

**ASSOCIATION OF CANADIAN MAP LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES /
ASSOCIATION DES CARTOTHEQUES ET
ARCHIVES CARTOGRAPHIQUES DU CANADA**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND
ST. JOHNS, NEWFOUNDLAND
JULY 28, 2005**

1.0 Establishment of Quorum; Call to Order.

It was established that a quorum was reached and the meeting was called to order at 2:10 pm.

2.0 Opening Remarks.

ACMLA President Marcel Fortin opened the meeting and welcomed members. Francophone members were encouraged to ask questions in French or English, as they prefer. ACMLA Treasurer Pat McIntyre was unable to make the meeting; Grace Welch will cover the Budget report.

3.0 Approval of Agenda.

The agenda was approved.
(Dan Duda, David Jones) CARRIED

4.0 Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting.

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, which was held on June 3rd, 2004 in Winnipeg, Manitoba were previously circulated and published in the *ACMLA Bulletin* No.121. These were approved.
(Helene Genest, Jenny Marvin) CARRIED

5.0 Business Arising.

5.1 ACMLA/CAPDU Joint Data Committee

Marcel Fortin circulated a CAPDU drafted preamble and terms of reference of the new Joint Data Committee. ACMLA members are encouraged to review the text and send comments to the executive. Note that two ACMLA members will be serving on the committee with the ACMLA President; two CAPDU members will also be on the committee along with the CAPDU President.

5.2 Copyright Statement

Grace Welch circulated the Copyright Statement, which was drafted by Jules Lariviere. The Executive feels that the statement could be summarized and

more pointed to be of use for ACMLA members. The statement will be forwarded to the Copyright Committee for revision.

5.3 Business Plan

Marcel Fortin mentioned the revisions made by the Executive, reflecting progress made. The plan will be made available on the ACMLA website soon. This will be the Business plan until the next conference.

5.4 Name Change

Marcel Fortin circulated the results of the ACMLA Name Change vote which was held on June 30th, 2005 . The results were as shown in Table 1.

The ACMLA President expressed his disappointment that only 26 of the 68 ACMLA members (38%) voted on the name change. A great deal of work was put into this effort. Given such a low participation rate, the Executive will not be accepting these results, as this is obviously not a mandate for change. Marcel Fortin then asked members why more people did not vote. Discussion ensued with possible reasons for the low turnout. Reasons given included (in no particular order):

- Dislike of proposed names on ballot
- Cartographic/cartography was missing in the new name
- Proposed names translated poorly in French
- Desire to keep history with old name
- Changing name is too much work
- Archives should be included in the name
- Proposed names had no catchy acronym (CAGS is already in use by another group)
- Unknown costs tied to changing name

After a lengthy discussion, most members agree that a change is needed to reflect the growing presence of GIS in Libraries and the increase in staff involvement in these activities. However, it was

Name	Total Votes	Percentage of Vote	Percentage of Membership
Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives / Association des bibliothèques et archives cartographiques du Canada	7	27%	10%
Canadian Association of Map and Geographic Data Librarians and Archivists / Association canadienne des bibliothécaires et archivistes des données géospatiales	8	30%	12%
Canadian Association of Geographic Information Specialists / Association canadienne des spécialistes de l'information géographique	9	35%	13%
Canadian Association of Geographic Information Centres and Archives / Association canadienne des archives et des centres d'information	2	8%	3%

Table 1.

noted that it was difficult to find volunteers to be part of a Name Change committee and more people need to be involved.

It was agreed that the name change issue is not closed, but will carry on with further informal discussion and a new short list of possible names, perhaps even before the next conference. However, at this time, ACMLA will continue with its current name.

6.0 President's Report.

6.1 DSP

Marcel Fortin reported that the DSP agreement with NRCAN is due to expire next year. A new agreement has been approved by both parties, but is still awaiting approval from the Treasury Board. Marcel Fortin thanked ACMLA members for writing thank you letters to NRCAN for making such data available. A member asked whether it was possible for NRCAN to provide more than one login to their FTP site. Marcel Fortin replied that this might be possible.

Marcel Fortin also indicated that talks have started on ACMLA participating on the Depository Services Library Advisory Committee. Our participation is important, but we need to confirm whether or not we can participate. CARL and CLA are also on the Committee.

6.2 GeoConnections

Marcel Fortin reported that GeoConnections has been given a new five year mandate; DEM data is now available; and GeoConnections was commended for a job well done, but ACMLA needs to stay involved. Marcel Fortin will write a letter to Irwin Itzkovitch to ensure continued ACMLA participation.

7.0 Treasurer's Report.

With the ACMLA Treasurer unable to attend the meeting, the Past President delivered the report. Grace Welch circulated the Treasurer's Report. Grace Welch reported that ACMLA is in good financial shape. The sale of our facsimiles has brought in a good amount of money. One member asked about the SSHRC funding and the travel allocation. Grace Welch responded that a message had gone out on CARTA regarding the use of SSHRC money to assist with travel to the conference. Pat McIntyre can provide more information on its national distribution. Everyone who applies should get some portion of the money for travel.

8.0 First Vice-President's Report.

8.1 Bibliographic Control Committee

8.2 Copyright

8.3 Conferences

8.4 Awards Committee

David Jones indicated that all submitted reports are

now available on the ACMLA website. Next year's conference will be in Ottawa.

