



NOTICE OF SESSION

Thursday, June 29, 2017 Noon – 1:30 PM

Country Kitchen Catering (Lower level of The Keg) 1715 Mayor Magrath Drive S., Lethbridge

2017 Annual General Meeting of Southern Alberta Council on Public Affairs

Approval of agenda and appointment of Secretary

Adoption and discussion of Minutes – June 23, 2016

Annual Reports:

Chairperson

Finance Committee and Treasurer's Report and Budget for 2017-2018

Program Committee

Break for lunch at approx.12:30 - 1 pm followed by more reports

SACPA on Campus Program Committee

Policy and Bylaw Committee

Administrative Manager

Personnel Committee

Nomination Committee

50th Anniversary Committee

Appointment of Auditors and discussion on new ideas and SACPA's future direction.

Adjournment at 1:30 pm

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Location: Country Kitchen Catering (Lower level of The Keg) 1715 Mayor Magrath Dr. S

Cost: Free with a current SACPA membership, otherwise \$12 for lunch

New memberships and renewals are encouraged and can be purchased at the AGM

Visit the SACPA website: http://www.sacpa.ca

Minutes of Southern Alberta Council on Public Affairs AGM June 23, 2016

Attended: Vivian Kossuth, Bobbi Cullum, Dylan Purcell, Knud Petersen, Austin Fennell, Henry Heinen, Harry Eldon, Josephine Aristone, Mary Anderson, Barbara Doyle, Pat Greenlee, Graeme Greenlee, John Elves, Echo Elves, Marshall Jaremco, Angie Jaremco, Terry Shillington, Mary Shillington, Frances Schultz, Charles Luca, Jillina Daram, Marvina Hendricks, Henning Muendel, Bev Muendel-Atherstone, André Carriére, Dennis Connolly, Chester Oseen, Cale Harris, Heather Gallant, Carol Sekiya, Larry Elford, Bob Cambell, Robert Smith, Trevor Page, Everett Tanis, Douglas Mitchell, Peter Biehl, Serg Mankow, Charlotte Hnatiuk, Joseph Hnatiuk, William Ramp and Annelies van Oers

Bev M-A moved, Joseph Hnatiuk seconded to accept the AGM agenda. All in favour

Terry Shillington moved. Bob Campbell seconded to accept minutes from SACPA's 2015 AGM

Discussion

Minute amended to include Trevor Page's discussion on moderator training. Discussion on emails to members reminding them of membership status. Minutes accepted with amendments: All in favour.

Chairpersons Report.

Knud Petersen presented the Chair Person's report.

Questions from the floor: None

Finance Committee Report

Vivian Kossuth SACPA Board Treasurer presented the finance report Vivian pointed out a mistake under misc., which should be a \$939.48 balance (from printed \$439.48) by removing \$500 from speaker fees. Lunch fees will go up to to \$12.00 in September.

Questions from the floor

Question from Joseph Hnatiuk: Is there a limit to amount paid on speaker fees, as SACPA should have a limit. Knud Petersen answered that for SACPA's 50th anniversary year the limit on speaker fees/travel costs will be \$8000. Next year and in future years SACPA's regular budget allocates \$2000.00 for travel expenses and no speaker fees unless in special circumstances. Trevor Page asked whether there is a cap on speaker fees?

Knud Petersen answered that SACPA has no cap, but has paid very few speaker fees in the past. Trevor Page asked why the 50th anniversary year proposed budget is covering 2 years? Knud Petersen answered that SACPA will be starting to spend money this coming fall already so costs will be spread over 2 years. (2016/17 and 2017/18)

Knud explained university reimbursement process of travel expenses for Dillon Black and Erin Leigh on the Cyber Violence session.

Program Committee Report

Terry Shillington presented the Program Committee report.

Questions from the floor.

Josephine Aristone asked if SACPA have speakers lined up for next season which is Canada's 150th anniversary.

Terry Shillington answered that Alberta's Health Minister, Sarah Hoffman may be coming, but SACPA's board is actively working on this.

For SACPA's 50th anniversary, the board is working on several speakers and some of them will be addressing topics related to Canada's 150th anniversary.

SACPA on Campus Committee Report

Bev Muendel-Atherstone presented the on Campus Committee report

Questions from the floor: None.

Policy and Bylaws Committee Report

Knud Petersen presented the Policy and Bylaws Committee Report.

Questions from the floor.

