

President's Message

In the April 2020 In Session, I ended my President's message by wishing all CALL/ACBD members continued resilience and resolve. That seems like an excellent place to begin for April 2021.

Resilience means being able to adapt to life's misfortunes and setbacks. Whether it is another COVID lockdown, a reduction in capacity to manage your workload or a health challenge, resilience is something that we all need to pursue. Some days it will be easier to find and build your resilience.

Personally, April 6, 2021 was a great day for building my resilience reserves. We had an excellent turnout for our Town Hall on the theme of what the best name is for our association.

By the end of the Town Hall several things were clear:

1. Members of this association are engaged
2. Members of this association are willing to ask difficult questions and answer them
3. The word 'specialist' in our association name is not favoured
4. The word 'professional' in our association name would be intended as inclusive
5. There hasn't been a proposed name yet that is receiving significant support

Alexia Loumankis reminded me that it is important to reiterate why the idea of a name change is worthy of focus. In bringing the idea forward, the Executive Board is acknowledging that fewer legal information professionals work in law libraries. We are also very aware that the value of a law librarian to an organization is not tied to a physical space. We feel strongly that building a diverse membership that includes those with an interest in all aspects of legal information will help our association thrive. Our draft resolution to change the name of the association is this:

Resolution 2021/5 Name of the Association

Whereas the name Canadian Association of Law Libraries/L'Association canadienne des bibliothèques de droit reflects a location of work rather than a group of people; and

Whereas the Association recognizes the common interest of Canadian legal information among the membership; and

Whereas the Association wishes to attract the broadest and most diverse membership of those with an interest in Canadian legal information; then

BE IT RESOLVED that the Association change its name before December 31, 2021.

I look forward to continuing the conversation about our name. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome via smireau@gmail.com.

I encourage you to read all of the 2019-2021 Executive Board's resolutions that will circulate with the AGM package later this month. We are a very resolved bunch this cycle!

Wishing you all well,

Shaunna Mireau
CALL/ACBD President

Call for Resolutions

If you have a resolution to propose at our upcoming AGM taking place May 27, 2021. Please send your idea to the resolutions committee: [Katie Cuyler](#) and [Alicia Loo](#).

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK IS APRIL 18 - 24, 2021



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THE VALUE OF ONE, THE POWER OF MANY
#VolunteersBringChange

Thank you to our volunteers!

CALL/ACBD is an organization that exists because of its volunteers - they serve on our board, plan our conference, webinars and work to create a community for CALL members. **April 18-24** is National Volunteer Week and we wanted to let all our volunteers know how much we appreciate you!

Next CALL/ACBD Executive Board Meeting

Our next Board meeting will take place on Thursday, April 15 from 2:00 - 3:30 PM ET. Members are invited to attend. Please contact National Office for details. Agendas and minutes are all available on the website in the Members Section under [Member Resources](#).

Correction

In the notice announcing the new board, Alexia Loumankis' name was misspelled. We have corrected this error and apologize. We would like to thank Alexia Loumankis for her work on the Elections Committee.

Are You Thinking of Chairing a CALL Committee or Special Interest Group? Here is what it takes!

A [Committee](#) is created to conduct the vital business of the Association; its Chair(s), and members are appointed by the President. For each Committee, a Board member is designated to act as that Committee's liaison to the Executive.

A [SIG](#) is formed by members with a shared interest in advancing a specific area of knowledge, and exchanging information; SIGs who are inactive for two years will be dissolved. The Secretary serves as the Executive liaison to all SIGs.

Communicate

- Update the group's activities to the CALL membership via *In Session*
- Submit two reports each year, describing past and future initiatives, and budget requests
- Keep the group's portion of the website up-to-date (current members list, meeting documents, reports, and projects)

Collaborate

- Meet virtually (using CALL's conference software, Zoom) every quarter
- Hold a business meeting at the In-Person conference
- Create a discussion/document management space on Basecamp
- Use the event calendar on the website

Educate

- Annual Conference: Propose educational programs of interest and importance to your Committee/SIG

Thank you for your consideration; leading a [Committee or SIG](#) can be a truly rewarding experience. Please reach out to [Sooin Kim](#) to indicate interest.



Register Today for the CALL/ACBD 2021 Conference!

Join us from **Wednesday, May 26 - Friday, June 4, 2021** for the Annual Call/ACBD Conference held virtually.

Keynote Speaker Spotlight: Val Napoleon

Join Val Napoleon on **Tuesday, June 1, 2021** to learn about aboriginal legal issues and Indigenous legal traditions and methodologies.

Val Napoleon, Indigenous Peoples' Counsel, LLB, PhD is the Law Foundation Chair of Indigenous Justice and Governance, the Director of JID/JD (dual degree program in Indigenous legal orders and Canadian common law), and the Founding Director of the Indigenous Law Research Unit. She is Cree from Saulteau First Nation and an adopted member of the Gitanyow [northern Gitxsan].



