

Education Committee Report May 2011

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The Education Committee met at the CALL conference in 2010, and by teleconference 2 times throughout the year. We maintain and update the [Education Committee Page](#) on the CALL website.

At the current time, the committee has several initiatives underway:

Continuing Education Webinars

There were 5 Webinars presented this year to CALL members, as well as an extended audience. There was an impressive inventory of speakers, and topics were timely and relevant: *Elevator Speech*, *Unified Theory of Everything in Information Policy*, *Cost Saving Measures in the Library*, *Next-Gen ILS Solutions*, and *Classroom in the Cloud*. Thanks to Liana Giovando and her committee for their work - they are already working on a series for the upcoming year.

New Librarian's Institute.

The first New Librarian's Institute will be held June 5th - 10th in London, ON. The institute is for: persons interested in pursuing a career in law librarianship, recent graduates of library education programs and mid-career librarians from other fields interested in starting anew in law libraries. The program will feature expert instruction from leading law librarians and law professors, small class size, a mix of lectures and practical sessions, hands on sessions, and valuable take-home materials. The Institute will be held at the University of Western Ontario with accommodation in the university's residences. Thanks to John Sadler for his dream of this institute, and the work he and his committee have done planning this significant project.

Visitations to Educational Institutions

This is a new initiative for the Education Committee, as part of our committee mandate is to form connections with the educational institutions which house library programs. To that end, we outlined a plan for fall visitations to these schools, by visitors (CALL members) who live in close proximity to the schools. Material was generated for the visitors, in the form of two pamphlets: one describing the role of a law librarian, and reasons for choosing that profession, the second describing the benefits of belonging to CALL. Volunteers were solicited, and visits were made in the fall and winter of the year. We hope this program will gain momentum and improve this year, now that material is ready, and some visitation has occurred.

Leadership Learning Series

This series began with a pre-conference session in 2008, *A Law Library Leadership Institute*. This was followed by a 2009 conference session: *Making Some Room: Strategies that Turn New Staff into New Leaders*. The third in the series was a conference session: *Inspiring Leaders* at the 2010 conference. The committee had decided that a full scale pre-conference workshop each year might be too heavy in the leadership area – so would target for one every 3 years or so. There was some

discussion about presenting a proposal for a pre-conference workshop for the 2011 conference, however we were unable to locate local appropriate speakers for the topic we were considering. A [Leadership Development Resource](#) page is found on the CALL Education Committee website page.

Librarian's Tool Kit

The committee has begun discussion about the possibility of having a librarians' tool kit on the CALL website, for the sharing of resource materials generated by CALL members. We are hopeful that these plans will be enabled by the new CALL website in the upcoming year.

I would like to thank the members of the Education Committee for their exceptional work. The committee tackled their tasks with great enthusiasm, accomplished some major initiatives, and provided strong educational direction for the association.