



Social Highlights from PLC 2012

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Wow! Didn't we have fun! Readers will be able to find the text of the papers on the PLC website when the *Proceedings* are published, so I'm going to confine myself to the fun stuff.

The 24th Colloquy was held at the University of Colorado, which we were told, has had an architectural plan since the 1920s. The campus is a collection of impressive buildings of similar style in red-hued, locally quarried sandstone with red tile roofs. Even the exterior of the huge football stadium is made of the same stone. The football stadium also has two high balconies overlooking the adjacent practice field that remind one of the balcony at Buckingham Palace. While it is sometimes difficult to find your way around because all the buildings look the same, the result of the plan is a beautiful campus.

Boulder, Colorado is a delightful city of just under 100,000 residents located close, but not too close, to Denver. People in Boulder apparently do things their own way. A fellow passenger on the shuttle from the airport referred to it as "The Republic of Boulder." Whatever they do, the result is a lovely city

which is a mix of arts and crafts, university town, and ski resort. The lively downtown area is about a 30-minute walk from the University.

PLC social events began on Sunday night with the Ice Breaker to welcome delegates from around the polar world. Delegates came from Iceland, Greenland, Denmark, Norway, Finland, United Kingdom, Germany, Japan, Canada, and the United States. It was great to see new faces and familiar faces, including retired members Ron Inouye and Martha Andrews.

Each day, lunch for the Colloquy was provided at the Center for Community, which is the most remarkable university cafeteria. About a dozen different choices ranging from pasta to kosher to sushi were included in our daily lunch cards. Who can say "No" to chocolate sundaes and giant chocolate chip cookies for dessert? Clearly, we ate very well.

On Day 1, James White, INSTAAR Director, opened with a thought-provoking keynote focused on making climate change and its potential impacts comprehensible to the average person. After our regular sessions ended, we had time to explore the varied restaurants Boulder has to offer.

On Day 2, we heard papers, viewed posters, and then toured the National Ice Core Laboratory in nearby Golden, CO. It was very hot outside—definitely sunburn temperatures. Our host and tour guide, Geoff Hargreaves, like the other workers at the Lab, was dressed in winter clothing, with heavy insulated boots, mittens, and warm

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PLC delegates relax in front of the red sandstone buildings of UC Boulder. (All photographs courtesy of Sandy Campbell)

head gear. Inside the Lab's work area, at -10C, staff were cutting ice cores into sections to be distributed to scientists for study. After a description of the various ice coring operations and methods, Geoff led us through an air-lock into the ice core storage area. It was -40 C in there. We quickly marveled at the rows of shelves filled with silver-wrapped ice core tubes and then were glad to get back to warmer temperatures outside.



PLC visits the USGS Ice Core Lab.

Day 3 began with Sharon Rankin and Ron Inouye announcing Jerry Kobalenko's *Arctic Eden: Journeys through the Changing High Arctic* as the winner of the 2012 William Mills Book Prize. The prize gives us the opportunity not only to celebrate new polar non-fiction, but also, for those of us who knew him, to remember William Mills' gentle presence among us. After our regular sessions, we watched several restored films that documented college students' field trips in Rocky Mountain National Park. It was fascinating, not only to study the ladies' hiking fashions of the day, but also to see where they climbed without so much as a rope for safety.

On Day 4, delegates were able to claim their Silent Auction purchases. The auction items were laid out at the back of the lecture theatre on Day 1, so it was easy for those involved in bidding wars to slip away between speakers to up-bid someone. I came away with a sweatshirt from Barrow, a polar bear keychain from Svalbard, and copies of Debogorski's *King of the Road* (about ice-road truckers) and *The Moravian Beginnings of Canadian Inuit Literature*. My favorite treasure, though, donated by Berit Jakobsen from Svalbard, is Harald Gaski's *Time is a Ship That Never Casts Anchor: Sami Proverbs*.



Action at the Silent Auction table.

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At the end of the day we heard Leilani Henry, who closed the Colloquy with her presentation, "We Are All Antarctica." Henry's father, George W. Gibbs, Jr., was the first man of colour to set foot on Antarctica, when he travelled with Admiral Byrd's third expedition to the South Pole. Using images and objects, Henry detailed her unfolding discovery of her father's history and her own journey in getting to know that part of his life.

The banquet was held that evening at the Red Lion Restaurant, an alpine-themed establishment located in a mountain valley west of Boulder. Delegates enjoyed pre-dinner drinks in the gardens, and then sat down to a choice of meals that ranged from prime rib to Bavarian schnitzel. During the meal, specially prized items selected from the silent auction were raffled off.

After dinner, the crowd was entertained by "Pick-Up-Sticks," a local marimba band. They soon had most of the group, including 16-month-old Paul Brannemann, dancing. At the end of their performance, the band did their "petting zoo," where members of the audience were invited to learn how to play marimba. Considering our 20 minutes of training, I think we didn't do so badly. All too soon, it was time to board the bus again and head back to the hotel.



Pick-Up-Sticks marimba band entertained at the banquet.

