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# ALPINE CLUB OF CANADA

*Canada's National Mountaineering Organization  
Founded in 1906*

## *President's Message*

2003 was a challenging year for the Alpine Club of Canada. A downturn in overnights stays at our huts and Clubhouse contributed to a loss on the year – something we try to avoid. And to make matters worse, a fire in Kootenay National Park consumed a large area of forest and destroyed the Fay Hut. We have since indicated to Parks Canada that we intend to rebuild the hut when it is safe to do so, but that will involve raising over \$100,000 in new funds.

We identified an anomaly in our fee structure and took steps to try to correct it. Our current membership fees do not cover the cost of membership, requiring subsidization by other areas of the Club. That deficit may be as much as \$30/member, too large to correct all at once. After a great deal of discussion we implemented a \$7/member fee increase effective January 1, 2004. Regretfully, this was largely wiped out by a significant increase in the cost of liability insurance, leaving us no further ahead.

On a happier note, the ACC took over operation of the newly constructed Kokanee Glacier Hut in southern British Columbia last summer, and was well represented at a dedication ceremony. We also added Bill Putnam's name to the Fairy Meadows Hut in recognition of his contribution to mountaineering in Canada, and to construction of this very popular hut. And we created a charitable foundation in the United States to allow our U.S. members to make tax-deductible donations to the ACC. Mr. Putnam serves on the Board of Directors and made the initial donation.

We face difficult new challenges in fiscal year 2004. While steps have been taken to contain the increased insurance cost, it is likely that members will have to absorb the increase in some fashion.

Plans are well underway to celebrate the ACC's centennial year in 2006. A Centennial Committee is developing a range of appropriate activities, and sections across the country are encouraged to make their own plans locally.

We are proud of staff member Nancy Hansen who completed the ascents of all 54 peaks over 11,000 feet in the Canadian Rockies last year. Regrettably she has chosen to leave our employ to see the world, but we thank Nancy for her service these past seven years. Similarly, we extend our appreciation to other staff members, to all our volunteers across the country, and to our donors for their contributions to the Alpine Club of Canada last year.

— *David Toole*

## *Secretary*

Membership is one of the three the key issues that the Secretary is focusing on. A working group has been set up and will become a full-fledged committee at some point. Areas being looked at are:

- Membership communications
- Benefits of membership
- Membership retention
- Value of membership

The second issue is revenue diversification. The ACC has been supporting a lot of club activities and programs with revenues generated by ACC facilities. This has resulted in a reduction of funds going back to facilities for maintenance. The end result of this is a reduction in quality of the facilities. By diversifying revenue, we reduce the reliance on facilities to fund other areas of ACC operations.

The third issue deals with technology. The ACC is becoming more and more reliant on information technology and communications technology. Both are used to increase efficiencies, increase service to members and improve communications with members. Presently, the ACC is lacking an efficient internal human resource to ensure ongoing operations. We hope to have a solution developed by the fall of 2004.

— *Rod Plasman*

## Facilities

Parks Canada has agreed that the Fay Hut should be rebuilt after its loss in the forest fires of last year. Park officials and members of the Fay Hut Committee will choose the exact location, close to the original site, during the coming summer. Plans will be drawn up for Parks approval once the site has been chosen. The new hut will be of log construction but not necessarily the same design or dimensions. Elsewhere, promising negotiations are in progress with various government agencies regarding a location for a Centennial hut, but no arrangement has been finalized yet.

Plans to move three cabins from Canmore to the Clubhouse property were dashed by the Municipality of Canmore's refusal to allow the move. Plans are currently under way to build two cabin style accommodations at the site. The plan is for each of them to have bathroom and kitchen facilities and to accommodate four people. The Heritage Room is complete and is available for meetings and social occasions. French doors allow access to a large balcony with a magnificent view. Kitchen renovations are complete making it a much more functional and pleasant area. All light bulbs have been replaced with high efficiency units. It is expected that this will provide for savings in operating costs of several thousand dollars per year.

The replacement of the Wates-Gibson outhouse was postponed last year because of the need to renovate the sleeping area at Bow Hut because of a developing mould problem. The sleeping area was completely stripped and the walls replaced with new, varnished plywood. Dividing walls were removed and ventilation improved to reduce the condensation that was at the root of the problem. A small wood-burning stove was placed in the sleeping area. The corridor was lined with plywood and a locking door placed at the entrance to the sleeping area. The toilets were replaced with a new roomy design, which has a ventilation system that greatly reduces the odour problem. The connecting deck was rebuilt and roofed thus making the nighttime trips less daunting. Conrad Kain Hut had a bunk system built in the main sleeping area and a safety ladder provided to the upper sleeping area.

This year, it is hoped that we will replace the toilets at Elizabeth Parker Hut and build an adjoining wood shed as well. The Conrad Kain Hut will have the bunks in the upper sleeping area completed this year. Stanley Mitchell Hut will have the rotten base logs at the rear of the building replaced this year. The ceiling in the sleeping area will be lined with tongue & groove pine. Neil Colgan Hut will have some siding repairs done and an interior make over.

— Carl Hannigan

## The Canadian Centre for Mountaineering (CCM)

The Canadian Centre for Mountaineering (CCM) is working hard to offer the members of the Alpine Club of Canada a broad set of mountaineering adventures. Each year a mixture of new areas and old are offered. The Alpine Club of Canada has been organizing mountain adventures since its inception in 1906 – a fine tradition that continues to this day. From ice climbing to mountaineering, backcountry skiing to rock climbing the ACC offers it all.

None of this can happen without the volunteers that serve on committees like the Winter Camps Committee chaired by Ron Andrews and the General Mountaineering Camp Committee chaired by Masten Broolsma.

The CCM also depends on the continued efforts of Camp Managers at each camp. These hard working members overcome the many and varied logistical hurdles that each camp encounters. This often involves organizing menus, food, food caches, climbing gear, permits, helicopters, car-pooling, tents, outhouse 'consumables' and the like. These camp managers then go on to attend the camp often acting as the wake-up service and breakfast cook in the mornings, rope leader during the day, and the chef in the evenings. Their efforts are always appreciated. Special mention and thanks go out to the General Mountaineering Camp manager, Brad Harrison, the hardest working of them all.

The scope of the CCM is as amazing as it is demanding. The CCM typically offers 30-35 weeks of mountain adventure each year. These adventures involve approximately 350 ACC members and over 100 field staff. This means that the CCM organizes around 3100 person days in the mountains each year.

The main focus within the activities portfolio is safety and service delivery. Safety involves making sure that members are provided with everything they need to manage the risk involved during a mountain adventure. This includes everything from equipment lists to professional guides to radios and satellite phones. Service delivery not only includes those aspects of customer service that members have come to expect such as knowledgeable staff and prompt responses to inquiries, but also extends to those aspects behind the scenes such as dealing with changing park regulations, crown land tenure issues, insurance, rescue, etc.

— Cam Roe

## *Access & Environment*

2003 was a year of growth and consolidation for the Access and Environment (A&E) portfolio. The National Access and Environmental Coordinating Committee (NAECC) increased its activity as more section representatives joined the group and the number of countrywide telephone conferences increased. The longstanding desire of the members that sections share ideas and support for local access and environmental issues became more of a reality as sections insured that they had representation on the committee and the relationships of the committee members (and their sections) grew.

In the latter part of 2003, the committee began consideration of a new initiative to review and improve the role of A&E and the NAECC. The ongoing discussions of the committee involve a review of a vision document aimed at increasing the profile of the portfolio and streamlining its ability to assist sections in dealing with access and environmental issues. Among the major directions of the document are to make NAECC:

- A source of access and environmental information for members on an archival basis with a centralized system of information retention for members; and
- To coordinate educational and advocacy efforts among the sections to assist with consistency and to avoid duplication of effort by a thinly stretched but committed cadre of volunteers.

By late 2003 the level of information sharing among the section on the committee had increased dramatically and hopefully that trend will continue into 2004. You should begin to see an increased profile of the A&E portfolio. We hope you will find the time to offer help to your section in its access and environmental activities. Contact your section's A&E chairperson to see how you can help.

— Peter Muir

## *Management Discussion and Analysis*

The ACC recorded a net loss of \$45,838 in fiscal year 2003, ended October 31st, mostly due to factors that were beyond our control. Early in the year huts revenue was dramatically reduced because of a confluence of events – a poor snow pack, an unusually high number of avalanche deaths, the spread of SARS and the outbreak of hostilities in Iraq – all of which occurred at about the same time. It also included a \$20,000 loss on start-up of the new Kokanee Glacier Cabin – which is projected to be profitable going forward – and a \$7,400 charge taken upon the loss of the Fay Hut. The Canadian Alpine Centre in Lake Louise came in below budget but generated positive results after creating a loss the prior year. The magnitude of the 2003 loss was mitigated by a concerted effort to reduce costs at the national office.

During the year the Club spent \$95,971 on facilities improvements (Clubhouse and huts), \$11,397 on national camps related assets, and \$36,887 on computer equipment at the national office for a total of \$144,254. At year end the Club was debt free and had \$1.27 million in equity, plus \$48,238 in cash and \$82,246 in liquid investments. The value of the Club's Designated Funds grew by \$128,503 in fiscal 2003 to close at \$775,547.

Funds generated by Club operated facilities (huts and Clubhouse) currently cross-subsidize other Club activities to a significant extent, allowing the Club to keep membership fees lower than they would be otherwise. However the members of the Facilities Committee feel strongly that insufficient funds are being invested in maintenance and replacement of our existing facilities. Accordingly, the Club implemented a fee increase of \$7.00 per regular member, effective January 1, 2004.

In budgeting to break even in fiscal year 2004, the Club anticipated an increase in the cost of liability insurance, but the actual bill was much higher even than anticipated at \$94,000 versus \$32,167 last year. To contain its costs, the Club has reduced its exposure limit and is investigating options to mitigate this dramatic increase in cost.

— Gordon Currie

### *Income Statement to October 31*

	2003	2002
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Facilities	758,925	731,861
Camps	475,359	462,756
Membership	126,743	128,664
Other	116,534	132,194
	<u>1,477,561</u>	<u>1,455,475</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>Programs:</b>		
Camps	391,223	344,808
Facilities	267,952	197,463
Liability Insurance	32,167	25,632
Membership	17,051	15,312
Staff and Administration	684,265	627,432
Other	155,721	191,472
Total Expenses	<u>1,548,379</u>	<u>1,402,119</u>
Canadian Alpine Centre	<u>24,980</u>	<u>-51,969</u>
Net Income	-45,838	1,387

### *Statement of Cash Flows to October 31*

	2003	2002
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net Income	-45,838	1,387
Depreciation	86,806	70,868
subtract CAC income	-24,980	-51,969
add back CAC distribution	0	42,609
	<u>15,988</u>	<u>62,895</u>
Cash Flow from Operations	15,988	62,895
Change in working capital	<u>36,013</u>	<u>-2,356</u>
Cash Flow	52,001	60,539
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Clubhouse	52,793	49,282
Huts	43,178	60,127
Camps	11,397	10,872
National Office	36,887	16,565
	<u>144,255</u>	<u>136,846</u>
	-92,254	-76,307

### *Balance Sheet at October 31*

	2003	2002
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets	128,434	108,772
Investments	82,246	228,058
Canadian Alpine Centre	590,540	565,560
Capital Assets	740,528	683,080
	<u>1,541,748</u>	<u>1,585,470</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current Liabilities	269,097	214,766
Members' Equity	<u>1,272,652</u>	<u>1,370,704</u>
	1,541,749	1,585,470

Detailed financial statements are available upon request.

