



Annual Report 2007

ALPINE CLUB OF CANADA

Canada's National Mountain Organization

Founded in 1906

President's Message

The year 2007 will go down in history as another good one for the Club, with significant achievements and progress in many areas. It is extremely difficult to enumerate the myriad of tasks that the Club takes on each year. This report is meant to give you a sense for what the Club is doing and yet will only succeed in scratching the surface of the immense volunteer effort that the Club puts forth each year. We can only do this with the help of passionate and dedicated volunteers and supporters such as you. With such a vibrant volunteer base, I believe the most important message a President of can give is a huge and heartfelt thank you, and to tell you your efforts are not only very much appreciated but have a huge positive impact on the climbing community each year.

In preparation for our next century, the Club held a Priorities and Planning meeting early in the year. The exercise brought together several section representatives, staff, and executive committee members towards helping define the direction of the Club. A motion was subsequently passed by the Board as a result of the session to form seven distinct sub-committees to address the Club's constitution, financial stability, leadership development, marketing and communications, governance, environment, and membership. Initial findings and recommendations of these sub-committees will be presented back to the Board.

Our friend and long time Executive Director, Bruce Keith, stepped down in May of '07. Bruce guided the organization through many rocky waters keeping it not only on course but financially sound. Bruce was succeeded by long time staff member Lawrence White who over the past several months has shown that he has the 'right stuff' to guide the Club into the future. I wish both Lawrence and Bruce the best of luck in their future pursuits. I think it a testament to both Bruce and the Club that we have managed to snare Bruce back as a willing volunteer from his well deserved, and much envied retirement.

In summary, I am pleased to report that the Alpine Club of Canada is in excellent financial condition and has transitioned into its second century of being Canada's only National Mountain Club with a strong membership in conjunction with an inspired and energetic staff. Members should be justifiably proud of their Club. I know I am.

—Cam Roe

Services

- **Leadership Development and Training:** This year's winter National Leadership course was held at a new location this year. The change in location brought about invigorated interest in the course. The feedback we received from the members attending the course was very positive regarding both the quality of the training and challenging terrain.
- **The National Leadership Development and Training committee** is now working on bringing to every member's attention the wonderful educational opportunity the Summer Leadership course offers. The deadline for applications is set for May 1st. Beginning this fall, Nancy Hansen has been contracted to put together a training resource for teaching mountaineering skills. Nancy will be asking for the Sections for their help in gathering materials and methods already development with this goal in mind. This training syllabus will be a resource available for all Sections to use in delivering one of the key services members expect as being part of this Club.
- **Competition Skiing:** Like the snowball that rolls downhill and gathers mass, the Canadian Ski Competition Group is growing and gathering more interest and attention both within Canada and Internationally. After several citizen style races across Western Canada, a National Championship was held in Whistler. Shortly after the National Championships the largest Canadian including its first female athletic left for Switzerland to represent Canada in the World ISMC Championship.
- **The Membership Committee** has met several times to share ideas that will support the clubs membership recruitment and retention needs. One project we are working on is holding a Membership "Best Practices" conference. This conference will allow Sections with successful programs to exchange ideas to further advances the goals of a strong and growing membership.
- **The Safety Committee** has thankfully not kept very busy since last fall. In February they reviewed a minor ice climbing accident that took place.

—David Zemrau

Secretary

Work has been done in a number of areas including implementing changes to the Agenda and Minutes style to streamline the meetings. Discussion items are now included in the executive reports and the minutes of meetings will be more concise.

Membership: Online membership renewals and new members was successfully implemented. Section Membership Coordinators can now directly access the database for their section. This allows them to collect new members' contact info for distribution lists and other information that was previously sent out in the monthly Membership Report which has now been discontinued.

Board Member Communications and Participation: More frequent communication and use of templates are being used to increase the Secretary's information provided to the board representatives. As well, the Board Member Handbook was updated and put online along with a Resource webpage for Sections.

Legal Committee: The use of waivers by the ACC is wide spread and mandatory for the protection of Club staff, volunteers, and contractors among others. A proposal for a new method of Waiver Administration in order to make life easier for trip leaders and sections will be put forward in 2008. Progress is also underway in a number of legal items on Remote Work Policies for Staff and Volunteers, Privacy policy, Bolting policy and a Quebec Waiver that will apply under the Province of Quebec's Civil Code.