Once more the Colloquy has given us the opportunity to reconnect with old friends and to make new ones, to explore another part of the polar world, to hear the advances that others are making in their institutions, to invite discussion on the work that we are doing, to think about and experience new and different things, and especially to treasure this wonderful network that we build and expand each time we meet.

—Editor's Note: Please check the [PLC Blog](#) for more Colloquy highlights.

PLC Now on Facebook

As discussed at the 2012 PLC Business Meeting, and thanks to PLC Secretary Laura Kissel, PLC now has a Facebook Group and a Facebook Page. Once you log in to Facebook, you can find the Group at www.facebook.com/#!/groups/462565703755918/. The Page can be found at www.facebook.com/#!/PolarLibrariesColloquy.

The Group is private, which means that only members—there are currently about 20—can see posts. To become a member, click on the Join Group button in the upper right corner. Unlike the Group, the Facebook Page is for all the world to see, and you can post comments immediately.





Cold Regions: Pivot Points, Focal Points



Front row: Yoriko Hayakawa, Sue Olmsted, Lisa Adamo, Erin Palmer, Shannon Vossepoel, Sandy Campbell, Hilary Shibata, Gloria Hicks, Susanna Parikka, Jo Milton.
Middle: Elaine Maloney, Heidi McCann, Flora Grabowska, Ron Inouye, Chris McNeave, Suzanne Larsen, Laura Kissel, Katherine Arndt, Daria Carle, Sharon Rankin, David Ongley, Bolethe Olsen, Lynn Yarmey. **Back:** Shelly Sommer, Liisa Hallikainen, Vibeke Jakobsen, Charlotte Andersen, Berit Jakobsen, Marcel Brannemann, Ivar Stokkeland, Ross Goodwin, and Garrett Campbell. (Photograph courtesy of Peter Gibbons, NSIDC)

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A Note from the PLC Chair

I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to Shelly Sommer and the other members of the Boulder PLC organizing team for another stellar Colloquy. Sadly, I was unable to attend the meeting myself due to a departmental freeze on travel for conferences.

This was the first PLC I've missed since my first Colloquy way back in 2000, and it felt strange not to be there. However, from what I have heard from colleagues and through the excellent daily PLC weblog reports, the Boulder Colloquy was a great success, with many stimulating sessions and activities.

I'm also glad to hear that in spite of these economically uncertain times, representatives from many countries attended the biennial meeting in Boulder, including members from the US, Canada, UK, Germany, Denmark, Greenland, Norway, Finland, and Japan.

Although our biennial meetings continue to attract attendees from all over the world, our membership is actually declining, as older members are retiring. I would like to encourage all PLC members to reach out and recruit any new colleagues you encounter who may be interested in the PLC and its activities. Don't be shy to let them know what a great group this is.

I am very excited to report that the next Colloquy (the 25th!) will take place in Cambridge, UK, and it will be co-hosted by the Scott Polar Research Institute and the British Antarctic Survey. Mark your calendars for the 29th of June to the 3rd of July 2014. Updates will be available on the PLC website.

Hope to see you there!

Best wishes,

Pierre Beaudreau, PLC Chair
Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
Gatineau, Quebec

Location of 2014 Colloquy Announced

The 25th Polar Libraries Colloquy will be held 29 June–3 July 2014 in Cambridge, UK, co-hosted by the Scott Polar Research Institute (SPRI) and the British Antarctic Survey (BAS).

We will be announcing details of the conference website shortly.

On the website, you will find information on Cambridge and vicinity, accommodation and transport, as well as the Call for Papers. As the Colloquy approaches, we will update the website with other pertinent information.

See you in 2014!



The 25th PLC Planning Committee looks forward to welcoming you to Cambridge:

Ellen Bazeley-White, BAS
Jo Milton, BAS
Georgina Cronin, SPRI
Heather Lane, SPRI

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2012 William Mills Prize Announced at PLC

by *Sharon Rankin*
McGill University, Montreal

Jerry Kobalenko's *Arctic Eden: Journeys through the Changing High Arctic* won this year's William Mills Prize for Non-Fiction Polar Books. The award was announced on June 13, 2012, in Boulder, Colorado, at the PLC biennial conference.

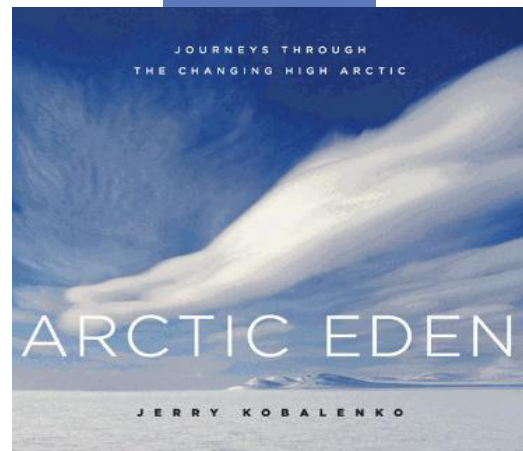
The prize honours the best English-language Arctic or Antarctic non-fiction book published throughout the world for the two years between Colloquies. The prize consists of a \$300 US award, certificates for the author and publisher, and the right to use the William Mills Prize logo when advertising the winning book. The prize was first awarded in 2006.

