

ACMLA NEWS

CARTO (ACMLA/ACACC) 2019/2020 (Outgoing) President's Report

What a 2020 so far!

To begin, a huge thank you to the CARTO (ACMLA/ACACC) Executive that stepped up to serve at the June 2019 AGM in Hamilton and shortly thereafter. Martin Chandler (McGill) volunteered to be Secretary and Rosa Orlandini, (York) volunteered to be VP Communications & Outreach.

Dan Jakubek continues on, or is stuck with being, Treasurer for his 3-three year tenure; thank you Dan! Marcel Fortin was the voice of experience and wisdom as Past-President. Alex Guindon (Concordia) volunteered to be the new webmaster; Merci Alex!

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 CARTO Executive, we decided to participate.

During many planning meetings at UVic beginning in the fall of 2019 with the Local Organizing Committee (LOC), in conjunction with the Canadian Association of Geographers-CAG, it became clear that the 2020 conference was not really going to be a joint meeting but a CAG conference with CARTO (and Canadian Cartographic Association-CAA) as participants. The CAG whale easily outsized the CARTO minnow but it was decided by the CARTO executive that this was ok.

Needless to say, in light of COVID-19 and the growing number of cases in Canada and throughout the world, the decision to cancel the CAG/CARTO/CCA 2020 conference was made in early March 2020.

After discussions at the 2019 AGM, the CARTO executive decided to offer a \$1000 bursary for early-career librarians, archivists or MLIS/MAS students, who are new to geospatial and map librarianship, to apply for the bursary to attend the above mentioned conference. The bursary/scholarship was to be a stipend of \$1000 CAD towards costs related to the conference (conference registration, lodging, travel), and a one-year membership in ACMLA/CARTO. The successful applicant would have had their response to the question about what interests them regarding GIS and map librarianship published in the ACMLA *Bulletin*. Sadly, this bursary was also cancelled.

In March and April 2020 Marcel Fortin put out two calls for volunteers for the Executive Nomination Committee and no one responded. Again, as in 2019, it appears our organization is currently much less formal. However, Martin Chandler volunteered to be the incoming President; Thank you Martin!

Rosa Orlandini will continue as VP Communications & Outreach. Francine Berish volunteered to be secretary; Thank you Francine! I, daniel, will move over to Past-President

At the virtual 2020 AGM, Marcel Fortin announced and we honoured Cheryl Woods with an Honorary Membership Award and Gord Beck with a Honours Award; congratulations to both!

Also at the AGM, members stated the CARTO-ACMLA executive should explore options to perhaps fund professional development courses/workshops for those new to geospatial and map librarianship if we cannot offer a travel and accommodation bursary in 2021 because of COVID-19.

Finally, in April 2020, it came to light that Natural Resources Canada had hired a consultant, BDO Group, to survey users regarding the [*Atlas of Canada*](#), digital and print resources including geospatial data. As we in the library committee are massive users of the *Atlas of Canada* resources, I tried to extend the deadline for the BDO report but to no avail. Nonetheless, I put together a report for BDO and the consultant responded:

“I thoroughly appreciate that you have shared these insights, as some of them are unique and have not been identified by other stakeholders.”

With respect, thanks for having me as President, daniel Brendle-Moczuk

CARTO (ACMLA/ACACC) Incoming President's Message

Dear Colleagues,

It is with surprise, delight, and some uncertainty that I step into the role of president of CARTO-ACMLA. When the call for executive was repeated at last year's AGM, I decided it would be wise to take a more active role in the organization and volunteered, assuming some years at least would be prudent, to see if I would be qualified to be elected into a leadership role. In what, I think, is a sign of the times, we cannot know where we are until we're there.

These are strange and strained times for all of us; our lives individually, institutionally, and as an association have undergone rapid shifts recently, but things were changing long before COVID-19. As librarians, archivists, and map and geospatial information professionals, we have much work to do to ensure that the value of our work is seen and championed. Coupled with this, we must evaluate the state of the association and ensure that it is not only open, but actively inclusive. How can we ensure new information professionals know about our association, and add their talents as we offer ours to them? How do we reach out and encourage new geospatial workers to benefit from CARTO-ACMLA? What can we anticipate for our work in the future? There is much to consider.

This work will not overwhelm us. We can meet the challenges as they come, while preparing ourselves for the next thing. All of which to say, I'm looking forward to working with all of you in the coming year as we continue to figure out where we came from, where we are, and where we are going.

