

-from the President-

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

And so another old year bites the dust, and a shiny brand-new one moves in, bringing with it promise of - peace? I would like to think so, at least to some degree. Those inclined towards an Orwellian forecast may look askance upon 1984, but I prefer to hold a more positive outlook. One thing we know the New Year brings is a new editor of the Newsletter/Nouvelles, Kathleen McMorro. I thank her for taking on the job and urge all members to be on the lookout for newsworthy happenings or ideas for articles that would provide interesting copy. Newsletter editors do need the support of the membership and friends to make things work. We also have a new membership secretary, Debra Begg of the University of Ottawa. Thanks to Debbie also, and please be sure to help her by sending in your membership dues, if you have not already done so.

The new Board of Directors held its first meeting in Toronto on October 16. Among items we discussed were plans for the Annual Meeting, possible ways of attracting new members to CAML/ACBM, the problems of the Publications Committee, and thoughts on the future direction of CAML/ACBM. More about a couple of these matters appears elsewhere. Finally, may I urge any members who may be interested in offering their services to CAML/ACBM in some area, and whom we may not know about, or have not approached recently, to get in touch with me, or any other member of the Board. We are regularly in need of people to assist with elections, local arrangements, the annual meeting, etc., and sometimes have to find someone at short notice. To those who are already doing things, or have recently expressed their interest to help if needed, many thanks.

To everyone, best wishes for a very happy and successful New Year.

QUESTIONNAIRE ON UNIVERSAL AVAILABILITY OF PUBLICATIONS

To those who have already responded, many thanks. To those who have been saving it up for the new year, please don't forget. Some of the questions are not clearly relevant to the Canadian scene, so don't hesitate to put "not applicable" or "don't understand" if this seems the case. I do hope that most of you will find the time to complete and return it. My thanks in anticipation.

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Chairman, CAML/ACBM Publications Committee

The Committee coordinates all publications activities of the Association - soliciting and reviewing manuscripts, arranging printing, distribution and promotion of publications. The Committee has several active members, but the position of chair became vacant with the resignation of Merwin Lewis. Current needs include the promotion particularly of our new publication, the Répertoire, and the updating of the Association brochure.

For further information, please contact the president, or any member of the Board.

-Alison Hall-

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