Arctic Eden is a compilation of Kobalenko's best photography and commentary from 35 Arctic expeditions over 20 years. The text includes not only Kobalenko's own growing knowledge of the Arctic and his reactions to it, but also anecdotes and stories from his trips.

Kobalenko's writing and photography have appeared in hundreds of publications around the world, including *National Geographic*, *Conde Nast Traveler*, *Canadian Geographic*, and *Time*. He is also the author of *The Horizontal Everest*.

The William Mills Prize is named in honour of William Mills, who was the longtime librarian at the Scott Polar Research Institute and a core member of PLC during its middle years. Mills was a consummate polar librarian as well as author in his own right.

The 2012 William Mills Prize Selection Committee consisted of five members: Georgina Cronin (Scott Polar Research Institute, University of Cambridge), Clare Flemming (Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia), Ron Inouye (University of Alaska Fairbanks, retired), Milbry Polk (Wings WorldQuest, New York), and Sharon Rankin (McGill University, Montreal), who coordinated the committee.



At the PLC 2012 Colloquy, the following acceptance note was received from Jerry Kobalenko and shared with attendees.

An editor friend of mine, whose magazine wins a lot of awards, once told me that winning a writing prize is unpredictable. Who wins, he said, depends on the personal tastes of that year's jury members, what sort of entry won last year, and other imponderables. In his experience, a more reliable mark of quality is being a finalist.

So it was a real honour when my work was chosen by such a discerning readership as one of the best non-fiction polar books of the last two years.

And my editor friend notwithstanding, I must admit that when I heard last week that Arctic Eden had won the William Mills Prize, I was delighted to have beat out all those other guys.

The selection committee could not have known this, but I met William Mills in 1997 when I spent a week at the Scott Polar Research Institute, studying the journals and illustrations of the British Arctic Expedition of 1875–6. William and I had tea together every afternoon, and he arranged for me to give a presentation at Scott Polar of my High Arctic images and stories, some of which I later

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included in Arctic Eden. I was especially grateful for his help and interest, since I was not a scholar, just a writer, photographer and traveler with a passion for arctic history who had spent a lot of time out on the land.

Arctic photography has always been difficult because of the expense of getting north, the physical challenges of travel when you're up there, and the conditions under which you sometimes shoot. Arctic Eden includes an essay

on polar photography that outlines some of those difficulties and how I've tried to get around them.

But what I didn't mention is how in most photo books, words are not very important. They tend to serve as verbal Muzak to provide a nice ambiance for the imagery. Consequently, these books are ignored as literary works. In Arctic Eden, I tried to make words and pictures equally vital. I'm very grateful that such a literate audience as polar librarians saw past the photos and got it.

—Thank you,

Jerry Kobalenko

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2012 Wenger Award Winner

The 2012 Wenger Award went to Lisa Adamo of the US Geological Survey Libraries Program in Reston, Virginia. Adamo is the public services librarian at the Clarence King Library, whose collections include the US Antarctic Resource Center, which is supported by the National Science Foundation, and the USGS Topographic Map Archive.

In her application, Adamo wrote: "As the manager of such a collection, I would like to involve the USGS Libraries Program in PLC to contribute to the polar libraries community and support the researchers in the best way possible." Adamo presented a paper co-authored by Richard Huffine entitled *Antarctic Resources at the USGS* that highlighted their library's unique holdings and limitations, financial and academic support for the collection, challenges, goals, and outreach plans.



The Great Alaska Earthquake of March 27, 1964, showing part of the Turnagain-by-the Sea landslide in Anchorage shortly after the magnitude 9.2 quake. PL Bulletin editor J. Braund-Allen was in the third home from the right (highlighted in orange) at the time of the quake, which lasted approximately four minutes. It is the second strongest earthquake ever recorded in the world. (Photo by W.R. Hansen, 1964. Courtesy of the USGS Photographic Library)

Rocky Mountain High: The Post-PLC 2012 Field Trip

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Thirteen delegates to the 2012 Polar Libraries Colloquy took part in the post-Colloquy trip to Rocky Mountain National Park. The two-hour bus trip to Estes Park took us from 5,430 ft in Boulder, through high plain prairie, into the mountain valleys, and up twisting and winding mountain roads. We stopped a couple of times to take in amazing views.

At the Bear Meadows Interpretive Centre, many watched a video about the history of Rocky Mountain National Park. Among the mountain vistas, we could see Longs Peak, the site featured in one of the restored films that we had watched during the Colloquy.

At the overlook, we could look down to the town of Estes Park, but at our feet, very well-fed chipmunks came to entertain us. Resident Steller's Jays and Clark's Nutcrackers also let us know that we were approaching the high country.



PLC field trip party at a mountain viewpoint. (Photograph courtesy of Sandy Campbell)

Continuing on, we passed through the Park gates and into the spectacular scenery of Rocky Mountain National Park. Eventually we travelled above the tree line and stopped to hike over the alpine tundra. By this altitude, many of us were experiencing

effects of lower oxygen levels in the thin air. Shortness of breath, headaches, confusion, and fatigue all made hiking a challenge; however some stalwarts did make it all the way to the viewpoint. Others in the party contented themselves with enjoying the alpine wildflowers, which formed an exquisite carpet of yellows, blues, and pinks.



Pink trifolium and yellow alpine avens. (Photograph courtesy of Sandy Campbell)

A sign along the trail told us about the environment in which these delicate flowers survive.

Each winter, hurricane force winds in excess of 100 miles per hour drive snow across the tundra. Thirty-foot drifts form in places, covering plants and animals with a protective, insulating blanket. Where snow is blown free, the winds rob heat and moisture from the vegetation and blast every exposed leaf and twig with particles of ice and sand.

Our next stop was the Alpine Visitors Centre and the Trail Ridge Road Store at 11,796 ft. The Visitors Centre provided a good overview of the high country vegetation and animals. From the walkway on the rim of a great valley, we could see brown-

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capped rosy-finches, mountain bluebirds, American pipits, and a marmot. There were also lots of elk on the mountainside.

The Trail Store is quite large and offered a good selection of crafts, jewelry, and souvenir clothing. This is the only service for many miles, so it is a popular stopping point. During our visit, there were many people, but during the peak season, we were told that the parking lot overflows and people have to park along the narrow two-lane highway that runs past the Centre. Reaching 12,183 ft, Trail Ridge Road is the highest continuous highway in the US.

On the way back, we stopped in Estes Park to visit the famous Stanley Hotel, built by the man who invented the Stanley Steamer. The main hotel, which opened in 1909, is a white wooden structure in Georgian style with a red roof. However, the interior takes you back to the days of elegant turn-

of-the-century rail travel. There is plenty of polished wood, large paintings, chandeliers, and beautifully appointed furnishings. At the back of the hotel is a patio with a small waterfall and many animal sculptures made of metal.

The Stanley Hotel also has the dubious distinction of inspiring Stephen King to write *The Shining*, and was used as the film location for the mini-series, *The Shining*. (A popular myth has it that the 1980 movie was filmed there as well.) Although some people say that the hotel is haunted, we didn't see any sign of ghosts.

Throughout the trip, we were all entertained by the smiles and antics of Master Paul Brannemann, who at 16 months, is already a world traveler.

The end of the tour signaled the end of the final Colloquy event, and we all parted company with promises to meet again in Cambridge in 2014.



Alpine Visitor Center. (Photograph courtesy of Sandy Campbell)



Stanley Hotel postcard, 1917. The hotel opened on July 4, 1909. (Image courtesy of Estes Park Historical Museum)



Stanley Hotel and its surrounding lands were listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1985. (Photograph courtesy of [The Stanley](#))

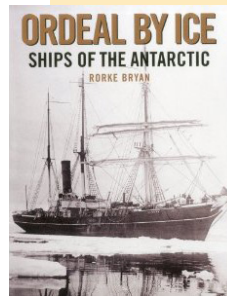


Vintage Stanley Steamer in hotel lobby. (Photograph courtesy of Jason Smith, 2007, Creative Commons)

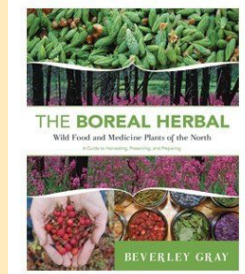


William Mills Prize for Non-Fiction Polar Books: The 2012 Nominees

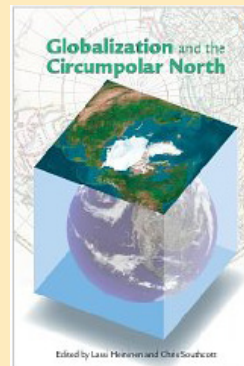
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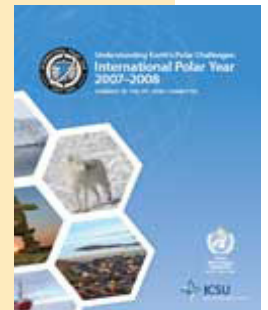
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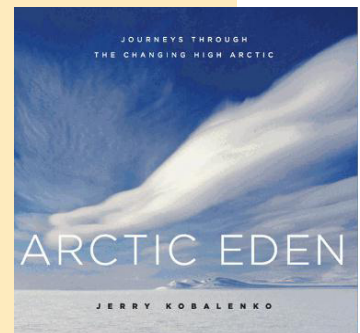
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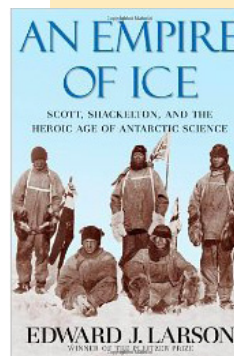
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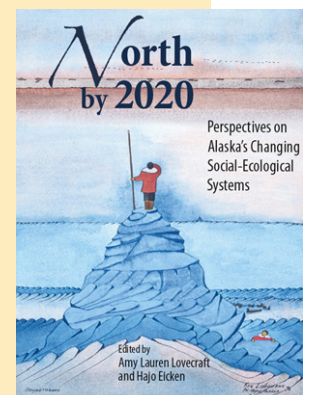
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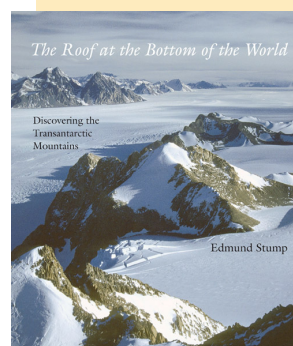
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*2012 Prize winner



