CSTM Administrative Office Report, 2009 (Including the Membership Report for CSTM, 2009)

In February of 2009, folkwaysAlive! at the University of Alberta submitted a written proposal to the President of CSTM with an offer to provide administrative support to the Society. In addition to providing French translation of correspondence, conference abstracts and the Society website, folkwaysAlive! also offered to provide an administrative home for the Society including a secure postal address, management of membership lists and collection of fees, and coordination of printing and distribution of the *MUSICultures* (the Society's journal) and *Canadian Folk Music* (the Society's magazine). An official letter of acceptance was posted March 5, 2009 and the process of transferring the membership records began. As part of the agreement, folkwaysAlive! designed a position description for a part-time administrative assistant and appointed Cari Friesen, University of Alberta master's student (ethnomusicology), effective May 1, 2009; a new CSTM email address was established at the University of Alberta shortly after: cstmsctm@ualberta.ca.

The relatively smooth transition could not have occurred without the generous contributions of John Leeder and James Prescott. James designed and maintained a comprehensive database of membership data and the tracking of publication distribution and John managed the printing and distribution processes for the publications, notifying members of payment deadlines, sending reminders, and dealing with the mail, including depositing cheques. Both John and James provided the folkwaysAlive! office with detailed descriptions of their tasks and travelled twice to Edmonton to provide in-person direction. Their contributions to the efficient operation of the Society over several years cannot be underestimated and we thank them for their insight, direction, kindness and continued dedication to CSTM.

Canadian Folk Music issues 42.3 and 42.4 and MUSICultures 34 and 35 (double issue) are the first publications printed through folkwaysAlive! After receiving the final production layout, quotes were secured from two Edmonton printers as well as the previous printer, located in Calgary. It was determined that posting all three publications together would be more cost-efficient than individual mailings and 246 packages were mailed on October 7, 2009. Translation of routine correspondence and annual reports has been completed and translation of the website content is in progress.

Membership Report

The figures below are current as of 2009 September 28, but there are several circumstances that need to be taken into account for this report:

- publication delays likely also caused a delay in membership renewal since members may not have received renewal reminders.
- some memberships will be renewed through the registration fee at the 2009 conference.
- members who have not paid beyond the first guarter of 2008 are not included in Table 1.

Since the last report (November 2008) 16 new individual memberships have been added and 9 individual and 3 institutional memberships deleted, resulting in a net change of +4 [Table 1].

This report also contains a summary of individual and institutional members by region [Table 2 and 3] and by post-secondary affiliation [Table 4].

Table 1: Membership status

Year	Quarter	Individuals	Institutions	Total
2008	2 nd	6		6
2008	3 rd	13	1	14
2008	4 th	33	13	46
2009	1 st	35	1	36
2009	2 nd	11		11
2009	3 rd	4		4
2009	4 th	5	38	43
2010	1 st	18		18
2010	2 nd	5	1	6
2010	3 rd	1		1
2010	4 th			
2011	1 st	1		1
Not invoiced		2	33	35
Total		134	88	222

Table 2: Individual Memberships

Region	Number	Percentage of 134	
Newfoundland & Labrador	12	8.9	
Nova Scotia	10	7.4	
P.E.I			
New Brunswick	1	.7	
Québec	10	7.4	
Ontario	40	29.8	
Manitoba	2	1.4	
Saskatchewan	7	5.2	
Alberta	28	20.8	
British Columbia	16	11.9	
N.W.T.	1	.7	
Yukon			
Nunavut			
U.S.A.	7	5.2	
Other			
Total	134		

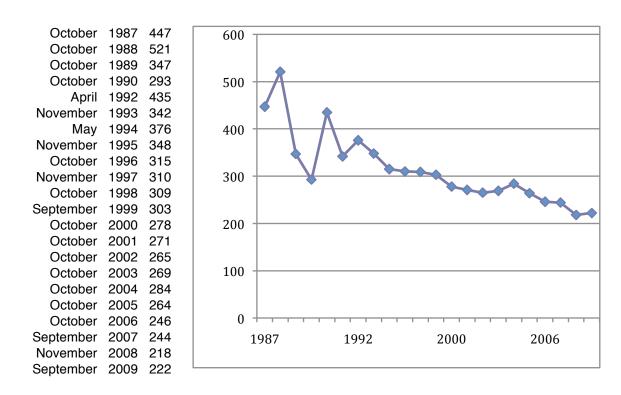
Table 3: Institutions

Region	Number	Percentage of 88
Newfoundland & Labrador	3	3.4
Nova Scotia	4	4.5
P.E.I		
New Brunswick	1	1.1
Québec	8	9.0
Ontario	22	25.0
Manitoba		
Saskatchewan		
Alberta	6	6.8
British Columbia	8	9.0
N.W.T.		
Yukon		
Nunavut		
U.S.A.	22	25.0
Other	14	15.9
Total	88	

Table 4: Post Secondary affiliation

	Yes	None, or unknown
Institutions	40	48
Individual	28	44
Seniors	12	8
Students	23	
Concession		19
TOTAL	103	119

Table 5: Memberships by Year



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