

Canada

Submitted by Katherine Penner – President

National board members

- President – Katherine Penner – University of Manitoba
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- Treasurer – Tim Neufeldt – University of Toronto
- Secretary – Samuel Plato – University of Manitoba
- Membership Secretary – Becky Smith – Memorial University
- Communications Officer – Laura Reid – University of Calgary
- Member at Large – Marc Stoeckle – University of Calgary

At the 2025 Annual General Meeting (held online Thursday, June 13), Katherine Penner took over as President, and Lucinda Johnston moved into the Past President position. Samuel was appointed by acclamation into the 2-year Secretary position (2nd term). Tim Neufeldt and Becky Smith both renewed, by appointment of the Board, their 2-year terms as Treasurer and Membership Secretary respectively. Laura Reid and Marc Stoeckle have completed the first year of their 2-year terms in their positions of Communications Officer and Member at Large respectively.

Board meetings held during the year

- June 18, 2024: Post-conference board meeting
- October 10, 2024: Fall board meeting
- March 6, 2025: Spring board meeting
- May 12, 2025: Pre-conference board meeting
- May 15, 2025: Post-conference board meeting

Annual branch meetings

Our AGM was held June 13, 2025 online via Zoom and had 23 attendees.

Branch membership figures

63 (decrease) comprising 43 CAML/IAML members (decrease) and 20 CAML-only members (decrease)

- CAML/IAML regular: 28 (decrease)
- CAML/IAML student/paraprofessional: 7 (increase)
- CAML/IAML retired/unwaged: 7 (decrease)
- CAML/IAML honorary: 1 (no change)
- CAML regular: 10 (decrease)
- CAML student/paraprofessional: 4 (increase)
- CAML retired/unwaged: 5 (increase)
- CAML honorary: 1 (no change)
- Institutional members: 14 (decrease)

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 76 (decrease)

Branch constitutional matters

There were no changes made to our constitution at our AGM this year.

Branch activities

The Quebec chapter of the Canadian Association of Music Libraries, Archives and Documentation Centers (SQACBM) held its annual meeting on Friday, October 25, 2024. This 1-day hybrid event brought together 20 participants (16 in person and 4 online) from 12 different institutions.

This past year, the Board completed two mandates from previous AGMs: surveying the membership regarding CAML's membership in the International Music Council (IMC) and the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences (FHSS); and gathering information regarding arms-length Board oversight of association-affiliated journals. We have also provided support to Jan Guise as needed for Canada's successful bid to hold IAML 2027 in Toronto and have investigated options for new online storage options (for collaborative documentation and archival purposes).

Our 2025 annual conference was held online via Zoom from 13-14 May. CAML's bilingual conference program consisted of a keynote panel (3 panelists, 1 moderator) exploring --- and 6 sessions with 16 presentations (2 in FR, 14 in EN). We also offered a workshop demonstrating the use of AI for generating music outputs and incorporating a brief guided meditation (accompanied by the music output prompted by our participants!) to support everyone's mental health during the online conference. We set a new registration record with 65 registrations (38 members, 27 non-members, 3 keynote panelists not included) and attendance at individual sessions ranged from 55-65 participants (excluding the workshop). This year's conference had a high level of international engagement, with participants from Canada, the US, the UK and Hong Kong.

Throughout the last year, many of our members have been actively attending and participating in IAML online events. Houman Behzadi is part of the IAML Online Events Committee and regularly updates our membership on the opportunities to connect with the IAML community outside of the annual Congress. Katherine Penner co-led the session on Digital Score Platforms for Libraries (with S. Bonjack, USA). This session was well attended, and the pair was also invited to share the information with the France (national) branch of IAML.

Branch projects

The CAML Collections Committee has continued to work on an initiative begun in 2023: the BIPOC* (i.e. Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour) Collection Initiative, whereby Canadian Institutions are committing to collect scores of specific self-identified BIPOC individuals—allowing the combined institutions to share in the overall collection of these scores, with the intention that each institution's collection will be shareable to other institutions.

*CAML recognizes that the term BIPOC is not universally recognized, nor necessarily adequately reflects the terms used by individuals self-identifying as non-white.

Branch publications

CAML Review is the branch's official journal and, along with the branch's website, a main communication tool. The latest issues – Vol. 52 No. 2 (2024): December and Vol. 53 No. 1 (2025): June – can be viewed online. Individual reports, articles, essays, and reviews, as well as complete issues, can also be downloaded as PDF files. *CAML Review* is fully bilingual (English/French) and is an open access journal.

The Editorial team of the *CAML Review* applied to be indexed in *Érudit* to boost access points to the journal, and the application was accepted to be part of this collection of Canadian academic journals, with the title accessible through the site beginning in 2027. This year the team also joined the Canadian Association of Learned Journals, which provides resources and supports to journal editors in their work.

Branch website

<https://www.caml-acbm.org/en/>

In the past year, the CAML website received minor revisions to the way we displayed our content, and minor updates related to our Conference.

Social media activity

In addition to our listserv (CAML-ACBML@LISTSERV.UTORONTO.CA), CAML has a Facebook page which serves as a communication tool for both the CAML Review journal and the CAML Board, to increase the branch's visibility by communicating our key announcements (e.g. awards, conference registration, etc.) on Facebook, and to interact – by way of posts, hashtags, and other linking features – with other music and/or information organizations.

Branch scholarships, grants, bursaries, awards

CAML awarded the following:

- Houman Behzadi – CAML Research and Professional Development Scholarship
- Marina Mikhail – Cheryl Martin Presenter Award

The first-time presenter award was not awarded as it is a travel support award and this year's conference was hosted online.

RILM and RISM contributions

One of our retired members, Lisa Philpott (University of Western Ontario), continues to improve titles in RISM, in particular adding links to digital holdings. Lucinda Johnston (University of Alberta) continues to catalogue old and rare print materials held at her institution.

Fontes Artis Musicae

- iPad and Digital Sheet Music Delivery: Supporting Student Development and Encouraging Digital Score Use Through Library-Circulated Hardware – Katherine Penner, 71/3 (July-September 2024)
- A Fresh Perspective on the American Years of Niccoló Castiglioni: On the Discovery of Two Castiglioni Music Manuscripts at the University of British Columbia – Kevin Madill, 74 (October-December 2024)