CARTO / ACMLA / ACACC bestows an honorary lifetime 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 2019, 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 a long - time member of the Web Committee and the Publications Committee. She implemented the Mentorship Program to help new members acclimatize to the association.

Colleen was also 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.

Congratulations Collen!