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ARMA VI NEWS!

A GREAT SUCCESS!

Future Evidence, Past Records Conference

In May, ARMA-VI collaborated with the Archives Association of British Columbia (AABC) to present a conference at Harbour Towers Hotel near downtown Victoria.

The conference launched straight into its workshops and sessions on Thursday morning with no delay, with the AABC salon running closed-registration workshops on topics ranging from documenting community heritage features in artistically presented maps to an onsite examination of the challenges faced when documenting the historic gardens at Hatley Park, and, by extension, the challenges faced by modern archivists when faced with similar tasks.

ARMA's sessions on Day 1 featured speakers from across the country who examined the lessons learned from the recent Archives of Ontario project, touched on RIM considerations of municipal governments, provided tips on how basic records management procedures can be brought into effective use on our personal desktops, and sparked lively discussions on designing records classification systems and how and why these systems should evolve in the future.

Thursday evening brought the official conference reception at Government House -- complete with bagpipes! It was an honour to be hosted at Government House by Steven Point, the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia.

On Friday morning, conference attendees were treated to an elegant and engaging off-the-cuff keynote address by Gary Mitchell, Provincial Archivist and Director, followed by a lively question-and-answer period.

Gary spoke earnestly about how the evolution and expansion of the archival and RIM fields have brought increased recognition of the historical and professional roles we must fill, but also about the moral and ethical imperatives we have to fill them and some of the obstacles we may face.

The remainder of Friday featured more superlative ARMA and AABC speakers whose topics ranged from the technical (the CAN/CGSB 72.34 standard and the ICA-AtOM project) to the general (funding, activating, analyzing, and strengthening your RIM program - not necessarily in that order).

Friday evening was the conference banquet, after which we were amused and enlightened by a selection of archival video clips from promotional material relating to BC Ferries, the BC Centennial celebrations in 1971, and, memorably, what seemed to be a docu-commercial from the '60s about the City of Vancouver which featured a suave world-traveller who referred to a fine female staffer who delivered his car as his "she-driver".

ARMA Vancouver Island was quiet on Saturday, though AABC continued with their plenary and annual general meeting in addition to several more workshops. All conference attendees, however, were welcome to participate in a bus tour of local archives or a history walking tour hosted by renowned resident historian, John Adams.

Overall, the conference was very well received by the approximately 130 attendees, who commented on the wide range of topics, the excellent facility, and the quality of ARMA speakers.

ARMA VI - Our Year in Review

On December 9, 2003, ARMA Vancouver Island was officially formed as the 177th chapter of ARMA International. That following June 24, 2004 ARMA VI held its very first AGM. And now here we are, at our fourth Annual General Meeting...

I like to believe that we've had a bang-up year! We hosted three bagged-lunch webinar sessions, which were well received, and we had a fantastic joint conference with the Archives Association of BC, on the topic of Future Evidence, Past Record. We had speakers and attendees from both near and far, and all seemed to enjoy the integration of the two different angles - information management and archives.

Although we continue to struggle with both membership and our internal marketing, I firmly believe that this upcoming year we will turn over a new leaf. My hope is to have people on the board who dedicate their volunteered time to marketing the chapter and any upcoming events, as well as those who are devoted to acquiring new chapter members and new board members. Our current chapter membership is running at approximately 25, one less than we had at last year's AGM. Membership is essential to the continuation of ARMA VI, so do what you can to spread the word!

Last year's AGM ended with 8 members on the board, but quickly fell back down to 4 people. The majority of the current board is retiring and so we need to recruit new members to help run the association. A small handful of people cannot run the board alone.

One of our accomplishments for the year is that we were able to send two people to the ARMA Canada conference. One of those people was funded by grants from ARMA Canada, but the other was funded by ARMA VI. This is a great thing, as it represents our continued growth as an organization.

We managed to publish two newsletters this year (this being our second), which is still slightly shy of our goal of communicating with our members on a regular basis. My aim for next year is to produce a newsletter each quarter.

All in all, I'm very proud of ARMA VI. We have our challenges, but given our size, we are doing an amazing job.

I'm thankful to all you that support the chapter in various ways, and look forward to seeing us learning and growing as a chapter.

Regards, Emily Shrimpton
ARMA-VI President

**If not you, who?
If not now, when?**

ARMA-VI Annual General Meeting

BE SURE TO ATTEND!!

Date:

June 17, 2008

Time:

5:30 p.m.

Location:

Fernwood Inn
1302 Gladstone Avenue
Victoria

See you there!

YOUR EXECUTIVE TEAM

President	Emily Shrimpton
Past President	Ken Oldenburger
Secretary	Ann Cummings
Treasurer	Jim Phillips
Honourary Webmaster	Jon Weston