9.0 Second Vice-President's Report.

9.1 Web Committee

Colleen Beard thanked the Ad-hoc Webpage Redesign Committee, that has now been dissolved since the task is complete. As it is overwhelming to maintain the website, a Web Committee has been struck. On the committee will be Colleen Beard, Gerald Romme (webmaster), Trudy Bodak and Susan McKee. Others are welcome and should contact Colleen Beard if interested.

Colleen Beard mentioned that some of the content on the web page is being translated to French. Helene Genest expressed interest in helping with the translation. Gaetan Drolet noted that this would be helpful for expanding membership.

Trudy Bodak expressed thanks to Gerald Romme for doing such a great job on the website.

9.2 Publication Proposal

The ACMLA Executive has accepted Marcel Fortin's proposal for a "Guide to GIS Services in Libraries". This will be an ACMLA publication and should appear sometime in 2007. Marcel Fortin will be working on this during his research leave.

10.0 Past President's Report.

10.1 Rules of Procedure

Grace Welch summarized the changes to the Rules of Procedure, which were done in response to a review by the Secretary and Past President. These have been approved by the Board and will appear on the website soon after the conference.

11.0 Secretary.

11.1 ACMLA Archives

Andrew Nicholson passed on the news that the unprocessed (1981-present) ACMLA items held at the Library and Archives Canada needed a new home due to organizational changes at LAC. After the ACMLA President wrote to the head of LAC, new temporary storage was found in the Renfrew Building. Thanks to Louis Cardinal, Pat McIntyre and Marc Cockburn for their work in finding this temporary space for ACMLA.

12.0 New Business.

12.1 Certificates of Appreciation

Marcel Fortin explained that a request for an awarding of a "Certificate of Appreciation" to a distinguished Canadian cartographer was submitted to the Executive. As the preparing of "certificates" cost a lot of money, this request was forwarded to the Awards committee along with another request for the drawing up of criteria and procedures for the awarding of "Certificates of Appreciation". The Awards Committee will review the request; with the Certificate possibly awarded at the June conference.

12.2 Membership Drive

12.2.1 Committee Membership

12.2.2 Membership Brochure

Marcel Fortin asked that more Francophone members consider contributing articles in French to the *Bulletin*.

Marcel Fortin raised the issue of increasing membership to ACMLA and also adding more members to ACMLA committees. Marcel Fortin agreed to check libraries for non-members who are responsible for maps and/or GIS work as potential members. Marcel Fortin will also be going through old directories and contacting former members about rejoining ACMLA. The brochure also needs to be revised.

Beth Ray spoke about the exchange rate and the US dollar. The Executive will look at this issue in the Fall.

The idea of a membership drive was initiated by members. Dan Duda volunteered to help with the drive. A brochure should be revised and sent to Library Schools and Geography Departments. There was some discussion of new Map Librarianship courses. Marcel Fortin noted that there is no longer a Map Librarianship course at the University of Toronto and that a GIS course offered to FIS students by the Geography department only filled part of the need for a Map and GIS librarianship course. Grace Welch noted that a new Library school with a bilingual, multi-disciplinary focus will be opening soon at University of Ottawa. Trudy Bodak noted there was a demand for Map cataloguers as well as trained GIS Librarians. There is also a growing interest in GIS in public libraries.

12.3 Hydrographic Charts

Marcel Fortin mentioned to members that he noticed the NDI Offices in Downtown St. John's were closed. As announced on CARTA, the NDI agreement with

the Government was cancelled. Gay Lepkey recently contacted Marcel Fortin about making the digital charts available through the DSP, however we should not expect anything to happen for awhile. In the meantime it was suggested that James Boxall be contacted, as one who may know more about access to the charts. We should work together with the DSP to acquire access to the charts.

13.0 Proposed Budget.

Grace Welch circulated the proposed budget for the year. Grace Welch noted that some money was included for the rescanning of facsimiles. We want to provide a better quality image to present on the website.

It was moved that the proposed budget be adopted. (David Jones, Cathy Moulder) CARRIED

It was moved that the Auditor's Report be adopted. (Jenny Marvin, Dan Duda) CARRIED

It was moved that the same auditor be used for next year. (Trudy Bodak, Beth Ray) CARRIED

14.0 Other Business.

There was no other business.

15.0 Next Meeting: Ottawa 2006.

The next ACMLA conference will take place in Ottawa between June 18th and 21st in conjunction between GeoTec and CCA. Attendance is expected

to be about 2500 people, and the pre-conference activities will be multi-stream. ACMLA is responsible for one full day of content. The banquet will take place at the Museum of Civilization.

16.0 Nominations Report.

Grace Welch delivered the Nominations Report. Marcel Fortin steps down as President and becomes Past President. David Jones becomes President. Marc Cockburn joins the Board as First Vice President. Grace Welch leaves the Executive. The other positions and incumbents remain the same.

The 2005-2006 ACMLA Executive Board:

- President: David Jones
- First Vice President: Marc Cockburn
- Second Vice President: Colleen Beard
- Treasurer: Pat McIntyre
- Secretary: Andrew Nicholson
- Past President: Marcel Fortin

It was moved that the New Executive Board be adopted. (Dan Duda, Barbara Znamirovski) CARRIED

The Board presented a gift to Grace Welch in appreciation of her efforts on the Board. (applause)

The ACMLA President thanked Dan Duda and Alberta Wood for putting together such an excellent conference. (applause)

17.0 Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm.