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### ACA Board Update

The ACA Board met on April 29, 2020 and will meet again on May 20, 2020. The Board has been supporting the work of the ACA Conference teams and continuing to work on ways to support ACA members through these challenging times. There are more than 50 subsidized places and reduced rates available for members affected by COVID 19 to attend *ACA 2020 Seeing Archives Differently: The Online Version*.



The Board also passed the Terms of Reference for the Institutional Membership Working Group. See [here](#) for more information.

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## Governance

### ACA By-Laws

The ACA Governance Committee has been focused on review and renewal of the ACA's By-Laws. There will be an information and question and answer session open to all ACA members at the end of May. For details and information regarding the new proposed By-Laws, see the FAQ page [here](#). There will be a meeting invite and members will be able to register for this session.

### ACA Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM will take place online at 12:00 EDT June 23, 2020 via Zoom.

[Register for the AGM](#)



### Call for Nominations: ACA Board of Directors

The election of this year's slate of candidates for the ACA Board will begin following the AGM on June 23 and close June 30, 2020.

The Nominations Committee is seeking candidates for the following positions:

- President
- Treasurer
- Director at Large 1
- Director at Large 3

**The deadline for nominations is May 8, 2020**

[Online Nomination Form and Submission Link](#)

[Description of Board Positions](#)

## ACA 2020 Conference Updates

The 45th Annual Conference of the Association of Canadian Archivists will be historic in its own right. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the conference will be entirely virtual for the first time in its history. The multi-day virtual conference will take place from June 10-12, 2020 and will showcase the work of more than 50 speakers from across Canada as well as several international speakers from the United States, Australia, and Europe.

Conference  
Registration



The Conference [At-a-Glance](#) outlines events that will take place beginning with events on Wednesday 10 June, including the Book launch for *All Shook Up* and continuing with plenary sessions and concurrent sessions on Thursday 11 June and Friday 12 June. You can also access the full conference schedule [here](#).

The Program Team and Secretariat will be using Zoom along with our Conference App powered by Whova to support our online activities. Once you register, you will be able to download the Whova App and in advance of the conference, you will be sent Zoom details for the conference.



### ACA 2021, Charlottetown, Delta PEI June 30 to July 3, 2021

We are hoping to see you in Charlottetown for our conference in 2021.

### ACA 2020, Vancouver @ UBC June 15 to 18, 2022

To take advantage of all the work done to plan the

conference in Vancouver this year, the ACA has decided to hold its 2022 conference in Vancouver since it cannot be held there this year.



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## Membership Committee Update

Thank you to Tomoko Shida for her service to the Membership Committee! Tomoko has been a valuable member of the committee for the past two years. She brought an insightful perspective as our student member to the committee. We wish her the best as she transitions from student to professional archivist. The membership committee will be recruiting a new student member in the fall.

If you participated in the ACA Mentorship Program over the last five years as a mentor or a mentee, the Membership Committee will be emailing out a survey about your experience later this spring. Collected feedback will be used towards evaluating and improving the program for future participants. We look forward to hearing from you!

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## Education Committee

The Education Committee has held additional meetings to organize a number of workshops originally planned for the in-person meeting at UBC. Stay tuned for registration opportunities for the Resume and Interview Workshops for Information Professionals (date to be confirmed), Bringing the Canadian Archives of Women in STEM to Wikidata (June 8) and Creating Online Exhibits for Digital Collections (June 22). Costs and details regarding subsidized spaces will be sent out shortly.

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## News from *Archivaria*

**All issues of *Archivaria* available free until June 30, 2020**

In response to the public health crisis of COVID-19, *Archivaria* is pleased to announce they'll be making the eight most recent issues of the journal freely available to all through Project Muse. Content from the last four years will now be available free for all until June 30, 2020. As always, all other previous issues are available on the *Archivaria* [website](#) for your reading pleasure during these challenging times!

### Spring 2020 issue of *Archivaria* out soon

Get a sneak peek of the upcoming *Archivaria* 89 with its [Table of Contents](#)



2018 Dodds Prize winner,  
Devon Mordell at ACA 2019

### Nominations open for the Dodds Prize

Created in 2011, the Gordon Dodds Prize recognizes superior research and writing on an archival topic by a student enrolled in a Master's level archival studies program. The deadline for nominations for the Dodds Prize is June 30, 2020. Please see [here](#) for prize details.