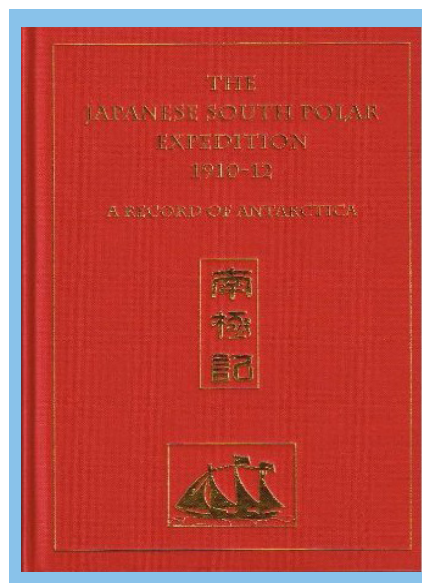
New Publications: Two Recent Antarctic Books

Shirase Antarctic Expedition Supporter's Association, comp. and ed. 2011. *The Japanese South Polar Expedition 1910–12: A Record of Antarctica*. Trans. and ed. by Lara Dagnell and Hilary Shibata. Bluntisham: Bluntisham Books/Erskine Press.

The Japanese Antarctic Expedition (JAE) of 1910–12, under the leadership of army lieutenant Nobu Shirase, was the first exploration of Antarctic territory by Japan. The account of that expedition, based on official journals and records assembled by the JAE Supporters Association, was published in 1913 in Japanese as *Nankyoku-ki*.

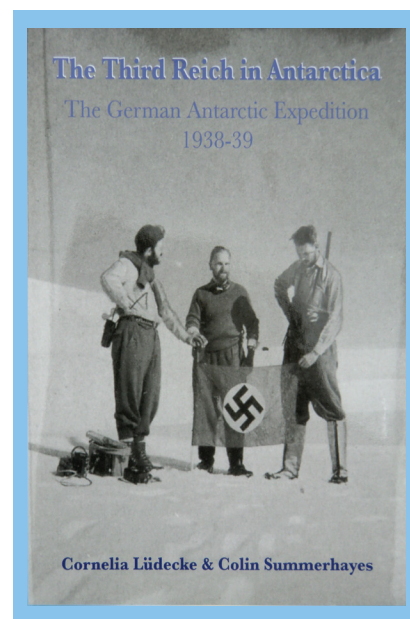
Little known outside Japan, this is the first English translation of the official account, together with the scientific appendices. Many of the black-and-white photos used have not previously been published. Extensive research by Hilary Shibata has also provided a great deal of explanatory detail about the text and the expeditioners involved.

JAE twice traveled into Antarctic waters, making land fall in 1911. Their original mission was the conquest of the South Pole, and they were on the continent at the same time as were Roald Amundsen and Robert Falcon Scott, whose expeditions were seeking the same goal.



Ludecke, Cornelia, and Colin Summerhayes. 2012. *The Third Reich in Antarctica: The Story of the Third German Antarctic Expedition 1938–39*. Bluntisham: Bluntisham Books/Erskine Press.

The Third German Antarctic Expedition was led by Alfred Ritscher, a captain in the German navy. On 19 January 1939 *Schwabenland* arrived in Dronning Maud Land and began charting the region. Nazi German flags were placed on the sea ice along the coast and the area was named Neu Schwabenland after the ship. Its scientific studies, using state-of-the-art equipment for meteorology and oceanography, made major discoveries. The expedition returned to Hamburg on 11 April 1939. This is the first detailed account in English of why the expedition was sent, how it was organised, and its many scientific achievements, which were overshadowed by the Second World War.



David Walton sent in the above information on two recent books he has been involved with; both works can be obtained directly from [Bluntisham Books](#).

Minutes of the 24th PLC Business Meeting June 14, 2012, Boulder, Colorado

Chair: Secretary Laura Kissel, in the absence of Chair Pierre Beaudreau and with no Chair-Elect in place.

Sandy Campbell volunteered to take minutes.

Meeting called to order at 1:20 P.M.

1. Approval of the Agenda
Moved: Flora Grabowska Seconded: Gloria Hicks
2. Approval of the minutes of 2010 PLC Business Meeting in Bremerhaven
Minutes were approved as published in the *PL Bulletin*.
3. Business Arising

A. Treasurer's Report

Laura Kissel presented the Report for the period 2010–2012 in the absence of Treasurer David Walton (Appended [report not included in the *Bulletin*]).