Knud Petersen suggested that this would be a good place to discuss the concerns raised earlier about moderators. Terry Shillington mentioned that moderators are not picked at the start of the season. SACPA does the training informally before the start of the session.

Trevor Page suggested that the board maintains the excellence of SACPA. Congratulates SACPA on excellent sessions and mentions that some moderators are not doing their moderating duty. Trevor also feels that the lunch quality has decreased. Will the lunch fee increase also increase the quality of the lunch? How does SACPA come to the decision to raise lunch fees? Knud Petersen answers that the increase reflects the current level of inflation. Larry Elford, on behalf of SACPA, will discuss with Country Kitchen Catering re meal quality and expectations. Henning Muendel suggested that there be a buddy system organized to take on training of upcoming session moderators.

Bev Muendel-Atherstone complimented Country Kitchen staff and the generally good quality food for such reasonable cost.

Administrative Manager Report

Annelies van Oers presented the Administrative Manager report

Questions from the floor:

Henning Muendel questions whether the loss of CKXU also means the loss of the podcasts on the website and ITunes. Annelies van Oers reassured that podcasts are not affected and that such are still posted on a weekly basis.

Personnel Committee Report and Nomination Committee Report

Knud Petersen presented the Personnel Committee report

Questions from the floor: None.

Bob Campbell moved, seconded by Austin Fennell to accept all committee reports as presented: All approved

Henning Muendel pointed out that there is gender parity on the new SACPA Board.

SACPA 50th Anniversary Committee Report

Knud Petersen presented the 50th Anniversary Committee Report.

SACPA 50th Anniversary Committee consists of Bev Muendel-Atherstone, Heather Oxman and Knud Petersen.

Questions from the floor.

Trevor Page suggest adding the prime minister to the list and shoot for the stars.

Bev Muendel-Atherstone reports that Mary Thomson offered to research sociological influence of SACPA in Southern Alberta. She would do this research by interviewing long time SACPA members and work with SACPA both sociologically and historically. She would work closely with a research student that William Ramp at the University is providing.

SACPA is also considering the creation of a video.

SACPA will pursue a grant from the "150 Canada grant" for \$5000.

Larry Elford asked if SACPA has considered bequests and financial contributions.

Knud Petersen answers yes and donations can be made via the SACPA website.

Henning Muendel suggests that Gordon Campbell as a founding members of SACPA be contacted for video or audio.

Terry Shillington mentions that the board has talked about this and is working on this.

Mary Shillington moved, seconded by Douglas Mitchell to appoint Bob Campbell and Diane King to audit the financial statements for 2015/2016: All approved

Knud Petersen thanked everyone for their support and pointed out the great coverage from Lethbridge Herald, Shaw TV and other media outlet of SACPA. Terry Shillington thanked Knud Petersen and all his work.

Bob Campbell moved, seconded by Henning Muendel to thank the SACPA executive: All in favour.

Meeting adjourned by Bev M-A, seconded by Trevor Page at 1:45pm.

2016-17 Chairperson Report

It is my pleasure to inform the membership and others, from my perspective, of what's been happening during the day to day workings of SACPA's board and committees. Now in its 50th year, this durable and proud organization is probably more relevant than ever as issues related to many topics continue to mount. While SACPA tries to cover all sides of the political spectrum equally, we may occasionally be viewed as favouring one side or another, but on balance, we try staying away from "fake news" and "alternate facts".

SACPA hosted 39 regular sessions and 7 special events this past season. Topics had a fairly even mix of local, provincial, national and international issues. Topics discussed were largely balanced around politics, the economy, social, education, health, religion, First Nations issues, refugees, science and the environment. Presenters included 25 women and 27 men, 13 speakers from U of L, 3 from the College and 2 from other universities. Average attendance at regular sessions were 74, down 5 from last year. Seven (four at the Library and three at U of L's Penny Building downtown) special events averaged approximately 25, substantially down from last year.

Many important issues were covered in a timely manner thanks to the SACPA Program Committee and Board including our treasurers **Vivien Kossuth** and since April, **Ross Samuel**, secretary **Bobbi Cullum**, **Bev Muendel-Atherstone**, **Shannan Little**, **Heather Oxman**, **Tad Mitsui**, **Terry Shillington**, **Mark Nelson**, **Martin Heavy Head**, **Duane Pendergast**, **Lisa Hildebrand and Larry Elford**. Best wishes to outgoing board members, Bobbi Cullum and Vivien Kossuth, many thanks for their valuable contributions

We continue to work closely with the University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge Public Interest Research Group (LPIRG), Student Union (ULSU) and several other U of L departments when booking speakers. Special sessions at the Penny building however, were not particularly well attended. All three SACPA on Campus 2017 Student Speaker Challenge (SSC) events seemed a little less exciting than last year despite very good efforts and more consistent judging. Planning is underway for the 2018 SSC events.

