



Kate Edwards to succeed Carolyn Wood as ACP Executive Director

TORONTO, ONTARIO—(March 3, 2015) — Long-time Association of Canadian Publishers Executive Director Carolyn Wood has announced her retirement, and will be leaving her position as of June 30. She will continue to do some work with the ACP on a consulting basis. The ACP board of directors is pleased to announce that Kate Edwards, currently Associate Director, has been promoted to Executive Director, effective July 1.

According to ACP President Erin Creasey, “The ACP board has constantly been impressed (and often in awe) of Kate’s work as Program Manager and now Associate Director — from managing projects and working with diverse committees, to strategic planning and political strategizing. Kate brings thoughtfulness and enthusiasm to every project, and she has exactly the vision and energy we need to lead the ACP into the future. We are thrilled that she has accepted the ED position.”

Carolyn Wood has spent most of her working life in the book world, first as a librarian, and then in publishing, almost entirely with Canadian-owned companies. She worked in marketing and editorial, was a co- founder of Second Story Press, and ran the distribution service at University of Toronto Press for nine years. In her current role with the ACP she has been involved in the development of 49th Shelf, eBound Canada, and the National Reading Campaign, as well as ongoing advocacy on behalf of Canadian publishers.

“Over the past eight years, Carolyn has led the ACP through successes, innovations, some rocky times, and countless rewards,” said Creasey. “She has been a tireless advocate for Canadian publishing and Canadian books, and a superlative leader for the ACP. We will miss her tremendously in the ED role.”

The Association of Canadian Publishers will celebrate Carolyn Wood’s retirement at our AGM, June 10-12, in Toronto.

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