Moved for Approval: Sharon Rankin Seconded: Allaina Wallace

Treasurer's Report was approved.

B. Wenger Award recipient, Lisa Adamo, was recognized and congratulated.

C. Members of the Mills Committee, especially Chair Sharon Rankin, were thanked for their service in selecting *Arctic Eden: Journeys through the Changing High Arctic* by Jerry Kobalenko as the Award winner. Other members of the Committee were Clare Flemming, Georgina Cronin, Ron Inouye, and Milbry Polk.

D. Changes to Bylaws

Proposed changes were that the Secretary/Treasurer become two positions and that the minimum number of the Steering Committee officers change from three to four.

- i. Alterations to the Bylaws were displayed for members to review
- ii. Two friendly amendments were suggested
 - a. The location of the archives will read "held in the Archives and Manuscripts Section of the Alaska and Polar Regions Collections and Archives."
 - b. The word "shall" will be added before the list of Secretary's duties to balance the list of Treasurer's duties.

Moved for Approval: Sandy Campbell

Seconded: Marcel Brannemann

Approved unanimously as amended.

4. New Business

- A. Changes to the Steering Committee membership
 - i. Andie Smithies resigned as Chair in Fall 2011
 - ii. Pierre Beaudreau assumed the role of Chair
 - iii. Chair-Elect position is now vacant

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- iv. Treasurer David Walton has resigned as of this Colloquy
- v. Member-at-Large Ross Goodwin is retiring and stepping down

B. Current membership of the Steering Committee

- i. Pierre Beaudreau is Chair
- ii. As per the PLC constitution and bylaws, the Steering Committee elected Shelly Sommer as Chair-Elect
- iii. Laura Kissel continues as Secretary
- iv. The Treasurer position is vacant and will be appointed from Steering Committee members elected at this meeting.
- v. The Steering Committee has appointed Sandy Campbell as an ex officio member based on her role as liaison between PLC and the University of the Arctic.
- vi. Four Member-at-Large positions must be elected. Nominations were taken from the floor.
 - a. Shannon Vossepoel
Nominated by Sandy Campbell Seconded by Sharon Rankin
 - b. Jo Milton
Nominated by Marcel Brannemann Seconded by Allaina Wallace
 - c. David Walton
Nominated by Ross Goodwin Seconded by Daria Carle
 - d. Marcel Brannemann
Nominated by Sharon Rankin Seconded by Ron Inouye

All four members were acclaimed into their positions. The Steering Committee met immediately following the Business Meeting and appointed Jo Milton as Treasurer.

5. Other Business

A. Martha Andrews spoke to the digitization of Colloquy *Proceedings*

Eighteen of the early Colloquy *Proceedings* have not been digitized. Martha suggested that the organizations hosting those Colloquies take responsibility for digitizing the *Proceedings*.

Issues regarding copyright and ownership were discussed, with the recognition that some of the authors are deceased. Each hosting institution will be responsible for the copyright issues regarding its own contributions to the *Proceedings*.

B. Ron Inouye spoke about reaching out to other organizations to join the PLC.

He proposed that a resolution from this Colloquy be sent to the leaders of countries worldwide to encourage them to send librarians to join the Colloquy.

The resolution will be sent to the Steering Committee. The Committee will devise a method for moving this forward and will communicate it on the PLC listserv.

Text of the Resolution

Whereas information and data are critical to all human endeavors and,



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Whereas commercial and environmental research of the Polar Regions becomes increasingly significant and,

Whereas polar information is essential for public policy development in all nations with polar interests and,

Whereas the Polar Libraries Colloquy (PLC) has provided leadership in polar information since 1971,

Therefore be it resolved that the PLC in conference in Boulder, Colorado, June 14, 2012, urges participation in future Polar Library Colloquies by all nations and particularly the Far East and Southern Hemisphere.

C. PLC Facebook page

Laura Kissel spoke to this issue. The group discussed the merits of creating a Facebook page and a Facebook group. A page would allow anyone to follow PLC. A group would be limited to members invited to join. Marcel Brannemann demonstrated IAMSLIC's Facebook page and Facebook group.

Moved by Shelly Sommer, seconded by Elaine Maloney, that PLC Secretary Laura Kissel create a Facebook page and a Facebook group. Carried.

D. Letter to the National Science Foundation (NSF) on behalf of PLC to encourage support for *Arctic & Antarctic Regions (AAR)*. Due to direct involvement with the grant proposal in question, Sharon Tahirkheli and Lisa Adamo left the meeting for this item.

Martha Andrews and others presented a draft of a letter from this PLC to NSF regarding the ongoing funding of indexing projects. After reviewing the draft, members asked the authors to complete it and send it to Secretary Laura Kissel. She will send the draft to the attendees, who will return their edits and corrections to her by June 25.

E. PLC blog

Laura Kissel reminded members that the blog is available for use not only during Colloquy, but at all times, and encouraged members to post.

Daria Carle encouraged members to submit information to her and Juli Braund-Allen for inclusion in the *Bulletin*.