Many thanks to all board members, 50th anniversary committee members, **Bev**, **Heather and Jaisie Walker**, speakers, moderators, SACPA members, attendees and other supporters of SACPA events including **Lethbridge Herald**, **Shaw TV** and **Lethbridge Public Library**. Thanks also to **CKXU 88.3 FM radio**, **CJOC Radio**, **CTV**, **Lethbridge News Now** and other media for covering many sessions. A special thank you to **Country Kitchen Catering** for making us feel welcome while serving us great value meals with a smile and last but not least to the **University of Lethbridge** for their financial support, distribution of notices and supply of rooms at the Uni and the downtown Penny Building.

Finally, my personal thanks to **Annelies van Oers**, our way overqualified and very friendly administrative manager. She keeps our speakers/moderators in line (despite her broken arm) and collects money as well as looking after the sound, recordings and our website. Annelies is also very well connected in our community and occasionally helps arrange for speakers. Thanks also to **Sheila Rogers** who amply fills in for Annelies when needed.

Respectfully submitted by Knud Petersen, SACPA Chair.

2016-17 Finance Committee Report

Committee Members: Ross Samuel, Bobbi Cullum

The enclosed budget document details all revenues and expenditures for SACPA's 2016-2017 fiscal year, which ran from June 1, 2016 to May 31, 2017.

The bank balance on May 31, 2017 was: \$9,158.07.

The balance of GICs on May 31. 2017 was: \$22,198.15.

Programming-related expenses are detailed as follows:

Date:	Speaker:	Expense type:	Amount:
6/21/2016	Lisa Turner	travel	200.00
6/28/2016	Harsha Walia	travel	500.00
12/8/2016	Jack Mintz	travel	200.00
12/13/2016	Jack Mintz	hotel	121.19
1/12/2017	OUTreach SA	conference	1000.00
1/31/2017	Katie Huang	travel	100.00
2/14/2017	Gabriel Rosenberg	travel	300.00
4/10/2017	David Gray	airfare and accommodation	720.14
5/15/2017	Duane Bratt	travel	200.00

Respectfully submitted by Ross Samuel and Bobbi Cullum.

	FY15/16 Actual	FY16/17 Budget	FY16/17 Actual	FY17/18 Budget
Revenue		· ·		· ·
Membership	1,925.00	2,000.00	1,625.00	1,500.00
Donations	693.70	1,000.00	506.00	500.00
Lunch surplus proceeds	2,073.35	3,000.00	3,162.50	3,000.00
Funds from GIC	6,273.75		-	
University of Lethbridge	10,850.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
Grants & other income			-	
Unreconciled _			-	
Regular Revenue	21,815.80	15,000.00	14,293.50	14,000.00
		2-Year		2-Year
		Budget	Actual	Budget
Funds from GIC		10,000.00	10,000.00	
Grants		5,000.00	-	
Sales of booklet		1,000.00	55.00	500.00
Proceeds from fundraising _		1,000.00	-	2,000.00
50th Anniversary Revenue		17,000.00	10,055.00	2,500.00
Total Revenue			24,348.50	16,500.00
Expenses				
Personnel expenses	8,430.00	8,400.00	8,400.00	8,400.00
Speaker fees/travel/lodging	3,774.57	2,000.00	3,341.33	2,000.00
Computer/projector/sound	262.50	200.00	262.49	200.00
SACPA U of L scholarship	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Webhosting	420.00	425.00	420.00	450.00
AGM lunch for members	330.00	350.00	430.00	450.00
Advertising, speaker handouts	20.00	50.00	341.41	100.00
Gifts, gratitude & donations	750.00	500.00	1,112.00	500.00
McKillop Church room rental	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
SACPA board Xmas supper	500.00	500.00	350.00	400.00
Miscellaneous	439.48	300.00	80.00	100.00
Insurance	760.00	800.00	760.00	800.00
PO box rental	163.80	175.00	170.10	200.00
Cheque & bank charges _	47.450.05	45.000.00	148.40	50.00
Regular Expenses =	17,150.35	15,000.00	17,115.73	14,950.00
		2-Year		2-Year
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Speaker fees/travel/lodging		6,000.00 2,000.00	-	1,500.00
SACPA files/prep for history Advertising + booklet		6,000.00	2,500.00	
Miscellaneous		1,000.00	3,893.47	
50th Anniversary Expenses		15,000.00	6,393.47	1,500.00
=		13,000.00	0,333.47	1,300.00
Total Expenses			23,509.20	16,450.00
Cashflow	4,665.45	2,000.00	839.30	
Bank Balance	8,318.77		9,158.07	
GICs			FY16/17	
Opening Balance			32,072.00	
Interest Income			126.15	
Cash Withdrawn			(10,000.00)	
End-of-year Balance			\$ 22,198.15	

