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CARTO (ACMLA/ACACC) 2018/2019 President's Report

To begin, a huge thank you to Jay Brodeur and the CARTO_2019 organizing committee of Marilyn Andrews, Gord Beck, Kara Handren, Christine Homuth, Amber Leahy & Vivek Jadon for planning and hosting us all at McMaster University in Hamilton, June 11-14, 2019.

2018/2019 is and was a transitional time for CARTO (ACMLA/ACACC).

The call for the *Name Change Working Group* originally went out in January 2018, and the group, chaired by Deena Yanofsky and composed of Colleen Beard, Stefano Biondo, Jay Brodeur, Martin Chandler, Marcel Fortin, Siobhan Hanratty, Larry Laliberte and Amber Leahy began work in July 2018.

They recommended that CARTO be adopted as our unofficial working name.

CARTO has been our conference name for many years and although a few folks wondered if there was bilingual equivalent, the working group felt CARTO was "universal" and that "the term CARTO will be used, universally, in English and French, as an informal name for events, activities, etc".

A web vote in August 2018, along with a reminder to vote in September 2018, resulted in the majority of those members who voted approving of the unofficial name change. CARTO was added to all of our webpages.

In January 2019, Dan Jakubek (Ryerson), Treasurer, began the lengthy process of updating our Executive under the *Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act* and dealing with our bank, Membee, Paypal etc. Dan reported on this at CARTO_2019 AGM in Hamilton at McMaster University.

In March and April 2019 Marcel Fortin put out two calls for volunteers for the Executive Nomination Committee and no one responded. Thus, it appears our organization is currently much less formal. If folks want to volunteer for a position, or suggest a position, please feel free to do so.

The above paragraph was discussed at the CARTO_2019 AGM and a call was made for a new incoming president; no one volunteered. After a few minutes, I, daniel Brendle-Moczuk, said I would continue on for one more year especially as CARTO_2020 will be in Victoria in conjunction with CAG_2020.

Related, we needed a webmaster as Kaitlin Newson stepped down, (and we thank her for her service), and Alex Guindon (Concordia) volunteered. Martin Chandler (Brock) volunteered to be on the Executive and in subsequent emails confirmed he is willing to be secretary; thank you Martin. (Thanks to Rosa Orlandini, York, for taking the notes for the 2019 AGM minutes.)

In March 2019, danielBM attended WDCAG and was approached by CAG if CARTO (ACMLA/ACACC) would like to co-host and participate in CAG2020 to be held in Victoria in late spring 2020. After discussion with MarcelF and DanJ, we decided to participate. (Dan Duda has also notified us that CARTO 2021 will return to Newfoundland.)

Because a few members asked during 2018_2019, what members received for their membership fees, at the CARTO_2019 AGM in Hamilton we deliberated whether our organization still needed to collect fees and the members said yes. See the summary of the discussion in the 2019 AGM minutes.

Discussions also focused on CARTO offering up to \$1000 as a scholarship/stipend to a student, or recent graduate within 2 years, to attend a future CARTO conference and write up their experience in an article for the *Bulletin*. Some members stated the current Student Award could be increased to up to \$1000. Rosa & Martin will investigate and report to the Exec and members. See the summary of the discussion in the 2019 AGM minutes.

Perhaps most importantly, Colleen Beard was given the ACMLA Honorary Membership Award at the 2019 CARTO banquet for her many contributions over the years.

As Collen said at CARTO_2019, "There is nothing more gratifying and complimentary than your peer colleagues recognizing your work as a significant contribution to your profession." Congratulations Colleen and enjoy your well deserved retirement!

With respect, daniel Brendle-Moczuk

CARTO (ACMLA/ACACC) AGM 2019 Annual General Meeting

Meeting commenced at 12:15

1. President's Report.

Daniel Brendle-Moczuk provided highlights from the report:

- Name change working group. Name Change Working Group originally went out in January 2018, the group chaired by Deena Yanofsky and composed of Colleen Beard, Stefano Biondo, Jay Brodeur, Martin Chandler, Marcel Fortin, Siobhan Hanratty, Larry Laliberte and Amber Leahy began work in July 2018. They recommended that CARTO be adopted as our unofficial working name. A web vote in August 2018, along with a reminder to vote in September 2018, resulted in the majority of those members who voted approving of the unofficial name change. CARTO has been added to all of our webpages.
- March and April 2019, Marcel Fortin put out two calls for volunteers for the Executive Nomination Committee and no one responded from the membership. There are vacancies to be filled in the Executive, as well as the webmaster.
- Announced that CARTO (ACMLA/ACACC) will be co-hosting and participating with the Canadian Association of Geographers conference in Victoria, from May 25th to May 29th, 2020. Danial Duda is interested in hosting CARTO in Newfoundland in summer 2021. CARTO (ACMLA/ACACC) Executive is looking for a location in Quebec/Ontario for 2022.
- Topics for discussion for this AGM,
 - What do we get from our membership, now that the Bulletin is online, and we need a registration for membership?
 - Do we still need honorariums?
 - How do we get our members more involved?
 - Should we increase the student paper award stipend to \$750 and/or change the scope of the student paper award

2. Treasurer Report - Dan Jakubek

- ACMLA Financial Report January 01, 2018 to December 31, 2018
 - Discussed the need to switch away from PayPal to Bambora which is a Canadian company
 - Suggested that we may want to go away from Membee, to reduce costs.
 - Dan clarified the addition of Incorporation fees, as we need to a small annual file every year, and update the new director list.

