

## ALCA News

### Executive Secretary Retiring

In 1999, after being housed at the University of Cincinnati for over 50 years, the ALCA found out they were losing their offices and would need to find a new home. The Leather Research Institute under Director Dr. Dennis Shelly became the official sponsor of the ALCA on the Texas Tech Campus in Lubbock, TX. A search was then underway to find a new Executive Secretary. Dr. Shelly posted the job opening and received several candidates; however, he personally asked a friend of his family, Carol Adcock, to consider applying for the position. Dr. Shelly submitted all applications to the then Council consisting of Robert White, President, Elton Hurlow, Vice President, Maryann Taylor, Vice President-Elect, and Council members Chris Black, Nicholas J. Cory, Ricardo E. Lopez, Frank Metsaars, David G. Ouellette and David T. Radwell. Council approved hiring Carol. Her first duty was to attend a Council Meeting in Chicago, IL on October 1. From there she flew to the ALCA offices at the Tanners' Council Research Laboratory at the University of Cincinnati to oversee the moving of the offices and attend the leather course offered by the Leather Research Laboratory.

Since the previous June, the Association did not have an Executive Secretary, and things were not in the best of shape. The boxes arrived at the Texas Tech campus and were put in an unused lab in the Chemistry Building which was the initial location for the ALCA office and library. In August of 2000, the offices of the LRI and the ALCA were moved to the SW Campus of Texas Tech University on Quaker Avenue right inside Loop 289 around Lubbock. The ALCA thrived there for almost three and a half years until again they were asked to find another location. Dennis and Carol looked at other University properties and then started looking outside of the University. On February 1, 2004 the ALCA and LRI moved to the ALCA's current office at 1314 50th Street, Suite 103, Lubbock, TX.

Carol has worked as the only paid employee of the ALCA for over 23 years, maintaining and keeping the books, orchestrating the annual convention, and many, many other duties that the position required. She feels it has been a very rewarding job due to the variety of duties but mainly due to the great people in the leather industry. Working with 20 different presidents, namely Robert F. White, Elton L. Hurlow, Maryann M. Taylor, Jerome F.

Levy, Dean T. Didato Rodney Hammond, Douglas G. Morrison, W. Nathan Mullinix, Dennis C. Shelly, William N. Marmer, Stephen S. Yanek, David LeBlanc, Craig Glover Keyser, Andreas Rhein, Steven Gilberg, Steven D. Lange, Sarah Drayna, David Peters, Mike Bley and Joseph Hoefler and three different editors, namely, Kenneth A. Boni, Robert F. White and Steven D. Lange, has been a real pleasure.

Carol has been married to her husband Woody for 45 years. They have three children who have given them one grandson each. Carol's son Paul Lackey lives in Dallas, TX, and her grandson Bran is completing his first year of college. Carol's daughter Holly Lackey lives in Lubbock with her son Charlie Max Hooda who is in the sixth grade. Carol's daughter Julie Bessemer also lives in Lubbock with her son Dane Ryan Bessemer who is in the eighth grade.

Carol is very grateful to everyone for their support during her tenure with the ALCA and wishes the ALCA another 120 years of prosperity. She is hoping for one of the biggest crowds ever at her last ALCA Annual Convention, June 20-23, at the Grand Geneva Resort at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

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### Peabody Leather Workers' Museum and George Peabody House

After many years of volunteer work, the Grand Re-opening of the Peabody Leather Workers' Museum and George Peabody House will take place May 6, 2023, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. (Rain date: May 13) All are welcome to attend and discover the pivotal role Peabody played in pioneering the World's leather industry. Featured speakers during the celebration will be the current and former Mayors of Peabody, Ted Bettencourt and Michael Bonfanti respectively along with key representatives of the leather industry. Address: 205 Washington Street, Peabody, MA 01960, telephone: 978-278-5133.

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