2016-17 Program Committee report

The year began – for the Southern Alberta Council on Public Affairs – on Thurs. Sept. 8, with a discussion on Bull Trout. Looking back, we have had a good year. Each month, for an hour before board meetings, a handful of people gather and discuss, often passionately, the issues circulating around us.

Sometimes we get so engaged in getting to "the bottom of it", we forget we have a committee task to do. But the passion and sometimes the disagreement within our committee helps us name the pressing issues of our community, province and beyond.

Often a topic will linger in the air for weeks or months, before we discover the right speaker. We are thankful for the rich people resources of this community, including the University of Lethbridge, that bring insight and expertise to so many subjects.

Attendance alone may not reveal how important a topic is – and at times we are surprised at what draws a crowd, and what does not. This past year we had major turn outs for the following:

Feb. 2, Trevor Harrison explored neo-liberalism, Trump and the return of populism (122)

Nov. 3, Jim Tagg's talk on the US election (He predicted Hilary Clinton to win) (108)

Jan. 26, Japanese internment camps with George Takashima (102)

Oct. 27, Racism with Joanne Fiske (101)

Jan. 19, Dawn Leite's presentation on a performing arts center for Lethbridge (99)

Only one Thursday saw attendance drop below 60. Again this year we have many people to thank. Knud brings wisdom and lots of time, as he guides these topics to fruition. Thanks to many board members who chase down a speaker with relentless persistence. Annelies and her tech colleagues ensure we have reliable sound and internet support.

Thanks too to many loyal attenders who come, bringing questions, challenges and curiosity. And not least, we enjoy the food and the personal touch of Country Kitchen Catering management and staff.

We look forward to next fall and another good year. We have established a Gordon Campbell memorial speaker series, and will try to make each of those events special. One certainty is that we will have an abundance of issues that beg to be explored.

Respectfully submitted by Terry Shillington, Program Committee chair

2016-17 SACPA on Campus Committee report

Committee members: **Emma Ladouceur** LPIRG (Chair), **Hailey Babb** ULSU, **Bev Muendel-Atherstone**, **Jaisie Walker**, **Lisa Hildebrand**, **Tad Mitsui**, **Martin Heavy Head and Knud Petersen**.

The 2016-17 SACPA on Campus committee had another eventful year in which we coordinated three special sessions at U of L's Penny Building. On Nov 30, **Jack Mintz** discussed Carbon Dioxide pricing and on Feb 23, we hosted **David Gray** and his talk on how Alberta's electricity prices will be affected by coal-fired power plant closures. **Larry Martin** addressed the need for climate change policy in Canada to be fair on March 22.

SACPA also co-sponsored three other events at U of L. **Gabriel Rosenberg** from Duke University, spoke on the 4H movement in USA on Jan 24 and on industrial reproduction Jan 25. On May 9, **Edward Snowden**, via Google from Russia, presented on privacy issues in a world that increasingly use electronic devices to spy on its citizens. A huge enthusiastic crowd of nearly 600 showed up and SACPA used that opportunity to promote itself by handing out 300+ promo flyers, mostly to folks unfamiliar with our organization.

The SACPA on Campus Student Speaker Challenge committee started organizing in Nov and their work culminated on March 15 with the final event. The candidates were asked to speak on the topic: **Canadian Values: What are they?** Seven applicants competed and after a three event competition dominated by women, the winners were declared and shared \$2000 in prize money.

The success of SACPA on Campus relies heavily on working with both the U of L Student Union (ULSU) and the Lethbridge Public Interest Research Group (LPIRG). **Emma Ladouceur** from LPIRG and **Hailey Babb** from ULSU were extremely proactive and helpful. We hope to continue cultivating this relationship in years to come. Thanks also to the **University of Lethbridge** for their support at on campus events.

Respectfully submitted by Knud Petersen

2016-17 Policy and Bylaw Committee report

Committee Members: Tad Mitsui and Shannan Little

In light of our 50th anniversary commemorations, we discussed potential methods of honouring specific and defined members. The Policy and Bylaw Committee researched various methods and manner of honour such as "honourary lifetime membership" or "life members". The Committee took the position that such an honour to members did not serve the primary purpose of SACPA as a speakers' forum and would potentially unduly burden future SACPA Boards. This position was accepted by the Board of Directors.

To recognize past SACPA Board of Directors, we will undertake to list past Board members and publish this list on the SACPA website. We acknowledge the exceptional contributions of occasional members and suggest a special speaker series or event be named in honour of these individuals.

As always, suggestions for improvements to make our session more desirable to new attendees are welcome. Benefits of SACPA membership presently include voting privileges and a free lunch for paid-up members at SACPA's Annual General Meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Tad Mitsui and Shannan Little.

2016-17 Administrative Manager Report

The year has flown by again and I have very much enjoyed my work as administrator. It continues to be an honour to be part of SACPA and its long tradition. Apart from the setup and takedown, recording/posting sound at sessions, collecting lunch money, I've worked on:

MEMBERSHIP

- 361 Members on the list-serve (up by 20 from last year) that receive our list-serve emails
- We have 180 members (down 18 from last year) of which 77 (down 20 from last year) are overdue on their membership status. Email reminder to update memberships have been send. We also did a Christmas card greeting and reminder to all members
- Memberships can also be purchased through SACPA's website using PayPal

SESSIONS

- Created Facebook Events for all our sessions
- Continued to Tweet our sessions out.
- Maintained electronics/computer.
- Website updates and posting the podcasts to ITunes. As ITunes doesn't host the
 podcast they don't provide stats. These stats are in our own website stats further
 on in this report.

SOCIAL MEDIA

 Average of 370 page likes a on Facebook (up by 111 from last year) and 1044 followers on Twitter (down 300 from last year)

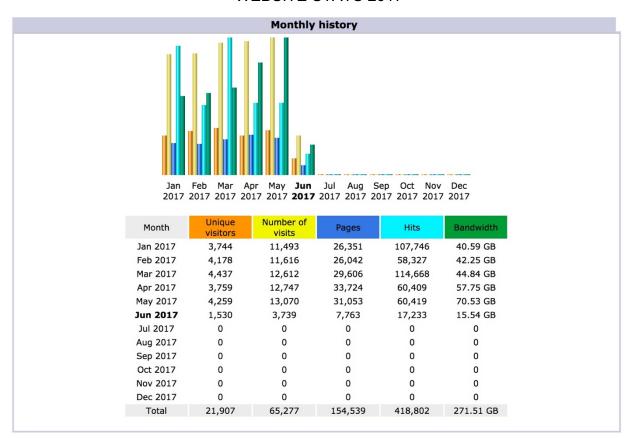
SOUND/RADIO/ SHAW

- For the last few years a distinct "buzz" has hampered in our venue sound quality.
 We have worked on it and this year we bought a new sound board, which helped some. Country Kitchen Catering recently did a thorough overhaul of their sound system and that resulted in major sound quality improvements for our recordings.
- Shaw TV is very happy about the new sound quality improvements. They now broadcast us 5 times a day during the week before adding sessions to their SACPA YouTube Channel.
- CKXU also uses some of our podcasts for airing throughout the week.

WEBSITE

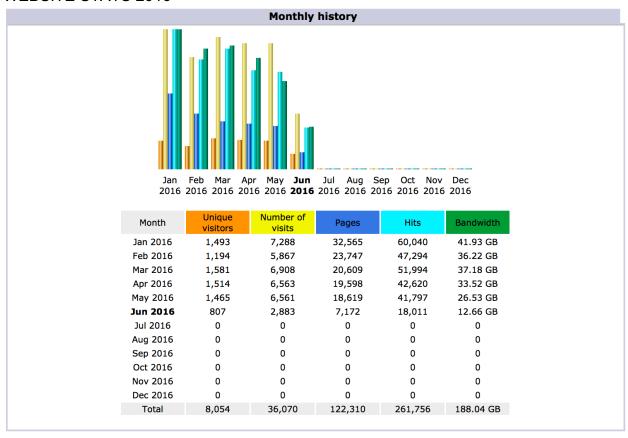
- General updates to the website pages
- Upload the podcasts of all our session not only to the website and also to ITunes.