## Services

The Services portfolio oversees and coordinates the club's education program, our relationship with the UIAA, competition mountaineering sports, safety, our relationship with the Banff Centre and the Alberta Sections Committee.

I will highlight some of the activities of the various committees:

- **UIAA** – In the fall, Mike Mortimer, our Director of External Relations was welcomed onto the UIAA governing council, replacing the retiring Bill Putham as the UIAA representative for North America. <http://www.uiaa.ch>
- **Competition Sports** – Competition Climbing (CEC) presently has 13 open division members, 100 adult competitors and 72 youth members. The youth team has recently been enjoying great success. <http://www.competitionclimbingcanada.com/>  
The club has been asked and has accepted the responsibility for being the UIAA body in Canada for competition ski mountaineering. In January, the second annual ski mountaineering race held in Whistler has shown great interest. The winner of the race along with another person traveled to Europe to compete on behalf of Canada. <http://www.alpineclubofcanada.ca/cc/ismc.html>
- **Safety** – In the fall of last year, Dave McCormick took over as Chairman of the Safety Committee. Since then Dave has been busy adding more representation to this group. At the October 2003 board meeting, the Safety Committee proposed a policy of waiver administration that was successfully adopted by the board. <http://www.alpineclubofcanada.ca/services/safety/index.html>  
The club contributes information on Alpine Accidents that occur in Canada to the American Alpine Club's publication "Alpine Accidents in North America" for the benefit and education of all mountaineers. A database of Canadian alpine accident has been made available for the mountaineering community thanks to the hard work of a number of members. This website is called "Alpine Accidents in Canada" and can be found at: <http://alpineclub-edm.org/accidents/index.asp>
- **Banff Centre for Mountaineering** – The club continues to work with the Banff Centre on the "Banff Mountain Film Festival" and the "Banff Mountain Book Festival". <http://www.banffcentre.ca/mountainculture/>

— David Zemrau

## Mountain Culture

- **The Mission of the Committee** – To promote the understanding and appreciation of Canada's mountain heritage through the publication of mountain and mountaineering literature and materials; the cultivation of art in relation to mountain scenery and the interchange of ideas with other Alpine organizations.
- **The Committee Members** – The committee is composed of members: Bob Sandford (Chairman), Bonnie Hamilton, Audrey Wheeler, Bev Bendell, Geoff Powter, Rod Plasman, Amy Krause, Suzan Chamney, Rob Alexander, Jacqueline Louie, Amanda Follett, Howard Buckle, Lynn Martel and Richard Berry.
- **Key Actions** – The following key actions have established as vehicles for advancing the objectives of the publications committee over the two years period to which each of the committee members were committed:
  1. Continue to publish the Canadian Alpine Journal, the Gazette and additional works on mountaineering and mountain culture relevant to our membership.
  2. Find out what we need to do to become financial self-supporting in terms of publications production, promotion and distribution.
  3. Seek executive committee approval for changes in direction and structure.

This committee is responsible for publishing the Canadian Alpine Journal, which has been the journal of record for Canadian mountaineering for 98 years. In addition, the ACC's energetic publications committee published or co-published fifteen books on various aspects of the mountain art, culture and mountaineering biography since it fell under the direction of the current Vice-President in 1994. This committee has recently been reorganized around an expanded mandate. The focus of this portfolio is the celebration of art, science, literature, history and mountain culture in Canada. This change in portfolio title will expand our partnership possibilities with the sections and with other areas of club function such as facilities and activities. It will also allow us to return to the original club mandate relating to understanding of science as it relates to mountain places. This expanded focus will be foundation of this committee's contribution to the Alpine Club of Canada's centennial in 2006.

— Bob Sandford

## *External Relations*

As the Director of External Relation my duties for the club extend to all issues that come to the club from non-section sources. Generally this pertains to non-Canadian events. Of particular importance is our relationship with the American Alpine Club and the International Mountaineering Federation (U.I.A.A.). As a long standing member of the AAC, I have attended their annual board meeting since 1986 and have endeavoured over the course of these years to strengthen the ties between our clubs.

