

CALL/ACBD Committee to Promote Research
Annual Report 2014-2015

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Liaison to Executive Board: Connie Crosby

The committee continues its work to promote research among members of CALL/ACBD by managing the Research Grant application process and recommending awards to the Executive, by proposing programs for the conference, and by maintaining and updating the committee's web pages with information about awards and projects and links to web sites and organizations involved in the research process and resources.

At the May 2014 meeting, Elizabeth Bruton joined the committee. Connie Crosby continues as our liaison to the Executive Board.

In 2015, the Executive budgeted \$3,000 for the Research Grant. We advertised for the 2015 Research Grant on the web site, by email to members and CALL-L, in the newsletter *In Session* and in *Canadian Law Library Review*, with applications due March 15. We did not receive any applications, so no grant will be awarded.

At its meeting, the Committee discussed relevant sections of the Member Needs Survey, and confirmed a increased schedule for advertising for the Research Grant, since a healthy 69.93% of respondents thought advertising was just right, but 7.12 % had not heard of it and 22.88 % thought it could be improved. We arranged for translation of the ad this year, and will continue to address promotion of the Research Grant.

The committee received from the Executive Board and discussed new requirements to the research grant process, including a 2-year deadline, a written or published report or presentation, a progress report at the end of the first year, grant monies to be returned if conditions not met, and agreement to be signed by the recipient. There will be only one deadline in March, and the October deadline will be discontinued if there is no award in the spring. We revised web page and advertising text, drafted an agreement for the grant recipient, and submitted them to the Executive Board for approval.

For a 2015 conference session, the committee agreed to continue the theme "Express yourself: Getting Published" since the 2014 session on writing for newsletters and journals was well-received. The 2015 session will focus on writing and publishing book chapters and other contributions, potentially leading up to a session in 2016 on publishing a book. Susan Barker, Kim Clarke, Elizabeth Bruton and Marianne Rogers developed and submitted the proposal, which was accepted and is scheduled for Monday May 4, 3:30 to 5 pm. Joining Susan and Kim on the panel will be Shaunna Mireau and Professor Ruth Kuras of the University of Windsor. Marianne will moderate.

In addition to continuing the regular activities above, we will review and update the committee web pages in the coming year, especially with the advent of the new web site.

Research Grant recipients are listed at <http://www.callacbd.ca/en/content/recipients-call-acbd-research-grant>. The Research Databank web page lists their publications and other member's research at <http://www.callacbd.ca/en/content/research-databank>

We encourage CALL/ACBD members to apply for the 2016 Research Grant, with applications due March 15, 2016. The committee pages on the website contain an application form, criteria for the grant, research tips, a list of research resources and list of suggested issues for research.

Respectfully submitted,
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