Martin Chandler

CARTO (ACMLA/ACACC) AGM 2020 Annual (Online) General Meeting
Present:

Rosa Orlandini	Andrew Nicholson	Lorraine Dubreuil
Daniel Brendle-Moczuk	Dan Jakubek	Sherri Sunstrum
Barbara Znamirovski	Christine Homuth	Lori Martin
Martin Chandler	Francine Berish	Stefano Biondo
Kara Handren	Rebecca Bartlett	Leanne Trimble
Marcel Fortin	Jason Brodeur	Gordon Beck
Siobhan Hanratty	Cheryl Woods	Meg Miller
Alex Guindon	Erika Reinhardt	Rene Duplain
Pierre	Rhys Stevens	Wenonah van Heyst
David Malaher		

Welcome**Approval of Agenda**

Siobhan Hanratty - moves
 Seconded – Martin

Francine added diversity fund to agenda
 Approved

Approval of 2019 AGM Minutes

One change – Barb Z had volunteered to talk to Leslie Weir about the accessibility of digital maps on the LAC website, and to make as much open as possible.

Rebecca B moved
 David Jones seconded

Approved

President's Report

Past President's Report

Honourary Endowments

Cheryl Woods was awarded an Honourary Lifetime Membership.

Gord Beck was awarded the Honours Award.

Vice-President Outreach Report

Work was made to develop and promote the conference bursary. There were 6 applicants, however due to the pandemic causing the cancellation of the conference, no conference bursary could be awarded this year.

Treasurer's Report

3 reports were presented showing the final financial state of the association at the end of 2019, Jan-June of 2020, and projections to the end of 2020.

Payment for membership and other items was moved from Paypal to Bambora, which has the same fees but is a Canadian company with better service. Some cost and work savings will be achieved by switching the membership system from Membee to Wild Apricot.

A request from NRCAN to purchase some maps was received, and as they could not accept the maps for free, Daniel agreed to a payment of \$50 for those.

Siobhan Hanratty moves

Francine Berish seconds

All approved, no opposed, 1 abstention

Any additional items / discussion

There was discussion of starting a bursary to promote diversity among the membership, as this is something already offered by WAML. Questions of the sustainability of such a bursary were raised, given declining membership. It was also suggested that professional development opportunities could be supported, depending on whether a conference would happen or not.

There was discussion, as well, about next year's CARTO-ACMLA conference. Preliminary suggestions were for University of Victoria to host in 2021 and Memorial University of Newfoundland in 2022, or, if University of Victoria was no longer able to host, then Memorial in 2021.

Next years' executive was announced:

President: Martin Chandler

Past President: daniel Brendle-Moczuk

VP Outreach and Communication: Rosa Orlandini

Secretary: Francine Berish

Treasurer: Dan Jakubek

Adjourn:

Rebecca Bartlett moved

Cheryl Woods seconded

Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives Awards

ACMLA Honourary Membership Award: Cheryl Woods

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, **Cheryl Woods** of Western University was nominated for the honorary member award and presented with the award at the Annual CARTO AGM (online).

Cheryl has retired in the spring of 2020 after a brilliant career in Map Librarianship at Western University where she started work under Map Librarianship pioneer Serge Sauer, and eventually came to manage one of the most important and largest map collections in North America. She has also built and curated an impressive and beautiful collection of Globes at Western University, that is not rivalled anywhere in Canada.

Cheryl has been a member of the ACMLA for over thirty years and has served in several roles on the executive and in several association committees. She was ACMLA President in 1989-1990, 1st Vice President in 1987-1988 and secretary prior to that. Cheryl has also been the long-time editor of the *New Cartographic Resources: Maps, Atlases and Books* for the ACMLA *Bulletin*.

Cheryl has contributed and led to many important map projects at the provincial and national levels, including the ACMLA Historical Map Facsimile Program and the Historical Topographic Maps Digitization Project. She has also been a long time co-lead and contributor to the Ontario Historical County Maps Project with Marcel Fortin and Lorraine Dubreuil. She, along with Lorraine Dubreuil published, through the ACMLA, the canonical book containing the Fire Insurance Plan holdings of most post-secondary institutions in Canada. The publication is one of the most important books about Canadian map collections in 2002, and continues to be used in Map Libraries and Special Collections across the country.

