



Annual Report 2008

ALPINE CLUB OF CANADA

Canada's National Mountain Organization

Founded in 1906

President's Message

It is with extreme pride and genuine sadness that I reflect on the year 2008. Pride in our Club and its achievements, and sadness that this is my final report to you as your President.

The year has been one of growth and momentum. Building on the foundations outlined in my 2007 report, we have established a sound financial footing that has allowed for growth within the Club without adversely affecting our core services. Leadership development, marketing, governance, the environment, and membership comprise the pillars that ground and direct our decisions. Each of these pillars are chaired by competent volunteers whose dedication and expertise are representative of the calm and thoughtful leadership that is so prevalent within the club. As with climbing itself, our highest achievements are often the result of many helping hands along the way. I have been privileged to serve as President. It is with great pride that I extend my hands to all ACC volunteers in applause—because the Club is nothing without you. I have been honoured by your friendship.

See you in the hills.

—Cam Roe

Services

- **Leadership Development and Training:** Beginning this fall, Nancy Hansen has been contracted to put together a training resource for teaching mountaineering skills. Nancy will be asking the Sections for their help in gathering materials and methods already developed 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. In October, Brad Harrison was appointed by the board of directors to take on the role of Director, Leadership Development and Training. This new role will report to the Vice Presidents, Activities. Sometime in the spring I will hand over the chair of the committee to either Brad or his appointee.
- **Competition Skiing:** The committee has been busy preparing for the five events next season. Citizen style races will take place in Banff, Golden, Nelson, and Fernie with the national championship scheduled to take place in Whistler.
- **The Membership Committee:** In conjunction with the fall board, the National Membership Committee held a Membership Best Practices conference in Lake Louise. At the conference various Sections shared their successful programs that they believe both attracted new members and added to the retention of current members.
- **The Safety Committee:** The Safety Committee has been fairly quiet this year reviewing thankfully few incidents and assisting the legal committee with several new initiations such as on-line waivers. We are now in the process of recruiting a new chair person as Dave McCormick has announced that he will be stepping down at the spring board meeting.

After six years serving on the National Executive and ACC Board of Directors I have decided that now would be a good time for new ideas and energy to be brought to this portfolio. In May, Evan Loveless will be the new Vice President, Services. Over this period I have very much enjoyed working with the many volunteers across the country and the Clubhouse staff.

—David Zemrau

Secretary

The ACC Board has continued efforts begun in 2007 to streamline meetings, provide consistent section reports, and increase communication with Board members. Administratively the Club has taken steps to include a waiver into the on-line membership and membership renewal process and has sought ways to deal with issues as diverse as financial support for bolting of cliffs in furtherance of climbing safety and maintaining the privacy of member information.

I am pleased to report that there has been an average increase in membership over the course of 2008 of approximately 8%. The majority of this growth has resulted from the efforts of the sections and they are to be congratulated for their work on this important front.

A new Secretary will take over in 2009. It has been my pleasure to serve the Alpine Club in this capacity and I look forward to future work with the Club. I wish the new secretary well.

—Peter Muir

Mountain Adventures

Most winter camps ran at capacity in the winter of 2008, and three camps ran with less than full capacity. In general, global trips really struggled in 2008. Logan was the only trip that was full. Most summer camps ran at capacity, with one camp being cancelled due to low registrations. The GMC at the Vowells was a huge success, as usual. The GMC was full with significant waiting lists each week.

Overall, 311 members attended the ACC's Mountain Adventures in 2008, compared to 329 in 2007. The main difference in numbers comes from the low numbers attending global camps in 2008.

Financially, Mountain Adventures came in under budget, but still made a positive contribution. Budget was not met because of the disappointing results for global trips. This situation is ironic because the camps committee had purposely added additional global camps in 2008 because of their enormous popularity 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. Mountain Adventures Coordinator Shelley Secord left the ACC after a year of dedicated work. Rob Whiteway has taken her place and has settled in well.

A recognition program was created for long-time ACC guides. Helen Sovdat, Peter Amann, Cyril Shokoples, Lars Andrews, Jim Gudjonson and Roger Laurilla worked more than 150 days for the Club since 2000. Peter Fuhrmann and Dave Smith were grandfathered into the program due to their lengthy guiding history with the Club. The program and this year's recipients were announced at the 2008 Mountain Guides' Ball. The guides were each given a pin, plaque and an "ACC Guide" jacket that was donated by Arc'teryx.