—Peter Muir

Facilities

Facilities and Planning Committee: In June of 2007, a decision was made to restructure the workings of the Facilities portfolio by dissolving its subcommittees. This occurred in an attempt to improve communications between the ACC administration/maintenance department and the Facilities portfolio volunteers. Key members of the old committees have been requested to remain as members of the Facilities committee. Dave McCormick has developed a database of volunteers which contains contact information, skills and availability. He will coordinate groups of volunteers to work with the maintenance department.

Maintenance Department: David Toole has introduced a new 'collaborative and inclusive' work model for Facilities staff. It is working well and has served to engage the employees fully in their responsibilities. This has enabled the elimination of the position "Facilities Maintenance Manager".

Clubhouse Property: Significant upgrades and improvements have been made to much of the main clubhouse building. The Bell cabin has been upgraded and rejuvenated and the Boswell cabin furnishings have been upgraded.

BEES (Backcountry Energy & Environmental Solutions): Seed money to operate BEES for its first 2 years has been provided by Parks Canada, BC Parks and the Club. This money will be used to allow for further fund raising and recruiting like-minded organisations and companies. It is also being used to initiate the following three projects. Currently, Selkirk College is conducting a pilot project inventory of technologies used at remote off grid backcountry locations in western Canada. BEES has commissioned the building of a web site this summer. One of its objectives will be to provide a forum for users to exchange information on technologies that work and don't work. This will be the first of its kind in the world. A feasibility study is being conducted for the use of wind power to operate Bow Hut. The ACC has received a letter of approval in principal from Parks Canada for such a system.

Plans for 2008:

- Most of the studies required by BC Parks as the initial step to obtain permission to build the hut at Mt. Robson Provincial Park should be completed by the end of the summer.
- Sometime over the next few months Glacier Circle (recently rebuilt), Sapphire Col and Asulkan huts will be handed over to the ACC to manage and operate. This will bring our number of operational huts to 26.
- It is hoped that we will be able to dismantle the Lawrence Grassi Hut during the coming season. The hut is no longer habitable because of a serious mould problem.

We have an extremely busy summer season in 2008 with potentially 6 work parties and regular maintenance trips to our busier huts. We have laid out our summer work schedule and contacted all key players involved. Some projects lend themselves to being run completely by volunteers and this approach is being followed with one work party this year.

—Carl Hannigan

Access & Environment

2007 saw some important developments in the access and environment areas. First, consistent with the directions provided by last year's member survey, the Club is giving greater emphasis to its environmental activities. As a first step, the ACC has adopted a new Statement of Environmental Values and Principles that gives a more contemporary expression to the Club's longstanding environmental commitments. You can find this document on the ACC website in the services area. The Club is also now a national partner in Leave No Trace Canada.

A new National Environment Committee has been formed, and this group of knowledgeable volunteers is working to give better definition to the ACC's environmental stewardship efforts. Additional environmental content for the ACC website is under development, and the Committee is working to develop an assessment framework for measuring our own environmental performance in relation to our huts, other facilities and trips. The BEES (Backcountry Energy and Environmental Solutions) project, in which the ACC is a lead partner, will hopefully make an important contribution to our understanding of how to reduce our backcountry environmental footprint even further.

Perhaps most importantly, the Committee will be working to identify and address the various environmental pressures that are affecting the mountain and alpine areas we all cherish. As responsible stewards, the ACC and its members can add an important voice to public discussions about the state of Canada's mountain and alpine regions, and how we can best manage the growing impact of climate change and other environmental issues

On the access front, 2007 saw movement towards the establishment of a national climbing access organization that could serve to support local access groups. This is a welcome development. The tremendous efforts that led to the successful purchase of land ensuring permanent access to the Skaha Bluffs clearly shows the need to connect access efforts on a national basis. The ACC will continue to work with like-minded groups to help build these important connections.

—David Foster

Mountain Adventures

Several winter camps ran at or near capacity in the winter of 2007, however there were four winter camps that were cancelled due to low registrations. Three of these were tent-based traverses and the other was a 55+ ski camp that was offered for the first time. The global camps did very well overall, with two of the three running at capacity. Attendance on the summer camps was mixed, with the majority running at capacity and others running with minimal numbers. Only one summer camp was cancelled. The GMC at Mt. Alexandra was a huge success, as usual. The GMC was full with significant waiting lists each week.

Overall, 329 members attended ACC Mountain Adventures in 2007, compared to 374 in 2006. The main difference in numbers comes from the centennial camps which were held in 2006, the significant number of winter camps that had to be cancelled in 2007, and the fact that the GMC lowered the participant numbers in 2007. The ACC utilized more than 100 staff and volunteers to run all of the camps, and each one of them is to be applauded for their contribution.

Several new marketing initiatives were put into place in 2007. The winter 2008 trips were announced in the spring instead of waiting for fall (when it was possibly too late for some members to plan their winter trips). Early results were positive. The Mountain Adventures website pages were upgraded significantly with staff bios and an overall new look. An "early bird" special was offered to members who signed up for camps by a certain date – this initiative proved to be quite successful.

Staff member Jon Rollins left the ACC after four years of dedicated work. Mountain Adventures staff roles were rearranged with Shelley Secord, former Office Manager, taking on the new role of Manager, Club Services. This newly created position combined the former Mountain Adventures Coordinator position with some Membership responsibility.

Financially, Mountain Adventures showed very positive results in 2007, coming in over budget. This was largely due to the positive performance of the summer camps, and significant savings in staff costs as a result of amalgamating two office positions.

Looking ahead to 2008, the camps committees and office staff aim to put together a schedule of trips that focus on "big name" destinations. Years ago, the more remote and lesser-known trips were popular with our members, but in the last few years it seems the trips that include well-known mountains or destinations are the ones to fill. The Club will also be offering fewer local trips, both in summer and winter. The goal is to fill all the trips that are offered, instead of having several that run at minimal capacity. Since Global trips have been very successful in the last few years, the Club is adding more Global Camps to the 2008 schedule.

—Nancy Hansen & Roger Laurilla

Mountain Culture

After the fury of the centennial, there has been a flurry of activity for Mountain Culture. Taking over the reigns of the portfolio following Bob Sandford's accomplishments first appeared a daunting task. However, with a strong committee of dedicated volunteers and unendingly supportive staff, we've been able to accomplish many projects and have many more underway. Mountain Culture aims to celebrate the Club's relevance to Canadian culture through the presentation of literature, art, history and heritage, mountain related science, and exchanges of ideas with other Alpine organizations. The Club continues to publish its magazine and newsletter *The Gazette* as well as the *Canadian Alpine Journal*, the Club's flagship publication. A special mention worth noting: After 15 years of editorship, Geoff Powter has retired as *Canadian Alpine Journal* Editor. Sean Isaac, accomplished world-renowned climber and author has taken over the reins. 2007 marks the 100th anniversary of the *Canadian Alpine Journal* and this timely change in editorship means that the Alpine Club of Canada is continuing on its journey in this changing world to offer high quality literature to the mountain community in Canada and abroad. Over his 15 years as Editor, Mr. Powter brought extremely diverse skills, new perspectives and profound insights in his role as Editor and in publishing Canada's oldest journal on record. The Alpine Club of Canada looks forward to yet another long-term relationship with its new Editor and to many more interesting climbing stories.

It is also worth mentioning that in addition to overseeing its archives, the Club manages an impressive library collection of approximately 3,500 titles. The Library is housed at the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies in Banff, AB and is open to the public for viewing and research in the building during regular hours. A catalogue of the library's holding is posted on the ACC web site.

Summary of other projects accomplished in 2007:

- Funded a rock climbing and bouldering guidebook for Kelowna and area (published in Feb 2008)
- Published the Kiwi Gallagher Patron booklet
- Organized the Mountain Guides' ball silent auction

What makes the Club unique is certainly its values, not only as described in the 1906 constitution but as lived through history, thereby creating and being part of Canada's mountain culture. Communicating those values through different creative media further fosters a sense of appreciation for our heritage and our identity. It also represents a good way to remain part of the Canadian mountain community. Traditionally, the Club funded publications and celebrations of many kinds to carry out its mission. In respecting our Alpine Club of Canada tradition, if we want our stakeholders to find inspiration and challenge, to explore different perspectives and to foster the spirit of community, we need to elaborate the opportunities that will meet those goals and ideals. I'm hoping that the opportunities arising as we are embarking on a new century will allow us to further stress the importance of celebrating our mountain heritage in all its forms, namely its history, culture and environment. There are a number of projects planned for 2008. In addition to continuing the publications mandates we have been carrying out since our beginnings, we plan on completing various publications (cookbook in honour of Bev Bendell, summit series, patron booklet, etc), highlighting history in our huts through descriptive frames, creating a multimedia fund for film and other art ventures and celebrating the centennial of Conrad Kain's arrival.

Surely, these projects will keep us busy in the next little while – Please note that we are looking for ACC legends to act in both an advisory and volunteer capacity on the Mountain Culture committee. Contact me directly for more information isadaigneault@sympatico.ca.

—Isabelle Daigneault

National Office

The role of the National Office in Canmore is to provide management, operational and administrative support services in accordance with the Club's plans, priorities and budgets as set by the Board of Directors. In 2007, National Office staff worked with countless volunteers to ensure these directives paralleled the work of the Club, and the objectives of the Club, as articulated in our Constitution:

The work of the Club shall be:

- The exploration and study of Canada's alpine tracts. With this end in view, it shall gather through its member's literary material and photographs for publication and dissemination. Such publication shall be placed on record with the Director, Club Programs, the Journal Editor or the Librarian and shall be distributed by the Office Manager to the Club's membership and to organizations that correspond with the Club.
- The study of glaciers and of glacial action in Canada.
- The encouragement and publication of art and literature relative to mountain regions.
- The establishment and maintenance of climbing huts and bivouac shelters in the Canadian Mountains.
- The development of reliable professional and amateur guides to assist the Club in carrying out its training, climbing, and ski mountaineering programs.
- The maintenance of a main summer camp and ski mountaineering camp each year in one of the alpine regions of Canada, the organization of other camps and expeditions in Canada and other countries and the encouragement of local section expeditions. Such camps and expeditions are for the purposes of training at all levels, enabling members to meet and enjoy the friendship and close association of camp life and promoting a high standard of mountain craft.

The Objectives of the Club are:

- The encouragement and practice of mountaineering and mountain crafts and the promotion of these skills through participation in the activities of the Club.
- The education of Canadians in appreciation of their mountain heritage.
- The exploration of alpine and glacial regions and the promotion of scientific study thereof, primarily in Canada, but also in other countries possessing mountain ranges.
- The preservation of the natural beauties of the mountain places and of the fauna and flora in their habitat.
- The promotion of art and literature as applied to mountain regions.
- The dissemination for scientific and educational purposes of knowledge concerning mountains and mountaineering through meetings, publications and library.
- The exchange of information of educational or scientific value, information about equipment and techniques and any other matters of interest, with other mountaineering clubs having the same or similar objectives, throughout the world.

—Lawrence White

Finance

The Club generated a record surplus of \$160,000 in fiscal 2007 as a result of a change in accounting standards that now requires us to 'mark-to-market' unrealized gains on liquid securities held for investment purposes, and we did have substantial unrealized gains in the managed funds. Adjusting for the change in accounting practice, the Club still earned \$65,000 last year although, as always, the equity interest in earnings at the Canadian Alpine Centre in Lake Louise exceeded the actual distribution received. Even so, 2007 was a good year for the Club.

The Club's auditors were very complimentary about the systems that have been put in place over the last few years, and observed that the ACC is in much better financial condition than most non-profit organizations. We are fortunate in that hut and clubhouse rentals generate a significant revenue stream, allowing us to employ more staff members and undertake more activities than we would be able to if we relied exclusively on membership fees and grants.

Our members were very generous again last year and we thank them for their contributions to the Club.

—Gordon Currie

Income Statement to October 31

	2007	2006	2005
REVENUE			
Facilities	\$1,267,465	\$1,117,452	\$1,023,065
Camps	\$581,790	\$689,819	\$502,477
Membership	\$195,211	\$186,821	\$178,244
Other	\$150,078	\$124,422	\$100,276
	<u>\$2,194,544</u>	<u>2,118,514</u>	<u>\$1,804,062</u>
EXPENSES			
Camps	\$437,920	\$550,977	\$386,580
Facilities	\$509,744	\$507,643	\$483,728
Liability Insurance	\$31,524	\$26,907	\$95,627
Membership	\$80,881	\$71,848	\$14,539
Staff and Administration	\$863,976	\$892,179	\$640,297
Other	\$204,567	\$98,906	\$213,162
	<u>\$2,128,612</u>	<u>\$2,148,460</u>	<u>\$1,833,933</u>
Canadian Alpine Centre	\$94,875	\$32,521	\$44,160
Net Income	\$160,807	\$2,573	\$14,289

Cash Flows to October 31

	2007	2006	2005
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net Income	\$160,807	\$2,573	\$14,289
Depreciation	\$111,711	\$103,611	\$89,662
subtract CAC income	-\$94,875	-\$32,521	-\$103,142
add back CAC distribution	\$24,348	\$30,435	0
Cash Flow from Operations	\$201,991	\$102,219	\$809
Change in working capital	\$53,940	\$56,386	\$68,800
Cash Flow	\$255,931	\$158,605	\$69,609
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Clubhouse	\$23,250	\$164,909	\$47,289
Huts	\$67,675	\$118,922	\$278,803
Camps	\$10,910	\$9,286	\$11,350
National Office	\$8,615	\$8,360	\$41,631
	<u>\$110,450</u>	<u>\$301,477</u>	<u>\$379,073</u>

Balance Sheet at October 31

	2007	2006	2005
ASSETS			
Current Assets	\$189,660	\$231,661	\$506,318
Investments	\$531,778	\$349,162	\$3,618
Canadian Alpine Centre	\$806,008	\$735,481	\$733,394
Capital Assets	\$1,241,644	\$1,242,905	\$1,045,039
	<u>\$2,769,090</u>	<u>\$2,559,209</u>	<u>\$2,288,369</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities	\$525,151	\$520,700	\$521,735
Members' Equity	\$2,243,938	\$2,038,509	\$1,766,634
	<u>\$2,769,090</u>	<u>\$2,559,209</u>	<u>\$2,288,369</u>
Designated Funds	\$1,191,799	\$967,367	\$1,013,671

Donor Recognition

The ACC is successful due in large part to members and others who generously donate their volunteer time or money to Club projects and initiatives. Below is a list of those who donated money or goods-in-kind to the national organization during the last fiscal year which runs from November 1, 2006 through October 31, 2007. Given their high numbers, listing those who donated their volunteer time and expertise would be impossible, but the Club is indebted to them for their contribution.

St. Elias Level (\$10,000 or more)

Dominique Baudouin Beverly Bendell-Downing Philippe Delesalle Catherine Stefan

Rockies Level (\$1,000 - \$9,999)

Lloyd Gallagher Jim Gudjunson Lorna Stefanick

Cascades Level (\$100 - \$999)

Peter Amann	Margret Geppert	Donna Jo Massie	Chic Scott
Robert L Bechaud	Jamey Glasnovic	Sandra Martindale	Jim Semple
Doug Beecroft	Louise Guy	Ross McElroy	Helen Sovdat
Egil Bjornsen	Dietje Hagendoorn	Roland McIntosh	Bill Summers
Geoffrey Bodwin	Carl Hannigan	JD Miller	Robin Suttmoller
Glen Boles	Daniel Hellum	Patricia Murphy	Monir Taha
Simon Bryant	Peter Hind	Dan Newton	Janis Tarchuk, MLA
William Buxton	Peter Hutchins	Louise Olinger	Wilf Twelker
Steve Christie	Anne Illing	Norman Paul	Ingrid van der Zande
Randy Colwell	Sean Isaac	Richard Pharis	Emma Varga
Elisabeth Eckhardt	Heather Kellerhals	Susan Poole	Roger Wallis
Bruce Edwards	Alex Klopfer	Ray Potvin	John Wernham
Peter Fisher	Eve Kovacs	Charles Price	John Wheeler
David Foster	Charlie Locke	Cassandra Rempel	Geoffrey Whittall
Peter Fuhrmann	Eric Lomas	Craig Richards	Elizabeth Wiltzen
Paul Geddes	Jason Lord	Alice Saltiel-Marshall	Lesley Young