WEBSITE STATS 2017

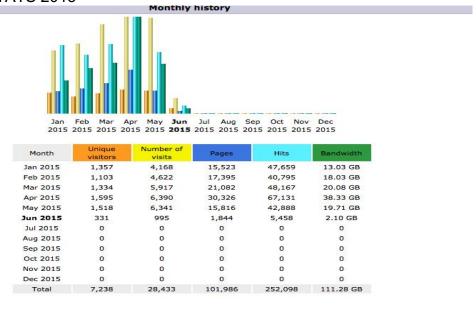


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js	JavaScript file	2,227	12.9 %	68.35 MB	0.4 %			
gif	Image	1,813	10.5 %	2.76 MB	0 %			
png	Image	1,717	9.9 %	22.81 MB	0.1 %			
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swf		23	0.1 %	1.90 MB	0 %			
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WEBSITE STATS 2016



WEBSITE STATS 2015



Respectfully submitted by Annelies van Oers, SACPA Administrative Manager

2016-17 Personnel Committee report

Committee Members: Mark Nelson, Bev Muendel-Atherstone, Knud Petersen

The 2016-17 Personnel Committee had no issues. **Annelies van Oers** continues to do an awesome job as Administrative Manager of SACPA. Occasionally, when Annelies is away, (or breaks her arm) she acquire the services of **Sheila Rogers**, who amply helps cover the administrative job.

Several session topics and speakers were facilitated through Annelies again this season. Her vast experience with political and social activism and generally being well connected is often very helpful.

Annelies, who also runs her own web design company, has committed to stick around for another year, which makes life much easier for the Personnel Committee.

Respectfully submitted be Knud Petersen, Personnel Committee Chair.

2016-17 SACPA Nomination Committee report

Committee Members: Mark Nelson and Knud Petersen

The committee's dialogue has been conducted via electronic means this past year.

A very big thank you to outgoing Board members, Secretary **Bobbi Cullum** and Treasurer **Vivien Kossuth** for their fine work and commitment to SACPA

Since two excellent community members, **Kristin Krein** and **Ross Samuel** have stepping up to replace the outgoing Board members, SACPA's Board of Directors will have a full slate for the 2017-18 season. The following have committed to serve on the Board and Program Committee.

Bev Muendel-Atherstone, Shannan Little, Kristin Krein, Lisa Hildebrand, Heather Oxman, Tad Mitsui, Terry Shillington, Mark Nelson, Ross Samuel, Martin Heavy Head, Larry Elford and Knud Petersen.

Duane Pendergast and Vivien Kossuth will also be part of the Program Committee

Administrative Manager: Annelies van Oers

Respectfully submitted by Mark Nelson and Knud Petersen

SACPA 50th Anniversary Committee Report

From the last AGM in June 2016, this committee met nearly every other week at the Main Branch of the Public Library during the summer and autumn to discuss and plan the pages of the commemorative publication for the 50th anniversary of SACPA. **Jaisie Walker**, a University of Lethbridge graduate student with Dr. **William Ramp**, was contracted to help with the research and editing, and she provided the creative concept that prevailed in the publication. Eric Dyck, a local artist, provided the art work for the cover, which was used in several other publishing off-shoots, among them, post cards and limited edition posters.

Bev Muendel-Atherstone and **Knud Petersen**, with long term experience in SACPA matters, helped write and review copy and ensured accuracy plus provided lively debate over what should be in the magazine. **Heather Oxman** kept records of all discussions. Since she is relatively new to SACPA, she provided a different perspective for the purpose of the magazine. The magazine came together in January and it was determined that we would publish a large and small version for this anniversary.

In addition to production of the commemorative magazine, there is more work being done to celebrate our 50th anniversary. A letter was sent out in February to over 50 prominent Canadians inviting them to speak at special sessions during this anniversary year. Several have responded and in the coming year, these sessions may be larger scale events, held in collaboration with others. Additionally, we are considering a southern Alberta conference to discuss issues of importance to this and surrounding communities, similar to the very first event launched by SACPA back in 1968. Such an event may eventually be the culmination of SACPA's anniversary year next May or June

Respectfully submitted by Heather Oxman