### *Archivaria* Volunteers

*Archivaria* is looking for volunteers to join its Editorial Board! Deadline to apply is May 29, 2020. For more information, [see here](#).

**Volunteer for  
*Archivaria***

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### Special Interest Section News

The ACA Conference is normally a great time for Special Interest Sections to meet in person, discuss a topic or hear an invited guest speaker, and plan some activities for the coming year. Of course, we now find ourselves without the opportunity to be in the same room together, but this should not prevent us from getting together at all. In fact, this situation should provide an enhanced opportunity to engage with SIS members who wouldn't otherwise be available to attend the conference. The ACA is able to arrange and support virtual meetups on the Wednesday prior to the conference (June 10), and provide communications support to all SISs to ensure members know when and how to get together. For SISs unable to meet that day, we can still provide the opportunity for a virtual meeting at whatever date and time members would prefer. For SIS meetings set up around the conference, we will be able to link you through the Whova app to the meeting space, and keep you updated on any further developments.

As the Municipal Archives Special Interest Section (MASIS) is currently without a Chair, I will be setting up a meeting for members on June 10. This will be an open discussion on

what you would like to see MASIS doing in the future, and will be an opportunity to revitalize the SIS and select new leadership. Please look for the time and Zoom link in future communications.

I would further encourage SISs to develop their web presence! The revitalized ACA website has space available to highlight past and future activities, contact information, and much more. There is further space for members-only content (perhaps you have recorded presentations from past conferences you'd like to make available?). If you would like to see something from your SIS online, please contact your SIS Chair, the ACA Office, and me at [dal2@archivists.ca](mailto:dal2@archivists.ca) - I will be happy to assist.

Jeremy Heil

Director at Large

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## From the Student Chapters

### University of British Columbia Student Chapter

The website of the ACA UBC Student Chapter Symposium, ACA@UBC, has been updated with slideshows and selected photographs from the [12th Annual International Seminar and Symposium](#).

### University of Toronto Student Chapter

The ACA UofT Student Chapter has elected its Executive Team for the 2020-21 academic year! Follow them on [Facebook](#) to learn more about their activities.

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## *In the Field: The ACA Blog*

This winter, the Association of Canadian Archivists launched [In the Field: The ACA Blog](#). The field of archives engages contemporary archivists in a multiplicity of environments. *In the Field* seeks to become a place where discussions about the scope of archives, archival education, and archival interventions happens.

See the most recent blog post about [web archiving COVID-19 at Concordia University](#).

### Special call for blog posts for COVID-19 and archival responses

COVID-19 has transformed the ways in which archival organizations operate and, at

the same time, is an object of study for current and future researchers, as well as various health care communities. The ACA Blog *In the Field* is looking for contributions from archivists and archival institutions regarding their initiatives, strategies, and methods to either document responses to COVID-19 or with regards to their organizational functioning.

- How does the pandemic affect archival labour, from an organizational perspective or from archivists' points of view?
- What are your organization's policies and procedures regarding archivists' safety and the preservation of holdings during a complete shutdown?
- What is the impact of the current situation on archival organizations' crisis management and planning?
- What are the initiatives of your organization regarding the collection of records on COVID-19?
- How has the collection and dissemination of data on the pandemic mobilized your institution to reach out to various communities?
- How can archival records be involved in future planning and responses to global pandemics?

These are only some of the questions that interests us. We want to read your thoughts, strategies, perspectives, and initiatives. Please use the submission button below to propose a COVID-19-related blog.

**Submit a Blog for  
the ACA**

**Call for blog contributors:** We want to hear from you. Did you work on an interesting project or are you working with a particular fonds that you'd like to share with others? Have you visited an archival institution abroad – or across the road – and want to share your journey? Read more about how to submit a post [here](#).

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## In Memoriam

It is with sadness that the archival community learned of the recent passing of Shirlee Anne Smith, the first Canadian Keeper of the Hudson's Bay Company Archives.

Shirlee Anne left a huge legacy to the Hudson's Bay Company Archives, the Archives of Manitoba, and to the Canadian and international archival community. Her many contributions are honoured in this [article](#) by Canada's History magazine.





The Canadian archival community also suffered a loss with the recent passing of Mary Nutting, founding Executive Director of the South Peace Regional Archives. The Archives honoured her in a memorial article on their [website](#).

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### Job Postings

Submit your [job opportunity here](#) and it will be posted to the ACA website. We will also share this opportunity on our social media channels.

See opportunities advertised with the [College of North Atlantic-Qatar](#).

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