A recognition program was introduced at the GMC this year. There were four levels/pin colors issued to participants as follows based on the number of peaks climbed at GMC's: Platinum: 50 peaks, Gold: 25 peaks, Silver: 10 peaks, Bronze: 1 peak. The pins were issued on an honor system. Participants could include peaks from every GMC they have attended. The pins were issued to participants only in 2008, but staff will also be included in 2009. The program was very well received.

Looking ahead to 2009, the camps committees and office staff put together a diverse schedule of trips, with a mixture of old favourites and new destinations. Camps will be offered in some unusual destinations for the National ACC in 2009 – including Quebec, Valhallas, Tantalus Range and the Spearhead Traverse on the coast.

—Nancy Hansen & Roger Laurilla

Facilities

Facilities and Planning Committee: The Facilities Committee works with the ACC Facilities Department in an advisory capacity. Meetings are held as the need arises and, for convenience, involve only those members whose skills and advice apply to the topics under consideration.

Maintenance Department: The maintenance department now consists of 3 full time and 1 part time member. They are Chris Clark, Kris Boyer, Darren Enderwick and James Heck. All are very able professionals and work extremely well together. They work under the able direction of Rick Gardiner, our Director of Facilities. Of the 10 huts worked this last summer, 4 had volunteer assistance and 1 was completely run by volunteers. Comments have been received from some volunteers praising the organizational skills of the maintenance team. This new model of combined staff and volunteer teams is working well and will be continued.

Clubhouse Property and Huts: The list of upgrades is too lengthy to include in this report. Suffice to say that the improvements to all structures at the Clubhouse property are being worked on on a continuous basis. Eighteen of the huts were visited for basic maintenance work and upgrades occurred at some of them. Kris Boyer has prepared an excellent Maintenance Summary. An electronic version of this can be obtained on request from Rick Gardiner, Facilities Director, at rgardiner@alpineclubofcanada.ca.

BEES (Backcountry Energy & Environmental Solutions): Two of the three projects undertaken last year have been completed. The BEES web site is now up and running. It has been designed to be user friendly and interactive regarding the exchange of information. The web address is www.beeshive.org.

The inventory of technologies used at huts and lodges in Alberta and BC has been completed by Selkirk College. The total number is 177. The survey can be viewed on the BEES web site.

A feasibility study of wind power to operate Bow Hut is in progress. The final piece of information required is a 3 month recording of wind velocities at Bow Hut. To this end, an anemometer has been installed at Bow Hut. The Club's association with the IP3 network (<http://www.usask.ca/ip3/>) will allow for a comparison of this data with that of the same period at the Peyto weather station. This will allow for the extrapolation of wind velocity information for as long as the Peyto station has data.

A meeting of the BEES steering Committee will take place in the near future, decision as to future projects will be made at that meeting.

Plans for 2009:

- **Centennial Hut:** The studies required by BC Parks have all been completed and will be written and submitted in the next few months. The next phase will be to conduct public hearings next year. When they are complete we should be able to proceed with the building design.
- **Glacier National Park:** Draft Licenses of Occupation for the National Parks huts at GNP have been received and are under review. It is hoped that the transfer of the huts to ACC will be completed by the New Year
- **Lawrence Grassi Hut:** The hut has been removed from the site and the site clean up has been approved by BC Parks. The Wiwaxy Cabin at Lake O'Hara will be renamed the Lawrence Grassi (Wiwaxy) Cabin next summer.
- **Other huts:** As usual, next year's schedule will keep the maintenance department extremely busy. 2 major capital projects will be undertaken. A. O. Wheeler hut will have the roof replaced and Stanley Mitchell Hut will have its front foundation and sill logs replaced.

—Carl Hannigan

Mountain Culture

Mountain Culture aims to celebrate the Club's relevance to Canadian culture through the presentation of literature, art, history, heritage, mountain related science and exchanges of ideas with other alpine organizations. The Alpine Club of Canada (ACC), for example, is a proud sponsor of the Banff Mountain Festivals.

Each year the Club produces and publishes a variety of alpine related publications, including The Canadian Alpine Journal (CAJ), The Gazette, The Summit Series, section newsletters, electronic bulletins and other mountain related literature.

2008 marked a year of change and many challenges for the Mountain Culture Committee. Sean Isaac, the new CAJ Editor, brought a new and refreshing vision to the CAJ (featuring new route beta and articles from around the globe; including a science-related article entitled 'Meltdown'). Lynn Martel, the Gazette's Editor, continues to honour the voices of the ACC in our ever-changing world with great member articles and photos.

In order to further document, celebrate and promote mountain culture, the ACC also carried out a number of other projects this past year. The main theme explored continues to be our heritage and who we are as defined by our culture (interests, lifestyle, mountain accomplishments), the environment (alpine regions and our relationship to them) and history (significant events that shaped the club into what it is today).

Some of the important projects carried out in 2008 are: the patron booklet featuring the Harrisons; Bev Bendell's Food Preparation Guide for Camps in the Backcountry (a re-release); a visual collection of centennial souvenirs in DVD format; new information panels to be featured in ACC huts (starting with Stanley Mitchell Hut) that will be expanded over the next few years; we also set the stage for the celebration of Conrad Kain's arrival to Canada, starting with events that will unfold from 2009 to 2013. Last but not least, Mountain Culture finished the long-standing Canadian Alpine Journal digitization project – now available on DVD!

As the club adapts to a changing landscape and also the constant evolution of the digital era, the Mountain Culture Committee continually seeks to provide members and the community at large with interesting and up to date media. The committee's challenge in the coming year will be to adapt to these fast-changing times. From digital reports, to film media to deciding how to archive materials, there is no shortage of challenges and fun times ahead. Of course, this is thanks to dedicated volunteers and the support of a great staff who works full steam ahead!

—Isabelle Daigneault

Access & Environment

During 2008, the Club carried out energy audits of the Canmore buildings to assist our facilities staff in their maintenance planning. The audits measured the overall energy use in the buildings and also the rate of air leakage. These results provide estimated energy savings that can be attained through specific upgrading and maintenance measures. As a result, we will be better able to make sound and "greener" maintenance decisions in the coming years.

The ACC released an electronic publication entitled *ACC HUTS and the Environment*, which can be found under the Programs and Services tab on the ACC website. This document explains how our huts system benefits the backcountry environment and highlights some of the measures that have been taken in recent years to reduce environmental impacts.

The past year also saw the start-up of the *Backcountry Energy and Environmental Solutions* (BEES) project, which should provide valuable information on ways to make our huts system even greener going forward. We are looking forward to seeing the results of the BEES initiative.

In the access area, the last year saw the start of a new national access project – the *National Climbers Access Initiative* (NCAI), which will hopefully provide a new national forum for sharing access experience and information. This grassroots effort should be of value to all ACC sections with access concerns. The NCAI is currently carrying out a needs analysis to determine its future directions.

Finally, the last year saw an unprecedented level of media and political focus on the impacts that our changing climate is having on mountain and alpine regions in Canada. From concerns about water security, to the pine beetle crisis, to glacial recession, there is clearly increased awareness about the fragile nature of mountain environments.

—David Foster

National Office

The role of the National Office in Canmore is to provide management, operational, and administrative support in accordance with Club priorities as set by the Board of Directors. These priorities are a direct reflection of the Club's constitution.

Responsibilities of the National Office are many but consist primarily of:

- membership management
- committee support
- volunteer coordination
- publications
- facility maintenance and administration
- mountain adventures logistics and administration
- financial accounting
- fundraising
- special events coordination
- external relations

In 2008, the National Office was able to carry out these responsibilities due in no small part to the competencies of hundreds of ACC members and volunteers. Together, we realized one of the most successful years in the Club's history as reflected in the submissions contained in this report. Congratulations to everyone.

—*Lawrence White*

Finance

Although we budget to break even, the Club posted a remarkable gain of \$180,000 in fiscal 2008 ending October 31, 2008. By far the largest contributor was our Facilities – the huts and clubhouse – although camps also made a contribution and we did quite well on our investments. Our auditors were very complementary about the Club's financial position and its systems. They said that “phenomenal progress has been made since 2005”.

We began fiscal 2009 by budgeting to break even again, but as economic conditions deteriorated rapidly, I asked the office staff to prepare a contingency budget, assuming that there would be a downturn in revenue. They did as requested, freezing salaries and identifying both operating and capital costs items that could be deferred if necessary. The capital budget for 2009 is \$242,000.