F. Announcement of next Colloquy venues

2014—Cambridge, UK
2016—yet to be determined
2018—Rovaniemi, Finland

G. Attendees offered a special vote of thanks to our conference hosts Shelly Sommer, Allaina Wallace, and Gloria Hicks for their hard work hosting a successful 24th Colloquy.

Meeting adjourned.

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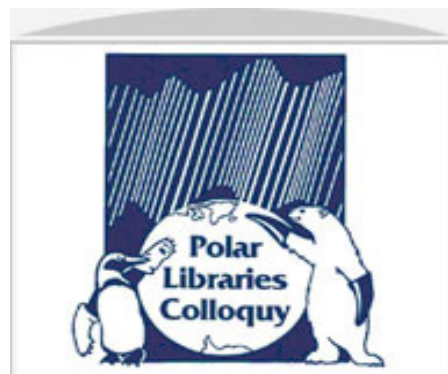
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Constitution of the Polar Libraries Colloquy

(Approved July 7, 1994; amended: June 21, 1996; September 24, 1998; and June 14, 2012)

Chapter One

Name of the association

Article 1

The name of the association is the Polar Libraries Colloquy.

Chapter Two

Aim and purpose of the association

Article 2

The Polar Libraries Colloquy (hereafter called the PLC) provides a forum through which librarians and others evidencing an abiding interest in the collection, preservation, and dissemination of polar information, discuss issues of mutual concern and promote initiatives leading to improved collections and services.

Article 3

In order to implement its aims, the PLC:

- i. holds an international conference every two years, or at an interval agreed upon by the membership;
- ii. exchanges information by appropriate means;
- iii. co-operates with other national and international organizations whose aims are complementary to those of the PLC.

Chapter Three

Membership

Article 4

Membership of the PLC is open to all persons and institutions evidencing an abiding interest in the collection, preservation, and dissemination of polar information. There will be three categories of membership:

- i. Individual - Individual members shall be entitled to vote and to hold office;
- ii. Honorary - Honorary members shall be entitled to vote and to hold office;
- iii. Institutional - Institutional members shall not be entitled to vote or to hold office.

Article 5

Individual and institutional members must pay an annual membership fee, which will be established in the business meeting of the preceding colloquy. Honorary members shall pay no fees.

Article 6

Applications for membership must be directed to the PLC Steering Committee. The status of Honorary Member may only be conferred by a proposal from the floor and agreed to at the business meeting.



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Chapter Four Organization and administration

Article 7

Decisions regarding the aims, purposes and functioning of the PLC are approved in the business meeting held during the international conference (hereafter called the business meeting).

Article 8

The PLC's activities are directed and planned by the PLC Steering Committee which is elected at the business meeting to serve until the next business meeting. These members shall, as far as possible, be chosen so as to be representative of the different regions and types of libraries comprising the PLC membership in general.

Chapter Five Meetings

Article 9

An international conference is held every two years, or other agreed interval. The venue and host organization are decided upon according to procedures stipulated in the Bylaws. An institution or site wishing to host the next PLC conference should inform the PLC Steering Committee at least sixty days prior to the business meeting.

Article 10

The organization and financial arrangements of the international conference are the responsibility of the host organization, which shall also be responsible for the preparation, publication and distribution of the conference proceedings. Organizations hosting the international conference should budget to cover costs but not make a profit. Arrangements for the international conference should be made by the conference host in consultation with a conference organizing committee, the latter being selected at the preceding PLC business meeting. The role of the conference organizing committee is essentially consultative and supportive of the conference host, who retains primary responsibility for the making of conference arrangements.

Chapter Six Entry into effect of this Constitution

Article 11

This Constitution will come into force at the close of the business meeting at which it is approved by a two-thirds majority of the members voting.

Chapter Seven Changes to the Constitution of the Colloquy

Article 12

Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by any member. Such amendments must be submitted in writing to the PLC Steering Committee in time for dissemination prior to the business meeting.



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Article 13

Adoption of an amendment requires an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members present at the business meeting.

Chapter Eight Changes to the Bylaws of the Colloquy

Article 14

Amendments to the Bylaws may be proposed by any member. Such amendments must be submitted in writing to the PLC Steering Committee in time for dissemination prior to the business meeting.

Article 15

Adoption of an amendment requires an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members present at the business meeting.

Bylaws

1. For the purpose of the business meeting at which the adoption of this constitution will first be mooted (15th PLC, Cambridge), all delegates attending the business meeting will be considered as members with full voting rights.
2. The selection of the venue for the PLC conference will be recommended by the PLC Steering Committee for approval by the general membership at the business meeting. The tradition of alternating between the European and North American continents will be considered in venue selection with due consideration given to other regions as evidence of interest becomes apparent.

The PLC Steering Committee will reach their decision taking into account the following factors:

The prospective host should offer:

- i. a demonstrated, on-going commitment to the aims of the PLC;
- ii. the ability to provide a suitable venue including appropriate accommodations and meeting facilities, and relevant and interesting sites to visit;
- iii. a significant polar collection;
- iv. a record of successfully hosting international conferences;
- v. a letter of invitation from the director of the institution;
- vi. evidence of institutional commitment, both financial and physical;
- vii. a suitable theme for the conference;
- viii. a commitment to publish the proceedings.

