

From the Executive Board

From the President's Desk

Happy September everyone. It is amazing how time seems to speed up as the year progresses. Perhaps it is the knowledge that summer is fleeting nearly everywhere in Canada. Perhaps it is that the To Do list seems more crowded with the flurry of activity that 'back to school' invokes. For all the CALL/ACBD members who are parents of school aged people: my thoughts are with you. There is nothing simple about 2020 and that definitely includes all of the decisions that parents make for and about their children. Speaking of children, congratulations to Alan and Amanda Kilpatrick on the birth of their daughter at the end of August.

Congratulations to Kim Nayyer who was named to the [Fastcase 50](#) this year. "Created in 2011, each year the Fastcase 50 award honors a diverse group of lawyers, legal technologists, policymakers, judges, law librarians, bar association executives, and people from all walks of life. In many cases, honorees are well known, but in many others, the award recognizes people who have made important, but unheralded contributions." I am extremely proud of Kim for being recognized among this incredible group of innovators.

The board had a productive meeting on August 27. One of the key things we discussed is the idea of coordinating a special meeting of members to address an issue in the CALL/ACBD Bylaws. The issue that we believe warrants a special meeting is a change we propose for the term of office for the President. As I can attest to, the circumstances of someone who runs for Vice President of our Association can change dramatically over the current six year term of office. I suspect that there would be a wider pool of candidates for association leadership if there was a change. Given that we will hold an election in February 2021, it makes sense to bring this issue before the membership by way of a special meeting this fall. Please watch your inbox for a message from National Office sharing proposed bylaws and inviting you to participate in a special meeting on this issue. I am happy to hear your initial reaction by phone (780-991-7682) or email (smireau@gmail.com).

A member of CALL/ACBD wrote me with an idea – CALL/ACBD should provide guidance for its members relating to law library reopening. Thanks to Johanne Blenkin for the suggestion, Matthew Renaud who coordinated the project and Karen Sawatzky and Alan Kilpatrick for rounding out our volunteer committee. The four of us crafted the below guide after an environmental scan which was made easy by Michel-Adrian Sheppard's timely blog posts on this topic.

We created the document (see link below) so that CALL/ACBD Members, and the wider community, would have a reopening guide that is law library specific. CALL/ACBD, as an organization that supports legal information specialists in a variety of workplaces, intends this re-opening guide to be a source of information to support decisions about how to safely provide services to law library clients. You will also find links to provincial and federal public health information and some precedent return to work plan documents. We hope you find it useful. As always, your comments are most welcome.

Shaunna Mireau

CALL/ACBD President

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Pictured from left to right: Danann Hawes, Joan Rataic-Lang, Sooin Kim

2020 Hugh Lawford Award for Excellence in Legal Publishing

As was announced during CALL/ACBD's virtual conference, Emond Publishing is the winner of the 2020 Hugh Lawford Award for Excellence in Legal Publishing for its publication titled [LGBTQ2+ Law: Practice Issues and Analysis](#).

Soojin Kim, CALL/ACBD Executive Board Member and Joan Rataic-Lang, Co-Chair of the Vendor Liaison Committee, recently visited the offices of Emond Publishing to present Danann Hawes with the award.

Congratulations to Emond Publishing!

Next CALL/ACBD Executive Board Meeting

Our next Board meeting will take place on Thursday, September 24, 2020. Members are invited to attend. Please contact [National Office](#) for details. An agenda will be posted on the website in advance. Agendas and minutes are all available on the website in the members section under "[Member Resources](#)."



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