- ACMLA Financial Report January 01, 2019 to May 30, 2019 was presented

Discussion around the utility of Membee as a membership tool.

- There was also a discussion why the financial gateway was switched from PayPal to Bambora, - Bambora is Canadian and has better customer service.
- With respect to Membee, Dan Jakubek indicated that their fees are high, and we only need the membership management system, interface to pay for conferences fees, membership fees, and linkage to the Bambora Membership. Regardless of what we use to manage our conferences and/or membership fees, it should be compatible with our financial gateway
- There were suggestions to use a system such as Eventbrite or Wild Apricot, and it was indicated that Wild Apricot may be cheaper than Membee, it may also be as complicated to use. Rosa indicated that one of the reasons that Membee was selected in the first place was to be able to manage the membership list in a central location and use the other features, it was one of the only options at the time. If we choose not to use a membership management system, the Association would need to have a means of maintaining the list when there is a change in responsibility for membership.

Motion to approve the 2018 Budget. Cheryl Woods Moved. Seconded by Barbara Znamirovski. Motion Passed.

Discussion about Membership

Daniel Brendle-Moczuk introduced the discussion by stating that full members are paying \$65 a year, and this is going for honorarium, membership management software, paying for honorarium, bank fees, student paper awards and advance money for conferences. Questions have come up.... do we need members? What are our members getting out of the organization?

Concern was expressed that it would be a mistake to remove membership fees because it is part of our identity as a national organization, we are incorporated, we are giving up our identity and it provides status for professional development/progress through ranks files (Cheryl). Marcel clarified for discussion, that we are discussing giving up paying for membership and/or go to a model towards paying to attend conferences. Numerous members of the membership expressed the need to have paid members, as a fee is seen as being part of the organization, part of a commitment to the profession and part of our Identity. Suggestion was to contract out the finances to an accountant, to ease the workload on the treasurer.

There was also a suggestion from a member to re-establish a working relationship with Library Archives Canada, given that Leslie Weir is now the head of LAC/BAC, and that Leslie Weir is aware of the existence of our Association because of her collegial connections at University of Ottawa.

Marcel indicated that there are members of our community that will only be members if they go to conferences, on the years that they aren't at a conference, they don't sign up for memberships, because they don't see the value of the membership. Marcel asked for clarification on how we managed conference memberships in the past. Rosa clarified that non-members in the past automatically would get the membership to the Association. Usually the new members would drop the membership the next year. Dan noted in the map society that he runs, the membership is free and it is mailing list-based.

Francine suggested that one value for being a member could be to support scholarships (student award winners for example) for future members. Rosa proposed that we could set up a bursary to iSchool students to take courses related to Map/GIS librarianship/archives. Barb expressed a desire to use some of the funds for special projects, such as what was proposed last year.

Marcel indicated that if we continue with memberships, and how we spend our money on student paper awards, it shouldn't be on the shoulders of two or three executive members, that the members would need to step up; as an association, we are in flux, we either need to slim down the Association, or have a full or nearly full Executive, with members at large to contribute as well.

MartinChandler expressed having more students or new members to the profession to be involved.

With respect to membership and funding, David Jones and backed by Rebecca Bartlett, suggested that we continue to pay for membership, and also permitting individuals to donate to specific causes. Marilyn Andrews suggested that we should give membership to library/archival studies students for free. It was also clarified that the current student fees are quite low at \$20.00.

Daniel indicated that there seemed to be general consensus from those in attendance to continue with the membership model.

Daniel emphasized that for our association to be sustainable in the future, is to have participation from the membership in Executive roles, functional roles, and task forces/working groups.

Daniel outlined the need for a webmaster to overhaul our current website and make it more up to date in look and appearance, as well as include more content in French. Daniel asked those who were present if anyone was interested in Webmaster. Alex Guidon volunteered to be Webmaster.

Daniel then asked if anyone would like to be President next year, there was no one who volunteered. dBM then indicated he is willing to serve as President one more year, but expressed a need for more Executive members.

Rosa prompted Daniel to clarify the different VP roles and the role of the incoming president.

Martin Chandler volunteered to be on the Executive. Accepted.

Daniel asked if there were other members who would be interested, signaling to Francine Berish if she would be interested. Francine expressed that in her role at work right now, she isn't in the position to be on the Executive, but would reflect upon the suggestion.

Discussion about the Student Paper Award & Bursaries

Daniel also indicated that there is a need to diversify our profession, he referenced that WAML has an equity diversity fund and an early career fund. The early career fund provides individuals with funds up to \$1000 to attend the conference, present and write their paper afterwards. The equity diversity fund has resulted in recruiting those from visible minorities into the profession, and some of them are in leadership roles in WAML.