Inscrivez-vous dès aujourd'hui au Congrès 2021 de l'ACBD/CALL!

Joignez-nous du **mercredi 26 mai au vendredi 4 juin 2021**, pour le congrès virtuel de l'ACBD/CALL.

Rejoignez Val Napoleon le mardi 1^{er} juin 2021 pour en apprendre davantage sur les questions juridiques autochtones, ainsi que les traditions et méthodologies juridiques autochtones.

Val Napoleon, Conseillère des peuples autochtones, LLB, PhD, est titulaire de la Chaire de recherche sur la justice et la gouvernance autochtones de la Fondation du droit, directrice du programme combiné JID / JD (diplômes en ordres juridiques autochtones et en common law canadienne) et directrice-fondatrice de l'Unité de recherche en droit autochtone de la Faculté de droit de l'Université de Victoria. Elle est Crie de la Première nation de Sauteau et membre adopté des Gitanyow [nord des Gitksan].

Register Now for the 2021 Conference!

We Are Searching for a New *Features Editor* for the Canadian Law Library Review!

We're searching for a new *Features Editor* to join the [Canadian Law Library Review](#) (CLLR) Editorial Board. The CLLR is CALL/ACBD's official peer reviewed, open access, journal.

As one of two *Features Editors* on our team, you will work collaboratively to seek out and review feature article contributions for each issue, providing editorial and peer review support. The CLLR team is a supportive and close-knit group of CALL/ACBD members willing to mentor and guide you to success as you grow in your new role!

This is your chance to gain experience in journal publishing, build your career, and grow your network! This opportunity is open to **both** newer professionals and members more established in their careers, as well as to those with varying levels of publication experience.

Interested in taking advantage of this opportunity? We want to hear from you! Reach out to Board liaison [Alan Kilpatrick](#) or Head Editor [Nikki Tanner](#) with questions.

New Professionals SIG Zoom Meet Up

The New Professionals SIG April meet-up will be taking place on Wednesday, April 21 at 2:00 - 3:00 pm ET. All members are welcome to join for an informal meet-up!

When: Wednesday, April 21 at 2:00 - 3:00 pm EST

Where: [Zoom](#) / Meeting ID: 977 4747 0844

NP-SIG would also like to announce that we are now on Slack! Please join us by [clicking here](#) to create an account and post a message to one of our boards!

CLSL SIG Members - Save The Date!

Watch for an invitation and login details to attend a virtual meeting beginning at 1:00 pm (ET) on Thursday, April 29, 2021. The session will offer an opportunity to discuss the CLSL SIG Survey results, *Library Service Models and Operational Plans Pre and Post COVID-19*, share experiences and planning ideas for the future.

[See results of the CLSL SIG Survey here.](#)

Our goal is to move forward with an expanded toolbox and knowledge base to tackle 2021 together!

Co-Chairs, CALL/ACBD Courthouse and Law Society Libraries SIG: [Tanya Davis](#) and [Melissa Firth](#)

CALL Blog Series on Cool Research Tips & Tricks

We all have a few tricks up our sleeve when it comes to performing legal research. We sometimes share them with clients. And sometimes, we like to use those tricks to hunt down seemingly impossible-to-find material and wow them. Because nothing is "impossible" for law librarians.

The CALL blog has started a new regular series of research tips and tricks.

Please share your favourite or coolest strategies with [Michel-Adrien Sheppard](#) to have them published on the CALL blog.

Thank you.

Blogue de l'ACBD: série sur les trucs et astuces de recherche

Nous avons tous nos trucs favoris quand il s'agit de faire de la recherche juridique. Parfois, nous les partageons avec nos clients. Et parfois, nous aimons les épater en utilisant ces trucs et astuces pour mettre la main sur des informations apparemment impossibles à trouver. Car rien n'est « impossible » pour des bibliothécaires de droit.

Le blogue de l'ACBD a lancé une nouvelle série sur les trucs et astuces de recherche.

SVP partagez vos stratégies les plus intéressantes ou les plus « cool » avec [Michel-Adrien Sheppard](#) afin de les faire publier sur le blogue de CALL/ACBD.

Merci.

BAILL Conference

Registration is now open for the BAILL 2021 Online Conference taking place on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 to Friday, June 11, 2021. This years' theme is "Bodies in the library: sleuthing, plotting and making the case" - so, put your thinking caps on and come along for a packed 3 days!

[Click here](#) to view the conference program and [click here](#) to get more information on the speakers and sessions.

CALL members can book at the BAILL member rate by selecting BIALL Member in the Registration Type. If you have any questions about registration, please contact [Sovereign Conference](#).

Co-Op & Practicum Program Information

The University of Toronto's Co-Op and Practicum Program information is now available. Please [click here](#) for the program's information, timelines, and next steps to help you select the program that suits your student recruitment needs.