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The Board has met three times since our last Annual General Meeting: October 2013, March 2014, and 28 May 2014. We held our annual conference May 29-30 at Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario, at the Congress of the Canadian Federation of Humanities and Social Sciences, and jointly with the Canadian University Music Society. We were pleased to welcome Barbara Dobbs Mackenzie as the keynote speaker for our conference. The CAML First-Time Conference Presenter Award went to Sophie Rondeau; her paper was titled “The Sounds Inside the Library Walls: An Examination of Three National Library Digital Sound Recording Collections,” and it will be published in a future issue of the CAML Review.

Members of the Board are: Cheryl Martin (President), Brian McMillan (President-Elect), Rob van der Bliek (Treasurer), Carolyn Doi (Secretary), Kyla Jemison (Membership Secretary), Sean Luyk (Member at Large), and Cathy Martin (Communications Officer). At our Board meeting on 28 May 2014, we reappointed Rob van der Bliek as Treasurer and Kyla Jemison as Membership Secretary for a further two years (to 2016).

We had 57 personal members and 33 institutional members in 2013; 38 personal members were also members of IAML.

The Board sent comments to the Royal Society of Canada Expert Panel on the Status and Future of Canada's Libraries and Archives. We also responded to a request for comments on the Institute of Canadian Music, and were invited to participate in further discussions on the future of scholarship in Canadian music. We noted the appointment of Dr. Guy Berthiaume as Librarian and Archivist of Canada effective 23 June 2014, and
will be corresponding with him about Library and Archives Canada’s role in music research, cataloguing, and access. As Jan Guise mentioned in last year’s report, many public and academic music collections and their staff members were threatened by budget cuts, and we see this trend continuing with a possible amalgamation of the Education and Music Library at the University of Saskatchewan into their main library, with collections being moved into storage. We will continue to advocate for music collections, and for librarians, archivists, staff members, and others who support and use these collections.

Jan Guise completed her work on Ad-Hoc Committee on the Restructuring of IAML. Their proposals went to the IAML conference in Vienna in July 2013; thanks to Jan for taking on this important work for IAML. Congratulations to Joseph Hafner on his election as a Vice-President of IAML. I would also like to acknowledge the work that Daniel Paradis has done in chairing CAML’s Cataloguing Committee, as our representative to the Canadian Committee on Cataloguing and the JSC Joint Music Working Group, and for his leadership during the implementation of RDA for music; we are very fortunate to be able to draw on his experience in all matters related to music cataloguing.

We normally meet at the Congress of the Canadian Federation of Humanities and Social Sciences, and jointly with our colleagues from the Canadian University Music Society; next year the Congress will be at the University of Ottawa, approximately three weeks before IAML meets in New York City. The Board is considering options, and is in the process of asking the membership for input about whether we should hold a full CAML conference in Ottawa or hold only an AGM in New York and attend IAML.
The Quebec Chapter of CAML (SQACBM) did not meet in 2013; their next meeting will be on October 31, 2014, in Quebec City; proposals for presentations are presently being accepted.

I have enjoyed my first year as President, and value the support of the membership and of colleagues on the Board, and their willingness to provide feedback, volunteer to respond to requests for information, prepare reports, and attend meetings on our behalf. Thanks to Jan Guise as her term as Past President has ended; I was very grateful for her advice and support over the past year. I look forward to my next (and final) year as President.

Cheryl Martin
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