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President's Report

Dear Archival Colleagues,

I am delighted to provide an ACA Board update to the new "Scope and Content".

The New Year will bring changes to the ACA Board of Directors. The terms of ACA Vice-President, Rebecka Sheffield, Secretary, Jane Morrison, and Director-at-Large, Jennifer Mohan, will end 31 December 2019. I thank Rebecka, Jane, and Jennifer for their contributions. I am delighted that Rebecka and Jane will be continuing another term as Vice-President and Secretary respectively. I also wish to welcome Jeremy Heil (Queen's University Archives) to the ACA Board as Director-at-Large. Rebecka, Jane, and Jeremy's terms of office are 1 January 2020 – 31 December 2021.

With these changes, the ACA Board and their portfolios for 2019-2020 are:

- Loryl MacDonald (President): Advocacy, Awards, and ACA Secretariat
- Rebecka Sheffield (Vice-President): Governance and Ethics
- Jonathan Dorey (Treasurer): ACA Foundation, Finance, and Conference Program and Host Teams
- Jane Morrison (Secretary): Membership and Outreach
- Jennifer Mohan (Director-at-Large): Education, Student Chapters, and Special Interest Sections (until 31 December 2019)
- Jeremy Heil (Director-at-Large): Education, Student Chapters, and Special Interest Sections (starting 1 January 2020)
- Luciana Duranti (Director-at-Large): SCCA, CCA, and ICA

In 2019-2020, the Board will continue to focus on ensuring that the ACA is a nimble organisation, providing effective advocacy, quality member services, and good governance pursuant to the recommendations of "Moving Forward Together, ACA Strategic Plan, 2018-2021".

Archivaria and All Shook Up

There are also changes to the *Archivaria* Editorial Board. Jennifer Douglas, has ended her term as the General Editor of *Archivaria*. I wish to acknowledge her tremendous work at the helm of our academic journal. Fiorella Foscarini from the Faculty of Information at the University of Toronto has now assumed the role of General Editor of *Archivaria*. I know Fiorella will excel in this important role.

I am very pleased to report that ACA and SAA has co-published '*All Shook Up: The Archival Legacy of Terry Cook*', edited by Tom Nesmith, Joan Schwartz, and Greg Bak. This book mixes many of Terry Cook's classic essays (many of which are difficult to locate) with significant new content in the form of commentaries by archival thought-leaders. We hope to launch the book at the ACA 2020 Welcome Reception.



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2019 ACA Annual Conference Results:

The annual conference reviews are in - and the 2019 ACA Annual Conference 5-8 June 2019 in Toronto was a hit. 85% of respondents to the Conference Survey thought the 2019 ACA Annual Conference a good to excellent experience. The conference attracted more than 250 delegates and had over 96 presenters from across Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia. Further, from the Welcoming Reception, the Archival Film Night, the walking tours, the East-West Ball Game to the closing Dinner & Dance, all of the social activities were well received. We are grateful to the Program Committee, chaired by Susan Hart, and the Host Committee, chaired by Julia Holland, who volunteered their time and expertise in making the 2019 Annual Conference in Toronto a great success.

2020 and 2021 Conferences:

The 2020 ACA Annual Conference “20/20 Vision Seeing Archives Differently” will be held at UBC 10-13 June 2020. The Program and Host Committee chaired Emily Lonie and Alan Doyle respectively have been working on providing a thought-provoking conference program and superb social activities. I am certain that ACA 2020 will be a successful, educational, fun, and memorable conference.

Meanwhile work is underway for ACA 2021 which will be 30 June – 3 July, 2021 at the Delta Hotels Prince Edward by Marriott in Charlottetown, PEI. I am pleased to report that Grant Hurley has agreed to serve as Program Chair. Let the green gables, spud, and archives puns begin!

Advocacy:

Over the summer, the ACA endorsed a joint library/archives associations’ letter to the relevant federal ministers concerning Crown copyright. The current copyright term for published Crown works is 50 years, and this term might extend to 70 years should CUSMA be ratified. In addition, the copyright in unpublished works created by the Crown is perpetual, further complicating access to such works for research and study. The letter asked that the federal government undertake further study on the issue and implement appropriate legislative amendments that will change this provision.

Bylaws

The ACA Governance Committee is reviewing and refreshing our corporate bylaw. The bylaw review is in two parts: one, revising our elections and voting processes to facilitate fully online participation and two, reviewing options for revising board governance structure to ensure continuity from one board to the next. Options with recommendations should be ready to present to members at the 2020 AGM.

Diversity and Inclusion:

Diversity and inclusion remain a priority for the ACA. At its November meeting, the ACA Board has struck a Diversity and Inclusion Task Force with a mandate to develop and recommend a D+I Action Plan that aligns with the ACA’s strategic priorities. The Board has appointed Rebecka Sheffield as the interim chair of the D+I Task Force. It is hoped that the task force will begin its work in January. Please stay tuned to ACA updates for more information about this.



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In closing, I wish to thank my Board colleagues, Committee Chairs, and Committee Members who so generously volunteer their time to assist the ACA in its deliberations and delivery of services. Our association is only as strong as the commitment of its members and volunteers. Finally, I am grateful to Jo McCutcheon and Maureen Tracey for their tremendous work on our behalf.

Best Regards,
Loryl MacDonald
President