
Association des Cartotheques et Archives Cartographiques du Canada
Annual General Meeting
University of Manitoba
Winnipeg, Manitoba
June 3, 2004

1.0 Establishment of Quorum; Call to Order.

It was established that a quorum was reached and the meeting was called to order at 1:40pm

2.0 Opening Remarks

President Marcel Fortin welcomed members. He wished to report that Ann Smith, the current Secretary of ACMLA has resigned. Andrew Nicholson has been appointed by the Executive as her replacement.

3.0 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.
(Richard Pinnell, Tim Ross) CARRIED

4.0 Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting which was held on May 31st, 2003 in Victoria, B.C. were previously circulated and published in the ACMLA Bulletin No.119, and were approved with one change. Shirley Harmer noted a change in wording was needed under Business Arising: Archives. The sentence:

“The letter from Rowna Mokhtar outlines the procedure for anyone wishing reference help but does not outline specifically what ACMLA members, who should benefit...” should be changed to: “but does not outline that ACMLA should be treated as a researcher.”

Approved with one correction.
(Dan Duda, Shirley Harmer) CARRIED

5.0 Business Arising

There was no Business Arising.

6.0 President’s Report

6.1 Listserv

No volunteers have come forward to host an ACMLA listserv, so Marcel Fortin will begin a listserv for ACMLA members to be hosted at the University of Toronto.

6.2 DSP status –NRCAN products

Marcel Fortin reported that there are funding and structural issues at NRCAN and this may have an impact on future agreement with the DSP. Current agreement expires in May 2005. Marcel Fortin and Grace Welch will follow up with NRCAN. On the DSP side, they currently have no permanent director, but Christine Leduc is acting. It was suggested that members send a letter to the DSP with institution letterhead to the DSP to offer their appreciation for access to the NRCAN digital data products. Marcel Fortin will send a message on the list asking members to write to the DSP.

6.3 Geospatial Data Committee

The Committee is in need of members and a new chair. There is an opportunity for ACMLA to form a Joint Data Committee with members from CAPDU. Contact Marcel Fortin if you are interested in being a member.

6.4 Geoconnections

The Geoconnections Report is available on the ACMLA website.

6.5 Award to Manitoba Land Initiative (MLI)

ACMLA members voted on the awarding of a “Certificate of Appreciation” to the Manitoba Land Initiative.

(Elizabeth Hamilton, Stefano Biondo) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In future, members who know of suitable candidates for an award should contact the ACMLA Executive.

7.0 Treasurer’s Report

Pat McIntyre went through the financial report for 2003. The situation continues to look very positive. The SSHRC renewal is done on a one year basis, so it is not known if it will be renewed for next year.

(Richard Pinnell, Lori Sugden) CARRIED

8.0 First Vice President’s Report

The first Vice President’s Report and Committee Reports are published on the ACMLA website.

8.1 Bibliographic Control Committee

The Committee reported that the Map Cataloguing Survey was a great success and that there were a number of requests for more cataloguing workshops. More material on the cataloguing of geospatial data and metadata should be made available. A pre-conference workshop in St. John’s in 2005 is one possibility. Thanks to all members who responded to the survey.

Membership on the committee is changing as Lorraine Dubreuil steps down. Amy Chan has now joined the committee. Thanks to Lorraine for the valuable service.

8.2 Copyright Committee

No report. Contact Richard Pinnell if interested in joining.

8.3 Conferences

The 2003 Victoria Conference proved to be a tremendous success. Lori Sugden reported that a generous donation from DMTI helped the conference turn a profit. A report is available on the website. David Jones thanked Lori Sugden for hosting a wonderful conference. Thanks were also expressed to Hugh Larimer, Gary Strike, Rosa Orlandini, and Christine Cullingworth for organizing such an enjoyable conference this year.

The 2005 conference will take place at Memorial University in St. John's Newfoundland between July 26-29th, 2005. Dan Duda and Alberta Wood are leading the organizing committee along with CCA who will also be meeting. Program ideas are welcome and can be emailed to Dan. The Program Committee is also looking for volunteers A conference website should be up this Fall.

One proposal for the 2006 conference would be to have it in Ottawa to coincide with the celebrations for the Centennial of the National Atlas of Canada. CCA and several other organizations will be meeting there as part of the celebrations. Alberta Wood wanted to be sure that the 2006 meeting did not conflict with the CAPDU meeting for that year. David Jones will check the dates.

8.4 Awards Committee

No award nominations were received this year. Elizabeth Hamilton is the new Chair of the Awards Committee.

9.0 Second Vice President's Report

9.1 Publications Committee

The Publications Committee Report has been posted to the website. The Committee has settled on two priorities.

1.) A new Directory of Canadian Map Libraries

This could possibly be posted on the website either as a listing or as a database. Members felt that posting it on the web was a good idea. This had been done in Britain and was very useful. Colleen Beard suggested that the Directory Committee be resurrected. An electronic copy of the old directory may still be in existence at the Archives.

2.) Guide to Small Map Collections

This useful guide needs updating to include GIS material. It should be released as a monograph and should be a seller especially for data people. Contact Betty Kidd if interested in working on this publication.

9.2 Historical Maps Committee

The committee reported that two new Bird's Eye Views (Calgary, Vancouver) are available for sale. Thanks to Gord Beck, Cheryl Woods, and David Jones. A new co-chair of the committee is needed. Contact Colleen Beard if interested.

9.3 Website Redesign Committee

The 2nd Vice President apologizes for the delay in releasing the website redesign. Work on the new website continues and will be completely restructured. The new website should be up in September.