Consideration shall be given to appropriate sites which have yet to host the PLC conference.

3. There shall be a PLC Steering Committee, herein referred to as the "PLCSC," that shall direct and plan the activities of the PLC and take such actions as it considers necessary to carry out the objectives of the PLC and perform such other functions as the membership may direct.

The PLC Steering Committee shall consist of at least four and not more than seven members elected by the membership. Additional ex officio members shall consist, at least, of the bulletin editor(s) and

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the chair of the next colloquy. Nominations for, and election of, PLCSC members shall be made at the PLC business meeting.

PLCSC members shall elect PLCSC officers from among their elected members as follows: the chair, the vice-chair/chair-elect, the secretary and the treasurer. All members of the PLCSC shall be members of the PLC.

The PLCSC shall hold at least one meeting biennially in association with the PLC and may hold additional meetings. Fifty percent shall constitute a quorum.

A vacancy among the officers of the PLCSC, except in the office of chair, shall be filled by majority vote of the remaining members of the PLCSC, this PLCSC-elected officer to serve until the next biennial election. A vacancy in the office of chair shall be filled by the vice-chair/chair-elect.

The term of office of all PLCSC members shall be at least one cycle (usually two years) between meetings of the PLC. The chair shall normally serve one cycle. The vice-chair/chair-elect and the secretary and treasurer shall serve two cycles without standing for re-election. With the exception of the offices of chair and vice-chair/chair-elect, any officer shall be eligible for re-election. The chair and vice-chair/chair-elect shall be eligible for election to any other PLCSC office. All members of the PLCSC shall serve until their successors are elected and assume their duties. The term of office shall commence at the adjournment of the PLC Business Meeting.

The chair shall be chief executive officer of the PLC and, subject to the PLCSC, shall:

- preside at all meetings of the PLCSC; and
- represent the PLC and/or the PLCSC as needed.

The vice-chair/chair-elect shall:

- assist the chair in the performance of the duties of the chair; and
- assume all the duties and obligations of the chair in the event of absence or withdrawal of the chair.

The secretary shall:

- keep a record of all meetings of the PLC and of the PLCSC;
- prepare this record for publication in the PLC Bulletin and/or the PLC *Proceedings*;
- keep a record of all correspondence related to the PLC; and
- at routine intervals, deposit copies of PLC-related documentation into the PLC Archives held at the Archives and Manuscripts Section, Alaska and Polar Regions Collections, University of Alaska Fairbanks.

The treasurer shall:

- collect all dues from the PLC;
- have custody of the PLC funds;
- sign all cheques drawn upon PLC funds; and
- furnish such financial statements as may be required by the PLC or the PLCSC.

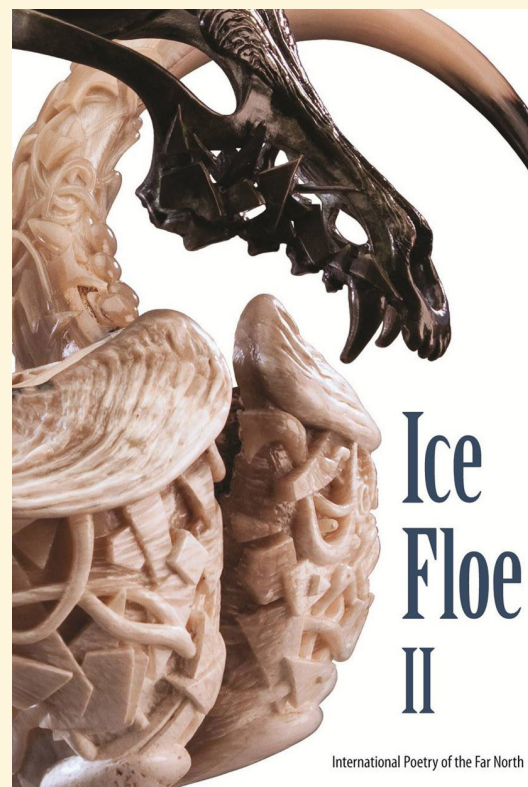
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Gramse, Shannon, and Sarah Kirk, eds. 2011.
Ice Floe II: International Poetry of the Far North.
Fairbanks: University of Alaska Press.

Ice Floe II is the second volume of the newly revived book series, *Ice Floe*. It features new works of poetry from a diverse group of writers from the Circumpolar North. The poetry is presented in its original language as well as in English translation. Contributors include former Alaska poet laureate Tom Sexton, Riina Katajavuori, Yuri Vaella, Gunner Randversson, and other established and emerging poets from the northern latitudes.

University of Alaska Press is seeking submissions for new volumes in this series, which will be published in 2012 and 2013.

Poets and translators from Alaska, Northern Canada, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Northern Russia, and beyond are encouraged to submit new, original work, with any language, style, or subject matter welcome. For details and contact information, see [Help Save Wild Poetry!](#)



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