

Bibliographic Control Committee Report 2004-2005

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

Membership

This year we lost another long time member, Velma Parker, who retired. I personally would like to thank Velma for all her hard work and outstanding contribution, particularly for her dedication and role in *Cartographic materials: a manual of interpretation for AACR2*. Velma will continue to be the representative on the Canadian Committee on Cataloguing temporarily. We were also sorry to lose Amy Chan, who also retired this year. We wish Velma and Amy a happy retirement. We will miss them on the Committee. New membership will be one of the agenda items for BCC when it meets in July.

Projects

Velma continues to be active in the revisions of *Cartographic materials*. In January she helped proof *Cartographic materials: a manual of interpretation for AACR2. 2nd ed. 2004 Update*, which was released in March of this year. Notification of this update was publicized on the CARTA Listserv. With AACR3 now underway, Velma submitted comments on the first draft to the Canadian Committee on Cataloguing, and she provided comments on the editor's revised organization plan.

Last year's BCC workshop at the ACMLA conference in Winnipeg was a big success. Velma Parker and Frank Williams did an excellent presentation, reviewing the changes and the cataloguing codes for cartographic materials.

In December, four committee members (Trudy Bodak, Amy Chan, Velma Parker and Grace Welch) attended a meeting in Ottawa with Emilie Lowenberg, Ellen Katic, and Andrew Dunnett from the Database Networks (Union Catalogue) Division of Library and Archives Canada and with Anne Draper, Manager, Government Publications and Serials Cataloguing Section, to follow up on the status of maps in AMICUS and to discuss map cataloguing issues. Anne Draper's area is now responsible for the cataloguing of maps. Anne updated us on the move of map cataloguing, and Library and Archives Canada's commitment to consult with the community. As always, this joint meeting was very productive. AMICUS now has about 145,000 cartographic cataloguing records, and there are 23 institutions contributing to this rich database.

The results of the Map Cataloguing Survey were compiled by Alberta Auringer Wood, and are now available on the ACMLA web site at the following URL:

<http://www.ssc.uwo.ca/assoc/acml/survey2004report0824.pdf>

The BCC members have been reviewing the survey, and are working on the best ways to handle map cataloguing workshops and training. For this year's ACMLA/CAA conference in St. John's, we organized a panel on metadata entitled "Metadata Standards: Why We Need Them, and How Do We Get There?" This session will focus on the importance of metadata and standards for digital geospatial data, and on the problems and possible solutions for a national strategy. Four panelists (Sally Hermansen from the University of British Columbia, John Sorrell from DMTI Spatial Inc., Grace Welch from the University of Ottawa, and Cameron Wilson from Natural Resources Canada and GeoConnections) will address metadata from different perspectives and expertise.

Map cataloguing training will be on the BCC agenda at our annual meeting in July.

Once again, I would like to express my gratitude to the committee members for their work and accomplishments this past year.

Respectfully submitted
Trudy Bodak, Chair BCC
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