10.0 Past President's Report

Grace Welch announced that three Honorary Members have been approved by the membership. They are Barbara Farrell, Serge Sauer, and Joan Winearls. All were quite delighted when they were given the news. Members were reminded that anyone may nominate and that the Awards Committee will make the decision. New Honorary members are informed of the decision by letter.

11.0 New Business

11.1 ACMLA/CAPDU Joint Data Committee

The ACMLA president was recently approached by CAPDU to form a joint data committee, with the purpose of lobbying provincial government agencies to release more data. After some discussion, members thought this to be a good idea as it would provide a broader and more beneficial approach. It would also help improve communication between ACMLA and CAPDU.

It was moved to form a Joint Data Committee with CAPDU.
(Elizabeth Hamilton, Alberta Wood) CARRIED

It was then moved that the current ACMLA Geospatial Data Committee be disbanded, with a note to the Executive that current members of the Geospatial Committee be invited to join the new Joint Data Committee.
(Alberta Wood, Elizabeth Hamilton) CARRIED

11.2 ACMLA/CAPDU Joint Membership

An idea of joint membership between ACMLA and CAPDU was put forth. This would allow for a reduced rate for ACMLA members to join CAPDU. Some discussion took place with most members agreeing that it was not needed as the new Joint Data Committee will be enough for group communication. Moreover, a precedent would be set which might open the door to joint memberships with groups such as the CCA. A joint membership scheme would also impact monies coming into ACMLA. The Executive will take it under advisement that the ACMLA membership is not interested in a joint membership scheme.

11.3 Copyright Statement

Grace Welch reported that Jules Lariviere from the University of Ottawa (retired) is working on a statement that will be put on the ACMLA website to help guide members with copyright questions relating to cartographic material.

11.4 Student Papers Award

Thank you to Carol Marley for putting the guidelines together.

The papers should also provide good material for the Bulletin. There was some discussion of moving the deadline from May 1st to March 15th. The award should also be increased from \$200 to \$250.

A Motion was put forward to raise the student paper award from \$200 to \$250.

(Lori Sugden, Tim Ross) CARRIED

To encourage the winners to attend the ACMLA conference, a second \$250 will be provided for travel to the ACMLA conference and the registration will also be waived.

The Awards Committee will manage the Student Papers award. Paper submissions can be in English or French. As the costs of translation are so large, an English/French abstract should be used. This should be recommended to the Awards Committee.

11.5 Brochure

Work on the ACMLA Brochure has been put on hold until the objectives and name change have been decided upon by the membership.

11.6 Business Plan

Marcel Fortin distributed copies of the ACMLA Business plan. Thanks to Grace Welch for putting so much work into this. The focus of the plan in 2004-2005 is on three key areas: 1) Website development, 2.) Geospatial Data Access, and 3.) Metadata.

11.7 Objectives

Marcel Fortin distributed copies of the ACMLA Objectives. Grace Welch noted that the objectives need to be reordered with #6 becoming #5, as supporting our own professional development should take priority.

A Motion was put forth to adopt the objections with the change.

(Alberta Wood, Elizabeth Hamilton) CARRIED

11.8 Name Change

For this item, Marcel Fortin stepped out of his position as President of ACMLA. David Jones as the 1st Vice President assumed the Chair. Marcel Fortin began by asking that the group discuss changing the name of ACMLA to better reflect the increasing role of GIS in our daily work. A Proposed Motion was passed out to Members. The Proposed Motion was read as follows:

Be it resolved that the name of the Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives be reviewed to reflect the current nature of the work performed by a large number of our members that now includes the use of digital spatial data and Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

The proposed Motion was then moved and seconded.
(Marcel Fortin, Richard Pinnell)

The floor was open for discussion. Some members opposed changing the name believing that the essence of the map was still involved and was therefore still in the new name. Others were also opposed to the name change, believing that such a move was premature. Members work with maps in many different positions, and with different kinds of maps including historic and current. Moreover, ACMLA has a successful corporate identity with our name, which reflects more the nature of map libraries as institutions, not employee job descriptions. Serial cataloguers also dislike name changes.

Others supported the name change, recognizing that the Map and GIS Librarian is now involved in doing analysis work. There was a perception that the name of ACMLA may prevent the organization from doing things, and possibly recruiting new members. With many libraries now hiring GIS specialists; a name change now could be quite timely.

It was pointed out that “maps” has an identity especially in the United States. A name change is unnecessary, as we know what we do. One concern about the discussion was the lack of Archives involvement. The group needs to think about soliciting their input, though it was pointed out that few archivists work with maps anymore.

Before the vote on the review of a name change, Marcel Fortin informed members that any final ballot on a new name would include the existing name. Thus three alternative names plus the existing name.

Vote for Review of Name Change

In Favour	Opposed	Abstentions
17	10	0

Following the vote, Marcel Fortin returned as Chair. The results of the vote are directed to the Executive for future action.

12.0 Proposed Budget

Pat McIntyre reviewed the proposed budget for 2004-05. and also distributed the Auditor’s Report.

It was moved that the proposed budget be adopted.
(Cheryl Woods, Richard Pinnell) CARRIED

It was moved that the Auditor’s Report be adopted.
(Elizabeth Hamilton, Velma Parker) CARRIED

It was moved that the same auditor be used for next year.
(Velma Parker, Elizabeth Hamilton) CARRIED

13.0 Any Other Business

Dan Duda has agreed to be co-chair of the Historical Maps Committee. Dan has also joined the Copyright Committee.

14.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place in the summer of 2005 in St. John's Newfoundland.

15.0 Nominations Report

It is moved that the New Executive Board be adopted.

(Dan Duda, Elizabeth Hamilton) CARRIED

16.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm.