ACMLA *Bulletin* Editor's Report
June 2009 - May 2010

Summary of *Bulletin* Costs

	Bulletin 135 Spr/Sum 2009	*Bulletin* 136 Fall 2009-Winter 2010
Date delivered	October 2009	May 2010
# of pages	56	64
# printed	250	230
Printing incl tax	$1,192.87	$1,305.68
Cost/*Bulletin*	$4.77	$5.68
Cost/page	$0.085	$.089
Total postage	$648.27	$773.49

Envelopes for *Bulletin* mailings are purchased at an approximate cost of $17.00 per issue, and this expenditure is not included in the cost breakdown above.

Increased postage fees indicated for *Bulletin* 136 above reflect the demise of the Inter-University Transit System (IUTS/PEBUQUILL), which we have used for many years to deliver *Bulletins* to Ontario and Quebec university addresses and to Library and Archives Canada. These *Bulletins* (63 in total) will now have to be sent through Canada Post at a cost of $2.75 each. Thanks has been extended on behalf of ACMLA to shipping staff at McMaster University Library who have kindly helped with the IUTS/PEBUQUILL mailings for many years.

Summary of *Bulletin* Costs per Member

	Based on *Bulletin* 136 (64 pages)	Number of members
Cost of three issues	$17.04	-
Envelopes for three issues	$0.25	-
Avg annual cost (delivery in Canada $2.75)	$25.54	146
Avg annual cost (delivery in US $4.73)	$31.48	57
Avg annual cost (delivery overseas $6.24)	$36.01	23

The above table indicates that, in general, our membership fee of $45.00 is still sufficient to cover *Bulletin* costs.

The *Bulletin* fell far behind schedule this year, owing to a combination of problems with my workload and with the quantity of contributions. I apologize to the ACMLA members for my share of these problems and believe that I will be able to devote more time to the *Bulletin* in the upcoming year. The copy contribution problems can also be addressed in part by a more assiduous effort on the part of the Editor. But ultimately the quality of the *Bulletin* rests with member involvement. Please keep the *Bulletin* in mind when preparing a presentation or reviewing a new web tool, or when you hear a really good speaker whose material might be of interest to all.

Last year I reported that the *Bulletin* software has been upgraded to Adobe InDesign CS4. Owing to a mysterious technical problem, *Bulletins* 135 and 136 were still produced using the old version of PageMaker. The conflict (with Vista Aero) was finally resolved in April after many hours conversation with Adobe's overseas support folks! The next issue should be produced entirely in InDesign, which will make the conversion of Word documents with embedded formatting and tables much faster and simpler. InDesign also offers features for generating e-books, which may be valuable in the context of possible electronic publication in future.

With the help of Rue Ramirez, Associate University Librarian for Library Systems and Information Technology at the University of British Columbia, I obtained a copy of the *Bulletin* index database in February. UBC has graciously accommodated this database within their OPAC for many years, providing the ACMLA with a web-searchable index to our publications. But since the retirement of Frances Woodward we have been unable to keep this tool up-to-date. The version received can be edited in Excel and I am now in the process of adding recent issues and also several additional fields (like issue and page numbers) to make this database more widely useful. When that editing is completed, the database will be ready for a new web home, preferably one where currency can be maintained easily. Any suggestions about preferred form or functionality are welcome. Please contact me or Second VP Wenonah Van Heyst.

Many thanks to Diane Boyd for her help over the past several years in preparing the envelopes for the *Bulletin* mailings. As Diane is retiring this year, Teresa Lewitzky, also at the University of Guelph Library, has kindly volunteered to take over the task of preparing the envelopes. Very best wishes to Diane and a warm welcome to Teresa!

As always I would like to sincerely thank the *Bulletin* staff for their efforts: Eva Dodsworth (New Books and Atlases), Cheryl Woods (New Maps), Richard Pinnell (Geospatial Data Reviews) and Michele Shular (Reviews). Andrew Nicholson moved on to the position of ACMLA President and we were delighted to welcome Tom Anderson from the Provincial Archives of Alberta as the new editor of the Regional News column this year. Thanks to both Andrew and Tom for their efforts in gathering news for the enjoyment of all. And thanks are again due to our Membership Chair, Erin Forward, who has supplied the new member information and the labels for every issue.

Finally, thanks to all who have contributed articles, news and reviews. There is a current trend in academic librarianship towards enhancing our roles through evidence-based practice and publication. The ACMLA *Bulletin* offers a venue for members to publish their work in an accredited journal with a world-wide audience. All submissions and suggestions gratefully received for future editions of the *Bulletin*.

Respectfully submitted,
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