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It was a busy and tumultuous year for many members of the Canadian Association of Music Libraries, Archives and Documentation Centres (CAML), and for our library and archives colleagues across the country. The University of British Columbia Music Library is closing, and its collection is being integrated into the general library collections. The music library at the University of Alberta is also being merged into the general library collection. The public library system in Newfoundland and Labrador saw its professional librarian workforce reduced by half this year; just 9 librarians now serve the entire province.

CAML members have been concerned about changes at Library and Archives Canada (LAC), which have drastically reduced staff, resources, and access to collections. At the request of the membership, I wrote a letter to Dr. Daniel Caron (National Librarian and Archivist of Canada) expressing our concerns. Shortly after that, Dr. Caron resigned. We are monitoring changes at LAC and will respond as needed in the coming months. Our letter can be found under “Advocacy” on the CAML site: <http://www.yorku.ca/caml/drupal/?q=en/node/122>

The Board has met three times since our last Annual General Meeting: September 2012, April 2013, and June 6, 2013. We held our annual conference June 7-8, 2013 at the University of Victoria, British Columbia, with the Canadian University Music Society and the Congress of the Canadian Federation of Humanities and Social Sciences. At our September 2012 meeting, the CAML Board discussed a proposal to apply for membership with the Canadian Federation of Humanities and Social Sciences (CFHSS). CAML members are committed to holding our annual conference jointly with the Canadian University Music Society (CUMS), and CUMS is committed to meeting with the CFHSS Congress most years. We submitted our membership application in December 2012, and CFHSS voted to accept our application at their Annual General Meeting in March 2013.

I again took part in several teleconferences this year with the National Leadership Summit of Canadian music education associations. There are approximately 6 meetings per year, using Blackboard Collaborate Web conferencing software. The Canadian Music Educators Association (CMEA) organizes and hosts the meetings. The meetings are a wonderful opportunity to share information with music education colleagues across the country.

I was pleased to be asked by the IAML Board to sit on the Ad-Hoc Committee on the Restructuring of IAML. This four-member Committee also included John Roberts (UC Berkeley), Barbara Wiermann (Hochschule für Musik und Theater, Leipzig), and Richard Chesser (British Library). By working together via e-mail and Skype from October 2012 to



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February 2013, the Committee drafted a number of recommendations for a new governance structure for IAML. These recommendations can be [viewed online](#). IAML members will discuss and vote on the document at the upcoming IAML conference in Vienna in July 2013.

I wish to congratulate John Beckwith and Robin Elliott (both of the University of Toronto) on the publication of their book *Mapping Canada's Music: Selected Writings of Helmut Kallmann*, launched at a reception Thursday, June 6, 2013. The Board voted to contribute C\$1,500 of the profits of the IAML 2012 conference toward the publication of this important book about CAML's founder.

The past two years have been a wonderful learning experience for me as CAML President, and I have appreciated the support of the Board and the membership. It has been my pleasure to serve you, to welcome our international colleagues to Montreal in 2012, to bring new initiatives to members, and to advocate on behalf of music libraries, archives and documentation centres. I look forward to working with our new Board in the coming year: Cheryl Martin (President, Western University), Carolyn Doi (Secretary, University of Saskatchewan), Rob van der Blik (Treasurer, York University), Cathy Martin (Communications Officer, McGill University), and Member at Large (vote will take place this summer).

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