

2024 AGM Meeting Minutes, May 30, 2024

Attendance: (23, 22 members)

Attendees: Sharon Janzen- Brock University, Meg Miller- University of Manitoba, Zack MacDonald- Western University, Dan Jakubek- Toronto Metropolitan University, Kaelan Caspary- Ontario Tech University, Rosa Orlandini- York University, Rebecca Bartlett- Carleton University, Alex Guindon- Concordia University, Anne Hakier- Université de Montréal, Sarah Rutley- University of Saskatchewan, Saman Goudarzi- McMaster University, Siobhan Hanratty, Marcel Fortin- University of Toronto, Kyla Jemison- University of Toronto, Kate Hodge- Trent University, Tracy Sallaway- Trent University, Andrew Nicholson- University of Toronto Mississauga, Larry Laliberté- University of Alberta, Leanne Trimble- University of Toronto, Martin Chandler- Cape Breton University, René Duplain- University of Ottawa, Francine Berish- Queen's University, Jessica Benner- Carnegie Mellon University (non-member).

Agenda:

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of 2023 AGM minutes
- Reports:
 1. President
 2. Past President
 3. Treasurer
 4. Bulletin Editor
- Updated Rules of Procedure
- Amendments to awards procedures
- Association Executive Call + Announcements
- CARTO 2025 announcement
- Other business
- Adjourn

Minutes:

1. Quorum established (min 10)
2. Opening Remarks (Co-presidents Francine Berish + René Duplain)
 - a. Current Executive:
 - i. Co-presidents: Francine Berish + René Duplain
 - ii. Co-vice-presidents: Zack MacDonald, Sherri Sunstrum
 - iii. Past-president: Martin Chandler
 - iv. Treasurer: Dan Jakubek
 - v. Secretary: Meg Miller
3. Move motion to approve of Agenda
No additions, CTA Francine and Zack seconded
4. Move motion to approve 2023 AGM minutes ([link to minutes](#))

No additions, CTA Francine and Rebecca seconded

5. Reports:

a. Co-presidents (F. Berish, R. Duplain)

This year's Executive Board focused its activities on several priorities.

Included among the significant activities:

- Organization of the first-ever hybrid conference at the University of Calgary, in conjunction with the Canadian Cartographic Association (CCA). This is the first in-person conference since 2019 in Hamilton, Ontario.
- Redevelopment of Library Assistants Map Group (LAM-G) group based on discussions at 2023 AGM (led by Nick and Sherri). An email sent out shortly to the listserv from Nick Field (UofT) and Sharon Janzen (Brock) regarding the reinstating of:
 1. ListServ for Map Library Assistants
 2. Bi-annual workshop event catered to Map Library Assistants
*Francine clarified of how it would move (in consultation) want to include all, even if they weren't at AGM
- ii. Continuation of Virtual Social event series: "*Lessons learned from hosting an in-person GIS Days event*". Heard from members across Canada who held in-person GIS Days events at their institutions and discuss what worked and what didn't.
- iii. Transition of bi-annual publication under editorship of Meg Miller:
 1. New digital exhibits section, to afford, accepting new formats into the Bulletin (e.g., Web Maps).
 2. Introducing French editor position to encourage French submissions.
- iv. Enhancing opportunities for partnerships and collaborations with other like-minded organizations, including the Canadian Cartographic Association, the Royal Canadian Geographical Society/NRCan, IASSIST and MAGIRT with regional representatives.
- v. Reviewing and revising the Rules of Procedure; part of a larger effort to modernize language and develop our membership outreach activities to support the recruitment of students and new information professionals into the profession.

b. Past President (M. Chandler)

- Awards:
 1. Worked with Colleen Beard on wording of Honorary Member award (no honorary member this year)
 2. Cathy Moulder Paper Award
 - Received five applications
 - Awarded to Sarah Simpkin Sarah Simpkin for her article *Evaluating the Inclusion of Inuvialuktun Place Names in*

Online Maps. The committee found Simpkin's paper showed exceptional depth of research and engagement in discussing the minutiae of place names and the politics involved in the formalizing thereof.

