

Bibliographic Control Committee Report 2009 - 2010

I am pleased to submit the annual report of the Bibliographic Control Committee (BCC).

Membership

The Committee members this past year were Christine Alexander (Library and Archives Canada), Stéfano Biondo (Université Laval), Trudy Bodak (York University), (Chair), Nancy Lemay (University of Ottawa), Donna Porter (Library and Archives Canada), Grace Welch (University of Ottawa, Retired), Frank Williams (University of Ottawa), and Alberta Auringer Wood (Memorial University, Retired).

This year, we will be looking for a new chair. I am confident we will find a new replacement before January.

Meetings

The Committee held its annual meeting on June 9th at the CARTO 2009 conference in Wolfville, where we outlined several goals for the coming year. Among them were the following:

- Continue to explore examples for RDA after LAC (Library and Archives Canada) training
- Continue to work on the NAP (North American Profile) metadata core elements
- Review Cartographic Citations document
- Review BCC portion of ACMLA web site
- Consider training workshop for ACMLA Conference in Guelph, 2010

In November, several BCC members attended a meeting in Ottawa with representatives from LAC. Status reports were presented about the Union Catalogue of Maps, AMICUS and the Canadian Committee on Cataloguing. We reviewed and discussed ongoing projects (Cartographic Citations, the BCC web site and workshop training).

Workshops

As a result of feedback requesting more map cataloguing workshops, BCC approached the ACMLA 2010 Program Committee to organize a one day pre-conference map cataloguing workshop in Guelph this year. Our colleague Paige Andrew (Faculty Maps Cataloging Librarian, Pennsylvania State University Libraries) will be the instructor. This introductory workshop is to provide a starting point for those cataloguers who want to learn about cataloguing cartographic materials, specifically paper sheet maps.

Cataloguing

Donna Porter, the ACMLA representative on the Canadian Committee on Cataloguing (CCC), reports that RDA is on schedule to be launched in mid to late June. We will keep ACMLA posted on the progress of RDA and the work of CCC.

Other Activities and Accomplishments

The Committee worked on several initiatives this year. Stéfano took the lead on revising the

BCC portion of the new ACMLA website and we submitted our comments to the ACMLA Web Committee. Alberta continued to work on the Cartographic Citations Guide. The goal is to create one that recommends formats and to have both an English and French version. Although metadata is one of our primary goals, BCC was unable to spend much time this year on developing a template and guide for geospatial core elements based on NAP (the North American Profile). We hope to make this one of our primary goals for this coming year.

Acknowledgements

Once again, I would like to express my gratitude to the Committee members for their work this past year. It has been a pleasure chairing such a Committee of dedicated and inspiring colleagues. On behalf of the Committee I would also like to thank the ACMLA executive for their support for travel funding.

Respectfully submitted
Trudy Bodak, Chair BCC
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