In October 2003 I was elected to be the North American delegate to the U.I.A.A. Council. As the sole delegate from this continent (and the first Canadian) it is my task to represent the following member organizations at the Council Meetings:

The Alpine Club of Canada, The American Alpine Club, The Alaska Alpine Club, Fédération Québécoise de la Montagne et de l'Escalade, Ecole Nationale d'Escalade du Québec and Federación Mexicana de Deportes de Montaña y Escalada, A.C.

In addition to these duties I also have the privilege of being the chairman of the ACC's Centennial Committee, responsible for planning the 2006 celebrations for the 100th anniversary of the ACC.

— *Mike Mortimer*

## *National Office*

The role of the National Office in Canmore is to provide management, operational and administrative support services in accordance with Club priorities as set by the Board of Directors. The list of actual office tasks is far too long to show here, but it includes:

- processing all of the Club's membership and renewal applications
- providing staff support to national ACC volunteer committees (of which there are currently close to 30!)
- organizing Board and Executive Committee meetings (2 each per year)
- coordinating volunteers involved in Club initiatives
- assisting with the publication of the national newsletter, The Gazette, and the Canadian Alpine Journal
- administering the Club's 23 nationally operated huts and the Canmore Clubhouse
- administering the Club's national mountaineering trips and camps.

In 2003, the National Office not only carried out these and other tasks, it also helped out on such activities as starting to lay the groundwork for the Club's centennial celebrations planned for 2006, putting in place a prescribed approach to ACC trips safety and waiver administration, and enhancing the Club's national website.

In some ways, the National Office can be viewed as the "glue that holds things together". Expressed another way, the real success of the Club is due to the significant contributions of time and expertise made by countless volunteers. The main role of National Office staff is do everything they can to provide a responsive infrastructure that maximizes the benefit of those volunteer contributions.

— *Bruce Keith*

## *Awards*

### **Silver Rope for Leadership**

Dave Dornian – Unaffiliated  
Doug Nelson – Calgary and Rocky Mountain Sections

### **Leader**

Peter Woodsworth – Vancouver

### **Distinguished Service**

Bruce Keith – Executive Director  
David Cousins – Calgary Section  
Liz Scremin – Vancouver Section  
Manrico Scremin – Vancouver Section  
Cyril Shockoples – Edmonton Section  
Pete Amann – Jasper/Hinton Section

## *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 last year. 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)*

Currie, Lois

Scholes, Robert Edward (Estate of)

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

BKL Consultants

Broadfoot, Mike

Campbell Icefield Chalet

Golden Alpine Holidays

Myles, John

R. Joy Rentals

Sandor, Martha

Sentry Mountain Lodge

Sorcerer Lake Lodge

### *Cascades Level (\$100 - \$999)*

About Canada

Alpine Helicopters

Babicki, Roman

Baudouin, Dominique

BC Adjusting Corporation

Beecroft, Doug

Beranek, Martin

Berry, Richard

Boles, Glen & Liz

Brackley, Derek

Canadian Art Gallery

Conradi, Andreas & Luci

D'Aboy, John

Dart, Nancy

Davies, Jim & Sue

Devonian Properties Inc.

