

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear colleagues:

The CAML Board met once this year, at the University of Ottawa on Oct. 20. This was a lively, constructive meeting, and a great deal was accomplished. However, the spring meeting was cancelled because of the high costs of travel. CAML is beginning to feel the effects of the recession in cutbacks in institutional support, higher postage costs, etc. Undaunted by this, the Board will be investigating the viability of conference calls and other means to curtail expenses. If you have any creative suggestions please communicate them to us.

We are in the initial stages of forming a PR committee to investigate fund-raising, and ways and means of publicizing CAML activities and publications. Peter Higham has begun sending out CAML membership development notices, and writing to journals about advertising. Please bear in mind that membership in CAML is NOT restricted to music librarians. If you know someone who might be interested in joining, please encourage them to do so, or to attend a conference if one takes place nearby. CAML needs your active participation. If you have ideas for meetings, contributions for the Newsletter, or feedback with regard to any issues, please let us know.

Bryan Gooch, chair of the Program Committee, together with Rita Vine and Debbie Rosen (local arrangements), have organized a stimulating conference for the annual meeting at the Banff Centre. It promises to be exciting and informative, further enhanced by the spectacular setting of the Rocky Mountains.

The Local Arrangements Committee for the IAML Conference Canada 1994 held its first meeting on March 19 at the National Library. This Committee is

chaired by Alison Hall, and members include Maria Calderisi, Timothy Maloney, and Stephen Willis.

For the past three years the Board has been working on revision of the 1978 constitution. Cheryl Osborn headed this effort, and summarized these changes in the August 1990 Newsletter. The final draft of the document was mailed to CAML members for voting purposes.

I would like to thank Alison Hall for representing CAML at the annual meeting of IAML last August in Paris, and for writing reports for the Board and the Newsletter. Alison's witty and informative accounts of meetings always give us a vivid sense of the place and the events.

I would like to pay special tribute to Sister Louise Smith (University of Western Ontario) who has been CAML's treasurer since 1980. She is stepping down from this position, and will be succeeded by Cheryl Martin (Metro Toronto Library). I have greatly appreciated Sister Louise's meticulous bookkeeping, good humour, and wise counsel during my years on the Board.

1991 marks the twentieth anniversary of the founding of CAML, and despite the shadow of fiscal restraint, my vision for our association is a promising one. My three years as President have been rewarding both personally and professionally thanks to your co-operation, friendship, and support. I also owe a great deal to my library administration at the University of Ottawa for generous support of my CAML activities.

Thanks and good wishes