Barb proposed to the meeting that the Association have an Early Scholarship fund, and a separate Early Career Fund, which would fund individuals to come to the conference and then present.

There was a question from a member as to why there were no Student Paper Awards given out this year. Marcel Fortin indicated that due to the slim nature of the ACMLA Executive this year, that the award was not posted to the broader community.

With respect to the Early Career fund Cheryl questioned how this would differ from the Student Paper Award. She also pointed out that the low amount of funds for the \$250 for the award plus up to \$250 to attend the conference/free registration may be too low, and it should be increased to \$1000 to encourage participation.

Daniel asked the members in attendance how we as an Association will proceed with increasing it to \$1000. There was a member that suggested that we leave it up to Executive, Francine suggested as an alternative for the membership to decide on increasing the award.

Barb proposed a motion to increase the Paper Award to \$1000. Barb first it, Stephano seconded it, and it passed. Sherry and Martin volunteered to head up the student award working group. Rosa asked if the Equity Diversity fund could also be included, and Martin and Francine agreed to have that included.

Honoraria

Daniel asked the membership if we still need to have honoraria in the Association given that some work done by Association members are not covered by honoraria. Dan Jakubek indicated that these honoraria are task oriented and it is akin to contracting out labour. If we didn't have a member doing these tasks, we would be contracting it out. Cheryl emphasized that tasks performed by individuals receiving honoraria are considered to be professional tasks, and not voluntary tasks (such as the Executive members).

Proposed Budget

Motion: To approve the proposed budget for 2019, adding a line in the budget for the student paper award at \$1000.00. Removing membee from the budget line and adding "membership services".
1st Cheryl Woods, Seconded by Rebecca Bartlet.

Other Business

Alex Guidon indicated that this meeting is providing life back in the Association, and for us to grow, we need more volunteers, and we need to recruit more members, and aspiring professionals. Rosa volunteered to head a working group focused on recruiting members to the Association, Martin volunteered to assist with this task.

Barb re-iterated the desire to draft a letter to Leslie Weir about our Association. Barb, Colleen, Marcel, and Francine volunteered to work together to draft and distribute the letter.

Meeting adjourned at 13:55.

Members in Attendance

Name	Institution
Alex Guidon	Concordia U
Barb Znamirovski	Trent U
Rebecca Bartlett	Carleton U
Kara Handren	Scholars Portal
Meg Muell	UOIT
Rosa Orlandini	York U
Gordon Beck	McMaster U
Jay Brodeur	McMaster U
Amber Leahey	Scholars Portal
Evan Thornberry	UBC
David Jones	U of Alberta
Sherri Sunstrum	Carleton U

Marcel Fortin	U of Toronto
Stefano Biando	U-Laval
Francine Berish	Queen's U
Cheryl Woods	Western U
Colleen Beard	Brock U
Peter Genzinger	Laurier U
Dan Jakubek	Ryerson U
Christine Homuth	McMaster U
Marliyn Andrews	Regina
Kean McDermott	George Washington U
Jeff Allen	U of Toronto
daniel Brendle-Moczuk	U of Victoria
Martin Chandler	Brock U

Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives Awards

ACMLA/CARTO bestows an honorary life-membership to a member who has, as described in the by-laws, “made a distinguished contribution to their profession and whom the Association chooses to honour.” This award is presented on an irregular basis and is voted upon by the Association membership. Honorary members receive a lifetime membership at no charge and have the right to vote. This year, **Colleen Beard** of Brock University was nominated for the honorary member award and presented with the award at the Annual CARTO Conference in Hamilton, Ontario.

Colleen’s first role in the association was as the New Books and Atlases Editor for the *Bulletin*. Colleen was also a long-time member of the Web Committee and the Publications Committee. She also implemented the Mentorship Program to help new members acclimatize to the association. Colleen was 2nd Vice President of the association between 2006 and 2007 and then President in 2008 and 2009. During her time on the executive, Colleen began the task of modernizing the association through simplifying the committee and reporting structure through the creation of working groups.

Colleen penned many articles for the *Bulletin* over the years and was one of the first authors in the *Bulletin* to discuss GIS in Libraries with articles on the subject as early as 1991. She twice won the Best Paper Award -- 1991 for “MAC Mapping in the Map Library” in *Bulletin* 76 -- and in 2016 with Brodeur, Janzen, Leah and Simpkin for the article “Ontario's Historical Topographic Map Digitization Project” in *Bulletin* 150.

Colleen has also participated in many academic GIS projects as part of her professional practice. She has been involved in the Historical Mapping of the Welland Canal for many years, and her work using Historical GIS technology and online tools is available online publicly on many websites, including the Welland Canal mapping project <https://arcg.is/HrHGO>. Colleen was also a collaborator on the Canadian Historical GIS Partnership SSHRC Grant Geohist.ca from 2015 to 2018.

ACMLA Executive