Downey, Michael

Duffy, Pat & Elisabeth

Emond, Alex

Erickson, Paul & Diane

Fisher, David

Fox, John

Fuhrmann, Peter

Gibson, John

Gibson, Kathleen & Boatman, Christopher

Gray, Walter

Hall, Tom & Pamela

Hutchins, Peter

Integral Designs

Jones, Yardley

Kellerhals, Heather & Rolf

Klippenstien, Ben

Knight, Tami

Lakeman, Katherine

Massie, Donna Jo

Mills, Feather

Mowat, Ruth

Mt. Assiniboine Lodge

Muir, Peter

Muise, Don

Neilsen, Allan

Olinger, Louise

Price, Charles & Shanahan, Mary

Richards, Craig

Robertson, Steve

Ronaghan, Doreen

Rowe-Isrealson, Leslie

Scott, Chic

Siddall, Evan & Garnet

Straith, Jay & Mann, Lorrie

Talisman Energy

Taylor, Stephen & Gail

Telus Community Investment

The Avens Jewellery

Timar, John

Treleaven, Cameron

Vockeroth, Don & Sheila

Walker, Graham & Imanishi, Machiko

Wallis, Roger & Margaret

Wellpoint Systems Inc.

Wells Gray Park Backcountry Chalets

White Saddle Air Services

Wittzen, Elizabeth

Young, Drew

**Laurentians Level (\$10 - \$99)**

Baldwin, John  
Balon, Victor  
Beckner, Jim & Marcia  
Behie, Aida  
Bell, Janet & Robert  
Bell, Maureen  
Bloxom, W. F. & de Cleroq, D. E.  
Bond, Victor  
Bonertz, Patrick  
Brackley, Derek  
Brandl, Ron  
Brink, Vernon  
Browne, George  
Bruno-Bossie, Fabio  
Buick, Brian  
Burdan, Melissa & Schmitz, Joel  
Casey, Janet  
Chapman, Paul  
Chilbeck, Dan  
Christensen, Lisa  
Clark, Vervon & Doris  
Cole, Alan & Sharon  
Conrad, Susan & Brion  
Cowell, Morag  
Delgrande, Jim  
Denny, Arthur Lee & Carscadden,  
Shirley  
Desjardins, Cedric  
Dionne, Richard & Ciler  
Duerden, John  
Edwards, Bruce  
Ellis, Jonathan & Doris  
Ellis, Virginia  
Forest, Don  
Fountain of Hope  
Gerasimenko, Sergey  
Germann, Gertrud P.  
Germann, Vitus  
Goldstone, Irene  
Gordon, Leslie  
Gordon, Penny & Phillip, Rolfe  
Grant, Francis J.  
Gravel, Pierre & Tremblay, Helene  
Guinard, David  
Gutoskie, Bobbie & Gerry  
Gyori, LeeAnne  
Hall, Martin & Julia

Halverson, Terry  
Hegmon, Michelle & Bolin, Bob  
Heinrich, Lee & Unger, Sharon  
Henry, Forrest  
Herchmer, Doug  
Higgins, David & Mary Lou  
Hitchman, Claire & Ross  
Hohner, Kathleen  
Holme, Jennifer  
Koppel, Lucille  
Kozak, MayLouise  
Kreidberg, Jordan  
Krusky, Brad  
Ledinghan, Alan & Rita  
Legg, John F.  
Levenson, Richard B.  
Long, Colin  
Lukes, Paul & Heinricher, Deb  
MacGarva, Debbie  
Huckendubler, Yan & Peters, Clynis  
Huebert, Kurt  
Hunter, Richard  
Insight Photography International  
Jones, Constance M.  
Jones, Kimberly & Morrison, Aaron  
Keleman, Robert D.  
Kinsella, Tamara & Kevin  
Knight, Robert (Jamie)  
Maki, Art  
Martens, Christian  
Matthews, Richard  
McFadden, Eric  
McLaren, Marilyn & Grant  
Morris, Terry  
Mosier, David  
Muller, Ans  
Mumey, Brendan  
Murphy, Kelly  
Myles, Dave & Linda  
Naoyoshi, Murata  
Netherton, Anita J.  
O'Donnell, Patrick  
Owens, Robin & Wills, Susan  
Patterson, Harry & Chambers,  
Danaze  
Peacock, Jim  
Petetin, Nicolas

