

Department of Justice/Attorney General Libraries SIG Survey of Legislative Librarians, October 2011 Executive Summary

A survey to gauge the interest of legislative librarians in becoming members of CALL's Department of Justice/Attorney General Libraries SIG was sent to Canadian legislative librarians through Wendy Reynolds and the Association of Parliamentary Librarians listserv. The survey was constructed using *FluidSurveys*. It was open from October 3 through October 14, 2011. Thirteen surveys were completed.

CALL and SIG Membership:

Most of the respondents were not already CALL members (72%). Of these non-members, many (58%) would consider joining CALL if there were a SIG for legislative librarians. For some, however, a SIG for legislative librarians would not affect their decision to join CALL (33%). A strong majority of the respondents (75%) would consider joining the Department of Justice/Attorney General Libraries SIG if its mandate were broadened to include legislative librarians. The remainder of respondents were not sure.

Projects the SIG Could Undertake:

There were two suggestions for future projects: preserving government documents and organizing professional development opportunities.

How the SIG Could Support Members' Work:

There were several suggestions for the SIG to support members' work: enable collaboration and exchange of information; provide opportunities for networking; provide a forum to inform librarians about the work of legislative libraries; and provide a sense of "home" in the larger organization.

SIG Web Page on CALL Website:

There was significant support for listing SIG members' names, library/organization, and location on the SIG's working site on the CALL website; only 3 responses were not in favour of this. However, the redesign of the CALL website (which was released after the survey) includes a robust membership list that allows for filtering to display all members of the DOJ/AG SIG. Repeating this information on our SIG webpage may no longer be necessary.

There were no other suggestions for the SIG web page.

"Law Libraries in Canada":

There was significant support (73%) for updating this narrative document and distributing it to the CALL membership.