



## **The 2014-15 Annual Report from the ACMLA President**

The 2014-15 year has been an active one for ACMLA. I would like to thank my fellow executive members, officers, and general members who have made contributions to the activities of the Association over the past year.

Our conference and annual general meeting will be in Ottawa from June 16<sup>th</sup> to June 19<sup>th</sup>. I would like to extend a big thanks to our Local Arrangements team in Ottawa at University of Ottawa and Carleton University, and our Program Committee.

### **New By law**

On July 2, 2014 our new by-law and Article of Continuance was signed, sealed, and delivered to Industry Canada. We received the Certificate of Continuance in August. As of July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 our Association officially continues to exist as a Corporation under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations act. The new by-law and rules of procedure are located on the ACMLA website. Throughout the year, the Executive with leadership from Courtney Lundrigen, have started the transition to the new by-law. At the upcoming 2015 ACMLA AGM, the Executive will be elected based on the new governing structure.

### **Canadian Geomatics Community Round Table / GeoAlliance**

Over the past few years, ACMLA has participated in the Canadian Geomatics Community Round Table. Deena Yanofsky was a member of the Steering Committee, actively contributed to the Education and Capacity Building Strategy paper, and also participated on the “Education Sector” task force. Colleen Beard was also a member of the Education task force. On June 10/11<sup>th</sup> 2014, Deena and I attended CGCRT’s Geomatics Strategy, Action, and Implementation Planning Workshop in Ottawa and provided input about the need for awareness surrounding geographic information education and the preservation of Canada’s digital geospatial information and print cartographic materials. Deena also presented at the ACMLA AGM in 2014 on the future plans for CGCRT and our potential role moving forward.

This year, based on the CGCRT consultations and workshops, the CGCRT has evolved into a new umbrella organization called GeoAlliance [<http://geoalliance.ca>], that will “address sector-wide strategic priorities by pooling energy and resources of existing business, non-profit, education and government organizations in the “geo” sector”. Deena and I attended the launch of GeoAlliance at the CGCRT’s National Leadership Summit in Ottawa on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015, where we learned about the proposed structure of the umbrella organization. To date, the ACMLA has expressed interest in becoming a member of GeoAlliance, but we have yet to receive information and documentation from GeoAlliance about its structure, mission, or future. Taking this into

account, as we receive more details this summer, the Executive will keep members up-to-date by emails and the listerv so that ACMLA can make an informed choice about our participation in the organization, our potential role, and contributions.

### **President Activities 2014-2015**

Here are some of the highlights of my activities as President for 2014-15

- Represented ACMLA at the University of Toronto's iSchool's "Associations as Your Gateway to Networking"
- Chaired the Executive meetings of the Association
- Represented ACMLA at the UofToronto's iSchool's event "Associations as your Gateway to Networking".
- Attended the CGCRT/GeoAlliance National Leadership Summit. Ottawa, April 20, 2015.
- Published three President's message for the ACMLA Bulletin
- Wrote a report about ACMLA's activities from 2011-2015 for *Geomatica*. In Press.
- Worked with Colleen Beard, Courtney Lundrigan, and Deena Yanofsky to revise the terms of reference of the Mentoring program. This will be completed in 2015-16
- Initiated the process of acquiring a preservation copy of the ACMLA Historical Map Series for the ACMLA Archive, this will be completed next year as my role as Past-President.

### **Kudos**

As you will read from the annual reports posted on the ACMLA website this has been a busy year for all of our Executive members and committees. Thank you all your hard work and dedication.

I would like to extend kudos to Courtney Lundrigan who has been our Secretary since September 2012. Courtney went beyond her duties and responsibilities as Secretary and provided guidance and leadership with the researching, writing, and implementing of our new by-law and rules of procedures. I would also like to thank Dan Duda for his advice and leadership role on the Executive. Dan Duda served his last year as Past-President and was on the Executive since 2010. It is has been a privilege and honour to serve with Dan and Courtney and I wish them well in their future endeavours.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Ottawa this June and a fulfilling year for ACMLA.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosa Orlandini  
June 15, 2015