The Club has a number of designated funds and invests temporary cash surpluses from time to time. As of February 27, 2009 the market value of those funds totalled \$1.65 million versus a book value of \$2.1 million. The downturn in the market has cost us a little over 20% of the value of our portfolio. That does not necessarily impact the income generated by those investments but there is some risk that dividends will be cut.

The portfolio consists of cash (5%), bonds (35%), preferred shares (2%) and common stocks (58%) although many of the securities included in the ‘common stocks’ category are actually income trusts which pay distributions. The current yield on the portfolio is 8.8% which generates \$127,000 income annually.

The Canadian Alpine Centre at Lake Louise has a March 31st fiscal year end and is predicting a surplus of \$249,000 in fiscal 2009 and \$261,000 in fiscal 2010. Normally the CAC pays a cash distribution of \$100,000 (\$30,000 net to the ACC) but last year it paid an additional \$50,000 (\$15,000 net). It also made a one-time payment to reduce debt last year. The mortgage was expected to be \$501,000 as of March 31, 2009 and \$432,000 by March 31, 2010.

Despite a downturn in the global economy, the Alpine Club of Canada remains in sound financial condition.

—*Gordon Currie*

Income Statement to October 31

	2008	2007	2006
REVENUE			
Facilities	\$1,438,204	\$1,267,465	\$1,117,452
Camps	\$557,065	\$581,790	\$689,819
Membership	\$201,919	\$195,211	\$186,821
Other	\$164,238	\$150,078	\$124,422
	<u>\$2,361,426</u>	<u>\$2,194,544</u>	<u>2,118,514</u>
EXPENSES			
Camps	\$459,894	\$437,920	\$550,977
Facilities	\$605,496	\$509,744	\$507,643
Liability Insurance	\$46,034	\$47,566	\$26,907
Membership	\$45,545	\$64,839	\$71,848
Staff and Administration	\$969,879	\$863,976	\$892,179
Other	\$132,520	\$204,567	\$98,906
	<u>\$2,259,368</u>	<u>\$2,128,612</u>	<u>\$2,148,460</u>
Canadian Alpine Centre	\$78,343	\$94,875	\$32,521
Net Income	\$180,401	\$160,807	\$2,573

Cash Flows to October 31

	2008	2007	2006
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net Income	\$180,401	\$160,807	\$2,573
Depreciation	\$122,267	\$111,711	\$103,611
subtract CAC income	-\$78,343	-\$94,875	-\$32,521
add back CAC distribution	\$76,087	\$24,348	\$30,435
Cash Flow from Operations	\$300,412	\$201,991	\$102,219
Change in working capital	\$103,858	\$53,940	\$56,386
Cash Flow	\$404,270	\$255,931	\$158,605
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Clubhouse	\$63,999	\$23,250	\$164,909
Huts	\$80,783	\$67,675	\$118,922
Camps	\$17,732	\$10,910	\$9,286
National Office	\$15,518	\$8,615	\$8,360
	<u>\$178,032</u>	<u>\$110,450</u>	<u>\$301,477</u>

Balance Sheet at October 31

	2008	2007	2006
ASSETS			
Current Assets	\$178,249	\$189,660	\$231,661
Investments	\$765,901	\$531,778	\$349,162
Canadian Alpine Centre	\$808,264	\$806,008	\$735,481
Capital Assets	\$1,297,409	\$1,241,644	\$1,242,905
	<u>\$3,049,823</u>	<u>\$2,769,090</u>	<u>\$2,559,209</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities	\$633,258	\$525,151	\$520,700
Members' Equity	\$2,416,565	\$2,243,938	\$2,038,509
	<u>\$3,049,823</u>	<u>\$2,769,090</u>	<u>\$2,559,209</u>
Designated Funds	\$1,441,031	\$1,191,799	\$967,367

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, 2007 through October 31, 2008. 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)

James Tarrant

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

Richard Berry & Audrey
Wheeler

Glen Boles
Jennifer I. Considine

Gavin Ezekowitz
Louise & Richard Guy

Judith Holm
Ernest Reinhold

Cascades Level (\$100 - \$999)

Julia Allen
Laurie Allen
Anne Anderson
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Babowicz
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Joyce Clearihue
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Seth Conlin
Shaun Connor & Marg
Rees
Gordon Currie
Tony & Gillean Daffern
Joseph Davidson
Kathleen Davies
Linda Faass