Throughout her career, Cheryl has been dedicated to map communities at the local, provincial and national levels. Cheryl has been an important mentor to many Map and GIS Librarians and technicians now active in the GIS and Map Library world. Cheryl has an irreplaceable store of knowledge of maps that will be missed by colleagues across Canada and has acted as a “go to” reference source for map advice. Her willingness to share her wisdom and knowledge has known no bounds.

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ACMLA Honours Award: Gord Beck

The Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives (ACMLA) recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to map librarianship at the local, regional, national, and international levels through their granting of the Honours Award for Outstanding Achievement. Gord Beck is one such individual who has made significant contributions to map librarianship, curatorship, and archiving at the local, regional, national, and international levels, and is a recognized expert in the field of WWI trench maps and aerial photos. Gord has appeared frequently in the media and as a guest speaker on that topic. He has completed two projects with Canadian Geographic involving the creation of a 'Giant Floor Map of Vimy Ridge,' and a documentary about mapping and aerial photography in WWI narrated by Dan Aykroyd and entitled, 'Drawn to Victory.' And most recently, a map of France, from the Lloyd Reeds Map Collection at McMaster University, from the First World War was featured in the Oscar-nominated film "1917", starring Colin Firth. Digitized maps from the Collection will soon be used in another Colin Firth war epic, as his production company has asked permission to use 20 maps in the upcoming film "Operation Mincemeat".

Gord's McMaster Library career began with a Library Assistant's position in the H.G. Thode Library in 1985. He transitioned to a Map Assistant's position in the Lloyd Reeds Map Collection in 1997 and since that time has been promoted to his current position of Map Specialist. He developed his expertise in military cartography over his 20+ year period working in the Lloyd Reeds Map Collection. Due to Gord's extensive knowledge of maps and mapping (and specifically its advancement during World War I), requests are often made for him to give talks to undergraduate classes, as well as local and national groups. Despite the requirements on his own time, Gord always accepts these talks in a gracious and selfless manner. Highlighted among these engagements is a talk given in October of 2014 for the National Gallery of Canada exhibition in Ottawa: "The Great War: The Persuasive Power of Photography", and a McMaster Lager Lecture public talk entitled: "Cartographic Connections: The role of science in the history of mapping".

In 2014, Gord (and Margaret Rutten, Map Metadata Specialist) received the McMaster President's Award for Outstanding Service. That award recognizes employees who have made an outstanding contribution beyond that normally expected for their position to the mission of McMaster University. In addition to their continuing commitment to traditional service, Gord and Margaret played an instrumental and leading role in the Library's expanding focus on developing digital resources for research and teaching. Specifically, Gord and Margaret were key contributors to the development of the Geospatial Literacy blended learning modules that were created in partnership between McMaster Institute for Innovation and Excellence in Teaching and Learning (MIETL) and the Library. These online modules have been integrated into coursework in three different Faculties, helping students to develop their geographic skills and succeed in their learning. These

modules were among the first of their kind in Ontario and Canada, and have been highly regarded and requested by various Geography departments across the country. The team's success with the geospatial literacy modules has been equaled or surpassed by their work to digitize and provide online access to tens of thousands of historical and rare maps in the Library's collections through McMaster's Digital Archive.

In 2018, he was the curator of the Robert Clifford Map Exhibit, in the McMaster Museum of Art. Maps in that exhibit were generated for Napoleon's campaigns, and some were of enormous proportions. Bacler d'Albe, Napoleon's chief cartographer, devised a method of mounting the maps on linen backing, dissecting them into sections, and folding them for ease of transport. One such map in the Clifford collection measures in excess of 9 x 12 feet when fully assembled. The exhibit marked the first time that it was available for public viewing in its entirety since the acquisition of the Clifford collection by McMaster in 1969.

Selection of recent media stories:

- <http://dailynews.mcmaster.ca/article/mcmaster-maps-and-archives-help-shed-light-on-pivotal-point-in-hamiltons-history/>
- <https://museum.mcmaster.ca/about/news/clifford/>
- <https://dailynews.mcmaster.ca/events/lager-lecture-cartographic-connections-the-role-of-science-in-the-history-of-mapping/>
- <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/canadian-connection-to-first-world-war-map-featured-in-oscar-nominated-film-1917-1.4803399>
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