

CALL/ACBD (Insert Committee/SIG)

Annual Report 2021 - 22

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Committee Chair(s):

Krisandra Ivings & Doris Wagner

Members:

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**This list represents our listserv subscribers who are current members of CALL.*

Activities and initiatives that the committee has completed during this past year:

1. **Virtual Meet-Ups:** We have continued hosting virtual meet-ups of NP-SIG members. We recently implemented discussion questions for these meet-ups, and this change has been positively received by our members. Our virtual meet ups are an opportunity for our members to share ideas, discuss topics, network and socialize.
2. **NPSIG Welcome Letter:** In response to feedback from members at our business meeting following the 2021 CALL/ ACBD Conference that the process for joining CALL SIGs was unclear, the co-chairs created a 'welcome letter' specific to the NP-SIG. We distributed the 'welcome letter' to all CALL members who had marked themselves as interested in the NPSIG in their CALL member profile. The letter was also circulated to existing members for their input.

Administratively, we:

1. We have considered ways to improve our member list maintenance and have reached out to the Board with questions related to this.
2. We promoted our meet-ups and group through the CALL listserv and "In Session" newsletter, and subsequently welcomed several new members.
3. We continue to promote other CALL SIG and committee events and initiatives through our listserv, encouraging new professionals to become involved.

Activities and initiatives that the committee hopes to tackle for the next business year:

We will continue to host virtual meet-ups as long as our membership finds these useful.

We will continue testing our Slack workspace, and explore other platforms if it does not suit the needs of our group.

We will consider submitting a conference proposal as a SIG, and encourage our members to submit their own proposals.

Additionally, we hope to:

1. **With additional guidance from the Board***
 - a. **Listserv:** Explore alternate options for the NP-SIG listserv and decide how to proceed since it is currently being run through the listserv at UBC an institution which neither co-chair is at.
 - b. **Members List Maintenance:** Define a procedure for updating our members list (i.e. from Listserv, from CALL website interested members, etc.) and keeping it current.
2. **Update documents listed on CALL SIGs page:** Create letterhead documents like other SIGs have with 'click here'; Add welcome document; Update job search document (with Erin Clupp); Update or archive other documents.
3. **Connect New Professionals Locally:** Explore ways to facilitate connecting New Professionals by local region.

*We hope to receive answers to these questions asked to the Board in our November Report:

1. Practices on maintaining membership lists seem to differ between SIGs. Does CALL have an intended practice for this, or is this all up to the SIG chairs? We currently have a listserv through UBC that is administrated by one of our members who works there, but that does not feel like a sustainable approach.
2. Because our Listserv is not associated with CALL, subscribers are not automatically removed should they not renew their membership. Should we be regularly reviewing and manually removing listserv subscribers who are not members of CALL, or can/should it be open to all, similar to the general CALL-L?