

In Session:

CALL/ACBD's Newsletter

July 2015

From the Executive Board

President's Roundtable Follow Up

Thanks very much to everyone for attending the President's Roundtable at the conference in Moncton. Everyone's feedback on this initiative was greatly appreciated! Please find links below to the revised Professional Development Pathways and the roll-out document which provides context for this initiative. This document incorporates nearly all of the feedback that was given at the roundtable. If you have any further comments, please do not hesitate to send them to Annette Demers at ademers@uwindsor.ca.

Click here for the [Professional Development Pathways document](#).

Click here for the [Professional Development Roll-out document](#).

Opening Executive Board Meetings to Members

In the November 2014 meeting of the CALL/ACBD Executive Board, it was decided that meetings of the Board should be made more open to members. A first step was to make the minutes available to members. Agendas and Minutes starting January 2015 are now available on the website in the "Members" area under "[Member Resources](#)."

The next step is to allow for members to attend Board meetings. Our next meeting is scheduled for **July 8, 1 - 3 pm ET**. If you would like to attend the call, please contact National Office for details: office@callacbd.ca. An agenda will be posted to the website in the next few days.

A policy is being drafted with respect to Board meetings to clarify member attendance. Essentially:

- Members will be observers and will provide input during meetings only if invited to do so
- Certain business of the Association will be held in camera with only Executive Board present (with or without National Office) and will also not be included in the minutes released to members. To clarify this for everyone, these types of instances will be outlined in the policy and posted to the CALL/ACBD website. In camera items are to be kept to a minimum and should appear on agendas.

We are pleased to make the Board more transparent for all members. Feedback about these changes may be given to any Board member or National Office.

Announcements

Congratulations to Anne Bowers, Northumberland County Law Association, who is retiring from the profession this summer!

Committee & SIG News

Canadian Law Library Review Editorial Board

Enfin. a blog post about the CLLR in Slaw!

It was very exciting to see Daniel Poulin's Slaw post on the recent Canadian Law Library Review article "Charting Law's Cosmos: Toward a Crowdsourced Citator" by Mark Phillips, ((2015) 40:2 Can L Libr Rev 13).

To quote Daniel about reading the article, "Immerging oneself in it is like being 40 again: abundant critics of the slow moving incumbents, strong expressions of idealism peppered with some good ideas. Such a reading is good for the heart and the brain."

Read his SLAW post "[Enfin. a Good Paper in the Canadian Law Library Review!](#)" and then don't forget to read the article itself, you won't be disappointed.

As he notes the title of his post is deliberately provocative. As editor, I can confirm that we have had many good papers in the CLLR. Rex Shoyama's recent award winning feature article ((2014) 39:2 Can L Libr Rev 11) "Citations to Wikipedia in Canadian Law Journal and Law Review Articles" is a case in point. Rex's article was mentioned in *The Wikimedia Research Newsletter* and was also discussed in the [Cleveland-Marshall College of Law's Library Blog](#).

Susan Barker

Editor, Canadian Law Library Review

Membership Development Committee

The Membership Development Committee once again hosted a fun and successful Social at the Annual Conference in Moncton. First timers and participants in our Mentorship Program gathered with Association veterans, as well as Executive and Committee members, to get a head start on their conference networking and connect with new friends before the Opening Reception. Many thanks to President Connie Crosby for sharing a few words of wisdom and advice with our group.

We are also pleased to announce that Helen Mok from Parlee McLaws in Calgary has agreed to join Katherine Melville as MDC co-chair. Helen steps in to replace Erica Anderson, who has joined the Executive as Member at Large, and will continue to work with the MDC as our Executive Liaison.



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