Acknowledgments



It is impossible to list all the wonderful people to whom we owe so much for their generous contributions of information, specifically the city personnel, reference librarians, local historians, flag manu-

facturers and dealers, museum personnel, and newspaper staffs. These people have willingly taken time from their busy schedules to respond to questions that frequently required them to dig into old records, find a missing flag image, or contact others for the answer to a puzzle. Their help was invaluable, and we thank them yet again for their assistance.

We owe a great debt to the many contributors and editors of Flags of the World (fotw.net), that matchless online vexillological resource, who have researched and published invaluable information on many of the flags we cover in this volume. We especially thank those at the Canadian Heraldic Authority, including Catherine Fitzpatrick, Coppermine Herald, who provided many flag images; Darrel E. Kennedy, Assiniboine Herald, who helped with fact-checking; and Bruce Patterson, Deputy Chief Herald of Canada, who consulted throughout the project and reviewed the entire text. Kevin Harrington, president of the Canadian Flag Association, gave invaluable advice and research assistance. The indefatigable Eugene Ipavec took a wide range of graphic images and produced the consistent, professional artwork for all the flag illustrations—a monumental task. Zach Harden created the locator maps and helped in other ways. Natalie Bussieres helped with some of the original Ontario research, as did Dean McGee for British Columbia and Brian Erickson for several cities. Jon Radel provided ISBN assis-

tance. Luc Baronian served as the census and list master, helping us navigate the complexities of Canadian municipal taxonomy, and assisted us as our Francophone expert. James Croft originated the project, promoted and supported it tirelessly for well over a decade, and meticulously reviewed multiple drafts. Brian Erickson and Annie Platoff generously proofread the entire text. Doreen Braverman enthusiastically led the successful fund-raising effort which allowed us to print in colour on every page—always a goal of every flag-studies publisher.

Ultimately this book would not have succeeded without the nine outstanding researcher/writer volunteers—dedicated NAVA members in Canada and the United States—who contributed countless hours over several years, planning the project, researching the flag information through published and first-person sources, then writing, editing, and checking the results. They have advanced our knowledge of a large body of flags, and our profound thanks go to them.