Laurentians Level (\$25 - \$99)

Kate Alexander	Jim Delgrande	Kimberley Horrocks	Frank Rigsby
John Alton	Michael Dodge	Richard Hunter	Pamela Robbins
Terry Antoniuk	Henry P. Doornberg	Mary Hurlburt	Jim Roberts
Victor Balon	Andrew Evans	Amy Krause	Dave Robertson
John Baldwin	Archie Fieldgate	Siri Louie	Gloria Scoyne
Roger D. A. Bean	Doug Fox	Amy Lyde-Stad	Robert Shepherd
Kendra Berner	Bob Gainer	George Mackie	Cheryl Slack
Tim Bester	Gabriel Ghorghorian	John H. Mclellan	Rene Smid
Lawrence R. Blood	Kirk Graham	Peter Miles	Richard Sobieski
Bob Bolin	Deny Gravel	John B. Mitchell	David Swirp
Derek Brackley	Paul & Kathy Griffin	John Monk	Ferdinand Taxbock
Ian Brown	Lorraine Gurney	Peter Muir	Margaret Taylor
Peter Brumwell	LeeAnne Gyori	Naoyoshi Murata	Raymond Turner
David Bryson	Kendrick Hamilton	William O'Shea	Rebecca Turner
Byron Caldwell	Barret Hatton	Michael Piggott	Stanley Voogt
Ken Christoph	Karl Herzog	Allan Pilotte	Donna Wakefield
Marilyn Cox	Mary Lou Higgins	Paul Potvin	Sandy Walker
Tim Croteau	Barry Hoffman	Robert Q	Luke Weiser
Gordon Currie	Theo Hofmann	Allison Rankin	Elizabeth Willson

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The Alpine Club of Canada thanks the following companies for their support, and encourages you to consider them and the advertisers in this newsletter the next time you purchase goods or services of the type they offer.

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Rockies Level (\$1,000 - \$9,999)

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Association of Canadian Mountain Guides
Barn Yard Stix
Campbell Icefields Chalet
Canadian Mountain Holidays
Geological Survey of Canada (Calgary)
Golden Alpine Holidays

Lake O'Hara Lodge
Marmot LLC
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Patagonia
Sorcerer Lake Lodge
The North Face (Canada)
Valhalla Pure

Cascades Level (\$100 - \$999)

Ambler Mountain Works
Backcountry Access
Banff Mountain Film & Book Festivals
Black Diamond Equipment
Brewster Travel
Canadian Alpine Centre
Canmore Nordic Centre
Collins Barrow
Colourful Cook
Forty Below
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GearUp Sport
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White Saddle Air Services Limited
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Yardley-Jones

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Executive Committee Members

The ACC Board of Directors consists of members of the Executive Committee plus one representative of each of the Sections across the country. It meets twice annually.