Picherak, Richard  
Piggot, Michael  
Plant, Douglas  
Racette, Marie-Eve  
Richardson, George & Karen  
Rossi, Thomas J.  
Rosso, Philip & Sanders, Marilyn  
Rousseau, Roxanne  
Rudy, Darren & Brenda  
Ruf, Jean-Claude  
Saskiw, Gary  
Seefried, Brent & Leskie, Natalie  
Shea, Brian  
Shiroki, Kazuo  
Silwinski, Jon & Taylor, Jana  
Simard, Nathalie  
Skene, Andrew  
Skrzypkowski, Henry  
Slack, Cheryl & Hunt, Dylan  
Small, Greg & Janet  
Smith, Jordan & Coleman, Karen  
Smoely, Dave  
St. Germain, Timothy  
Stirling, Shane & Young, Corinne  
Stockwell, Carol & Alan  
Thompson, James  
Tremblay, Justin Phillippe  
Tupper, Jim & Juanita  
Urness, Dean & Lapierre, Julie  
Ven der Zande, Ingrid  
Von Bach, Pablo Borjas  
Walton, Paul  
Warbeck, Paul & Anguish, Penny  
Welsh, Alex  
Westaway, Shari  
White, Darcy J.  
Wickson, Michael  
Williams, Yasmine  
Windle, Kenna & Sailer, Alfred  
Winstone, Michael D.  
Woerner, Gabriele C.  
Wood, Dan  
Woodd, Ellen  
Wrench, Andrew  
Young, John



photo by Peter Amann

## *Executive Committee*

- **President** – David Toole has been a member of the club since the early 1980s and has been active both at the section level in Montreal and on the national Board, where he has held various positions since 1993. His most significant mountaineering achievement was an ascent of a 21,000 foot peak in the Himalayas.
- **Secretary** – Rod Plasman is a Canmore resident and has been a member of the ACC since 1991. He is a graduate of the BCIT Information Technology program. As an IT type, he carries a digital camera everywhere. He is also very active in many different ways with the Rocky Mtn Section.
- **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 and Environment** – Peter Muir resides in Winnipeg where, since the founding of the club in 1906, the Manitoba Section has maintained that Alberta should share its abundance and move Mount Victoria to the area between Winnipeg and the US border as a flood control measure and a boon to local climbing. Peter is a lawyer but, notwithstanding that, two fellows will still regularly climb with him.
- **Vice President, Activities** – 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.
- **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 recently retired veterinary surgeon.
- **Vice President, Mountain Culture** – Bob Sandford is an ecological historian and the author or editor of some twenty books. He co-ordinates heritage initiatives that link what is unique about the nature, history and culture of the Canadian West. Bob was elected an Honorary Member of the Association of Canadian Mountain Guides and, in 2001, was presented the prestigious One Step Beyond Summit of Excellence Award for his lifetime contribution to mountain heritage in the Canadian Rockies.
- **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.
- **Vice President, External Affairs** - Mike Mortimer first joined the ACC in 1977. Since then he has served the Club in many capacities including: Editor of the Calgary Section's Chinook; Chairman of the Calgary Section; Chairman of four mountain leadership conferences for the Club in the 1980s; Vice President, Facilities; and from 1994 until 2001 Mike served as the President of the Club. As part of his current role as Director of External Relations, Mike also serves as the North American delegate to the UIAA Council.
- **Honorary President** – Peter Fuhrmann is a native of Germany who came to Canada in 1955. He became a certified mountain guide, and regional alpine specialist for Banff, Yoho and Kootenay national parks. Peter pioneered the use of helicopters in mountain rescue in Canada. He is a Past President of the ACC and continues to guide each summer.
- **Executive Director** – Bruce Keith joined the Club as Executive Director in 1995. He has held a variety of senior management positions in both the government and not-for-profit sectors. While his origins are in eastern Canada, he (like many others) has made the mountains his home, having moved west in 1992. Bruce lives in Canmore with his wife Nel and daughter Sandra.

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.

## *Regional Sections*

Regional Sections of the Alpine Club of Canada are its strength. The vast majority of club members belong to a local 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 Regional 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.

### *Regional Section Representatives:*

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