Bill Fisher
David Foster
Peter Fuhrmann
Paul Geddes & Willa
Harasym
Vitus & Gertrude
Germann
John Gibson
Leslie Gordon
Andrew James Greenshaw
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Jones
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Janet Knowles
Charles Labatiuk
Gisele Leclair & Jacques
Guertin
Eric Lomas
Jason Lord
Frances Losie
W Geoffrey M Luckhurst
Neil Luckhurst
Margaret C Lyon
Wayne Lyons
Carol & André Mahé
Paul Manley
Roland McIntosh
Marilyn & Grant
McLaren
Michel Menard
Helmut & Gisele Microys
Ted & Judy Mills
Michelle Monahan-Brar
Ruth Mowat
Peter Muir & Shona
Connelly
Leslie Nicholls

Steve Patten
Maurice Perreault
Darryl Polyk
Dwight N. Powell
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Stan Rosenbaum
Laurette Rouillard
Markus Sanchez &
Florence Guardia
Frank Schaper
Chic Scott
Claude Soucy
Martin Stahl
Phil Taylor
John Timar
Wilf Twelker
Ingrid van der Zande
Tim Wake
Graham Walker &
Machiko Imanishi
Bill Walker
Roger & Margaret Wallis
Lawrence White
Geoffrey & Candis
Whittall
Gisela & Don Wighton

Laurentians Level (\$25 - \$99)

Nicki Albus
Vincent Anderson
Russell E. Ashton
Victor Balon
Lola Baydala & Vince Bain
Sandy Beauregard
Patricia Bellamy
Margriet Berkhout
Don Bocking
Derek Brackley
Tim & Cindy Brewster
Adam Browne
Nigel Campbell &
Chantelle McGivern

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Labate
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Andrew Filler
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Guy Gagnon
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Ian Givens & Lesley
Gaudry
Kendra Gowdy
Deny Gravel & Joanne
Dumaine
Nathalie Guilbault
Lorraine Gurney
Sandra Gurniak & Bailey
McDowell
Anne Halladay
Sue Hamilton & Jeff

Martin
Dossie Harrison
Daniel Hellum
Albert Hestler
Christine & Richard
Higgins
David Hobill
Paul Hrynkow
Yan Huckendubler &
Glynis Peters
Kenneth Hunt
Marjorie Jack
Allan Jacobs
Liz Johnson

Laurentians Level (\$25 - \$99) continued

James Keevel	Steve Michie	John Radley	Arthur Springer
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Paul L_veill_	Deon Molloy	Cassandra Rempel & Norman Paul	David Swirp
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Jason Lavigne	Angela Ovens	Todd Rutter	Laurie Totte
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Sean Liggett	Martin C. Pelletier	K Singh	Yella & Mooshie Zahirovich
Irmgard Lindquist	Anne Pelletier	Dave & Molly Smith	Konstandinos & Steve Zamfes
Doreen MacDonald	Michael Piggott	Rick & Yvonne Smith	Andrea Ziegler
Roland Mahe	Aleksandar Popovic & Helen Gilmour	Jordan Smith & Karen Coleman	
C Grant Marshall	Paul Potvin	Richard Sobieski	
Rick McKelvey	Lorelei Radford	Fraser Sprigings	
Craig McKibben			
Joyce McLauchlan			

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Cascades Level (\$100 - \$999)

Alpine Helicopters	GearUp Sports	Rimrock Resort Hotel
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Please note: Donations received after October 31, 2008 will be acknowledged in the 2009 Annual Report.

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 enjoyed 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 section 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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Sandra Bowkun

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 2008. Biographies of the award recipients' accomplishments can be found on the ACC's website.

Honorary Member

Malcolm Talbot

Distinguished Service Award

Nick Buda, Thunder Bay Section

Mark Earle, Prince George Section

Lynn Martel, Rocky Mountain Section & Mountain

Culture Committee

Ray Norman, Calgary Section

Leo Tardif, Thunder Bay Section

Don Forest Service Award

Sheldon Clare, Prince George Section

Oliver Hui, Prince George Section

Randy Hyvarinen, Thunder Bay Section

Marg Rees, Rocky Mountain Section

Eric Brooks Leader Award

Ernst Bergman, Edmonton Section

Ken Cox, Prince George Section

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