- Sarah was unable to attend, but has accepted the award and donated the money to Carleton University's Graduate Scholarship in Northern Research.

3. Student Paper Award

- Awards committee recommended to the executive that works published in the journal by students be considered for the award due to a lack of submissions. Executive approved.
- Committee is recommended that *Navigating Conflict: The Strategic Significance and Evolution of Navigation Techniques in the Azores Islands during World War I and World War II*, by Justiina Taika Salo Devries receive this year's student paper award. Her use of maps – intrinsic to the research, rather than engaged for the presentation lead to selection.
- Justiina was unable to attend, but has accepted the award and may attend the 2025 conference.

c. Treasurer (D. Jakubek)

- 3 reports
 - *2023*: Of note- conference brought in 10K, surplus was split with CCA as per MOU. Brief discussion about partnering in the future and costs.
 - *Interim (May 13)*: Clarification was made around what student paper award entailed (can be found in awards guidelines).
 - *Projected*: Of note- New GIC for 13 mos locked in at 4.9%. (better than just letting the money sit)
- Call to approve the 2024 Budget (Approved)

d. Bulletin Editor (M. Miller)

- This year we:
 1. Transitioned from three issues / year to two (a winter and summer) with the hopes it would allow for more submissions per issue.
 2. Added two new sections: Student Voices and Digital Exhibits
 3. Updated look and feel of OJS (keywords, citations, related articles, thumbnails)
 4. Began splitting News and Book Reviews into individual components.
- Next year we will:

1. Engage with membership on indexing (DOAJ vs EBSCO) (discussion in new business)
 2. Continue splitting old issues in OJS.
 3. Continue soliciting articles/ suggestions from membership.
 4. Continue exploring bilingual support for French membership
6. Updated Rules of Procedure (F. Berish)
- Over the past two years ACMLA Executive has been updating the language in the *Rules of Procedure* to better reflect our membership.
Please refer to the summary of [major updates in 2023 secretary report](#)
7. Amendments to awards procedures (M. Chandler)
- *Lifetime award:*
 1. Suggested [updates](#) highlighted in red (main listed below)
 - a. Noted the person needs to be an active member
 - b. Expanded definition of types of library workers
 2. Clarifying questions:
 - a. Personal members = non institutional member
 - b. Kate asked if it could be any sort of library worker, not specifically 'librarian'.
 - c. Rebecca suggested someone 'working in libraries or archives'
 - CTA Martin, Zack seconded (All in, one abstention)
 - *Student paper:*
 1. Suggested [updates](#) highlighted in red (main listed below)
 - a. Changed criteria to 'published or unpublished in the past two years'
 - CTA Martin, Andrew seconded (All in, one abstention)
8. Association Executive Call
- a. Announced that Zack will be moving into president role
 - b. Call for Secretary
 - i. Saman Goudarzi (McMaster) volunteered for secretary
 - ii. No other volunteers,
 - iii. All in favour, no abstentions
 - c. Call for VP
 - i. Tracy Sallaway (Trent) volunteered for VP
 - ii. No other volunteers
 - iii. All in favour, no abstentions
9. Carto 2025
- Francine Berish announced that Queen's University (Kingston, ON) will host the next Carto.
10. Other business
- Business arising
 - a. Bulletin (M. Miller)
 - i. French Editor- we're still looking for one

1. Monetary piece complicated things for potential candidate (could not use as service or do during work hours because of compensation)
 2. Rosa brought up the history of \$500/ issue stipend
 3. Discussion that maybe conference registration could be a more relevant compensation
- ii. Bulletin indexing
 1. EBSCO is interested in indexing us, are we interested in their offer?
 2. Will schedule a Zoom meeting for late summer
- b. ListServ usage (M. Fortin)
 - i. Initially ACMLA list was to be used for Association business and Carto for broader topics. This has gotten murky as of late.
 - ii. What does the future hold? We don't know, in the meantime, crosspost.

11. Adjourn

- CTA Zack, Saman seconded