- **President** – Cam Roe has been a member of the ACC for many years, attending his first General Mountaineering Camp (GMC) in the Freshfields in 1976. He has been and remains active both at the section level in Calgary and on the national board. Cam is a second generation Silver Rope recipient (Dick Roe – 1980, Cam Roe – 1999). His two sons will no doubt follow in the family footsteps.
- **Secretary** – Peter Muir resides in Winnipeg where he works as a lawyer, helps raise two kids, coaches and plays lots of soccer, and still finds some time for the skis and the rock shoes. While he does not watch a lot of television, he did enjoy the recent Simpsons episode where the road sign into Winnipeg read: *we were born here, what's your excuse?* It takes an easy going attitude to be a climber in Winnipeg.
- **Treasurer** – Gordon Currie is a Calgary resident and has been a member of the ACC since 1977. He holds a Chartered Financial Analyst professional designation. He carries a medium format camera with him on the trail, and still believes in film.
- **Vice President, Access & Environment** – Dave Foster joined the ACC in 1989 and is an avid hiker and scrambler who wishes the Rockies were located a bit further east. In addition to his work with the ACC nationally, he is currently serving as Chair of the Ottawa Section, and was previously involved in regional climbing access issues. Professionally, he works in the environmental area of the Canadian residential construction industry.
- **Co-Vice President, Activities** – Roger Laurilla has been an ACC member for 30 years and has worked for us as a mountain guide since the late 80s. He is currently the manager of the CMH Monashees Lodge and is also a professional photographer. Hundreds of ACC members have benefited from his varied skills over the years. Roger strives to offer Club members safe, interesting and quality adventures that will expand their skills and experiences, and to build upon the ACC's rich mountaineering history.
- **Co-Vice President, Activities** – Nancy Hansen joined the ACC in 1994. After working as a full time member of the National Office staff for 10 years, and serving as a volunteer trip leader throughout those years, in 2007 Nancy started serving as Co-VP Activities alongside Roger Laurilla. Nancy and her husband Doug Fulford live in Canmore, Alberta about half the year, and inhabit their camper the other half of the year as they explore North America's great climbing destinations.
- **Vice President, Facilities** – Carl Hannigan has been an ACC member since 1979. As Chairman of the planning section of the Huts Committee in the 1980s, he was instrumental in the planning and execution of hut design and placements on the Wapta Traverse. Carl is a retired veterinary surgeon.
- **Vice President, Mountain Culture** – Isabelle Daigneault has been a member of the ACC since 1997. She was first involved at the local level and has been enjoying participating on the national board since 2005 sharing her passion for climbing, skiing, nature and culture. Isabelle recently left Montreal's corporate world to join her husband in his property rental venture ... giving her additional free time to enjoy the mountains. Although Isabelle loves the high mountains of Western Canada, she's still residing in Montreal as she feels the Club needs a contingency from the East to keep it a truly national organization.
- **Vice President, Services** – David Zemrau has been a member of the Club for 11 years. He is a member of the Edmonton Section, where he has served in a number of roles including that of Chairperson. David is also involved with both section and national camps and trips.
- **Honorary President** – Glen Boles, an accomplished mountaineer, joined the ACC in 1965 and has spent most of his adult life climbing mountains. With almost 600 summits under his belt; he has made 37 first ascents and pioneered many new routes; taken part in expedition climbing and mountain rescue. Glen Boles has received many awards for his contributions to the Canadian climbing community.
- **Executive Director** – Born in Victoria BC, Lawrence White joined the Club in 1999 while living in Vancouver and pursuing his Bachelor's degree in Tourism Management. He moved to Canmore in 2002 to begin working full time for the Club. Starting in the Mountain Adventures portfolio, Lawrence moved on to become the Facilities Director before assuming the Executive Director's role in the Spring of 2007.

Club Sections

The regional and activity based sections of the Alpine Club of Canada are its strength. The vast majority of Club members belong to a Club section. Membership in a section enables members to participate in numerous summer and winter mountaineering, rock climbing, and skiing activities, coordinated by experienced amateur leaders.

Each Club Section has a representative on the ACC Board of Directors. They are either the Chairman of their respective sections or are appointed by their Section.

Club Section Representatives:

Calgary:

Ray Norman

Central Alberta:

Rod Church

Competition Climbing:

Dave Dornian

Edmonton:

Terry McIntee

Jasper/Hinton:

Wayne Campbell

Manitoba:

Simon Statkewich

Okanagan:

Brad Schmucker

Ottawa:

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Thunder Bay:

Frank Pianka

Vancouver:

Rob Brusse

Vancouver Island:

Russ Moir

Whistler:

Mitch Sulkers

Volunteer Awards

The following dedicated volunteers were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the National and/or Section levels of the Alpine Club of Canada in 2007. Biographies of the award recipients' accomplishments can be found on the ACC's website.

Honorary Member

James Tarrant

Distinguished Service Award

Robert Brusse, Vancouver Section

Larry Forsyth, Toronto Section

Tom Knott, Calgary Section

Kevin Lohka, National

Don Forest Service Award

Elfrieda Bock, Ottawa Section

Brenda Critchley, Calgary Section

Kevin West, Calgary Section

Eric Brooks Leader Award

Neil Bosch, Edmonton Section

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