

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April 14, 2023

Greetings CALL/ACBD members,

Season of Growth and Impact

As we welcome the month of April and the new season of spring blooms around us, let's embrace this change and use it as a time to learn and grow in our profession. As an Association, and as individuals, we make a difference in the lives of those we serve. By providing access to information and resources, we empower people to make informed decisions, advocate for their rights, and engage in learning and scholarship. Let's embrace the opportunities of the new season with enthusiasm, creativity, and a commitment to excellence. Together, we can continue to make a positive impact on our communities.

Strategic Planning

As noted last month, the Board has retained Meredith Low Consulting (<https://meredithlow.com/>) to help guide our strategic planning process. To date, the Board and the incoming elected Board members have participated in three virtual sessions. These sessions have included discussions about the strategy development process, the overall context of our profession, CALL/ACBD's present circumstances, and ambitious goals for the future. It has been a very positive experience so far for the group and we look forward to sharing the draft strategic plan with members for feedback once completed. Our goal is to share the draft plan by late May.

Online Members Discussion Forum

As you likely know, the CALL-L listserv will be retired soon. On behalf of the Board, I would like to extend a deep appreciation and gratitude to Susan Jones for her many efforts in managing the listserv and to UNB for hosting. Though not affiliated with CALL/ACBD, this listserv has played an important communication role over the years for many members. The Board is working with the Association's National Office to roll out a new online discussion forum. We are currently in testing phase and we hope to launch the new platform by late May.

Annual Conference

Our annual conference is just over a month away! A very heartfelt thank you to members of the 2023 CPC for all their hard work in bringing together informative and timely educational programming, inspiring keynote speakers, and a practical pre-conference workshop on leadership. Register today so you do not miss this great opportunity to learn and connect with colleagues.

For this year's conference, a couple of traditional programming changes to note regarding the AGM and Open Forum. Although the AGM and Open Form have generally been held during in-person conferences, the Board has decided to hold both of these virtually to ensure greater accessibility and

participation to membership recognizing that not all members will be able to make it to Hamilton. The 61st AGM will be held on Wednesday, May 17 between 2pm – 4pm EDT with more details to be communicated to members. The Board will host an Open Forum or Town Hall shortly after the conference in June. Hosting this session in June will allow members to provide feedback on the first in-person conference in four years, the draft strategic plan, the new online Members Forum, and other topics of interest.

Wishing you all a joyous and productive April and spring season!

George Tsiakos
President, CALL/ACBD

MOT DU PRÉSIDENT

le 14 avril 2023

Bonjour à tous les membres de l'ACBD/CALL!

Une saison porteuse de croissance et d'influence

En ce début du mois d'avril et alors que la nouvelle saison printanière s'épanouit autour de nous, embrassons ce changement et profitons-en pour apprendre et nous perfectionner dans notre profession. En tant qu'association et individuellement, nous faisons une différence dans la vie des gens que nous servons. En donnant accès à l'information et aux ressources, nous leur donnons les moyens de prendre des décisions éclairées, de défendre leurs droits et de s'engager dans l'apprentissage et le savoir. Saisissons les occasions de cette nouvelle saison avec enthousiasme, créativité et engagement envers l'excellence. Ensemble, nous pouvons continuer d'exercer une influence positive sur nos communautés.

Planification stratégique

Comme nous l'avons indiqué le mois dernier, le conseil exécutif a retenu les services de Meredith Low Consulting (<https://meredithlow.com/>) pour l'aider à orienter son processus de planification stratégique. À ce jour, le conseil et les nouveaux membres élus ont participé à trois réunions en mode virtuel. Lors de ces séances, nous avons discuté du processus d'élaboration de la stratégie, du contexte général de notre profession, de la situation actuelle de l'ACBD/CALL ainsi que des objectifs ambitieux que nous nous sommes fixés. L'expérience a été très enrichissante pour le groupe jusqu'à présent, et nous sommes impatients de présenter l'ébauche du plan stratégique aux membres en vue de recueillir leurs commentaires une fois qu'elle sera terminée. Nous comptons la diffuser d'ici la fin du mois de mai.

Forum de discussion en ligne pour les membres

Comme vous le savez sans doute, la CALL-L listserv sera bientôt mise hors service. Au nom du conseil exécutif, je tiens à exprimer ma profonde gratitude et mes remerciements à Susan Jones pour les multiples efforts déployés dans la gestion de cette liste de diffusion ainsi qu'à l'UNB pour l'avoir hébergée. Bien que cette liste ne soit pas affiliée à l'ACBD/CALL, elle a joué un rôle important en matière de communication pour de nombreux membres au fil des ans. Le conseil travaille actuellement avec le bureau national de l'association afin de mettre en place un nouveau forum de

discussion en ligne. Nous procédons à la phase d'essai et nous espérons lancer la nouvelle plateforme à la fin du mois de mai.

Congrès annuel

Notre congrès aura lieu dans un peu plus d'un mois! Nous remercions de tout cœur les membres du comité de planification du congrès 2023 pour tous les efforts déployés afin d'offrir un programme à la fois éducatif, informatif et pertinent, des conférenciers inspirants ainsi qu'un atelier précongrès pratique sur le leadership. Inscrivez-vous dès aujourd'hui pour ne pas manquer cette formidable occasion d'apprendre et de nouer des liens avec vos collègues.

Cette année, quelques changements sont à noter au programme en ce qui concerne l'AGA et la discussion ouverte. Alors que ces deux volets se tenaient habituellement dans le cadre des congrès en présentiel, le conseil a décidé de les organiser virtuellement afin d'assurer une plus grande accessibilité et participation des membres, étant donné que ce ne sont pas tous les membres qui pourront se rendre à Hamilton. La 61^e AGA se tiendra le mercredi 17 mai de 14 h à 16 h (heure de l'Est); de plus amples détails seront communiqués aux membres. Le conseil organisera une séance de discussion ouverte peu après le congrès, en juin. Cette séance permettra aux membres de donner leur avis sur le premier congrès en personne tenue depuis quatre ans, l'ébauche du plan stratégique, le nouveau forum de discussion en ligne pour les membres et tout autre sujet d'intérêt.

Je vous souhaite à toutes et à tous un agréable mois d'avril et un printemps productif!

George Tsiakos
Président, CALL/ACBD

National Volunteer Week, April 16-22, 2023

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/ACBD members. **April 16-22** is National Volunteer Week and we wanted to let all our volunteers know how much we appreciate you!

CALL/ACBD Conference 2023

Early Bird deadline extended to April 21st!

The 2023 CALL/ACBD conference is our first in-person conference since 2019 and the program is packed with informative and inspiring sessions. The theme this year is **IRL: Innovation, Research, Leadership**, and our slate of dynamic and engaging speakers have designed their talks to reflect these three sub-themes. We also have a pre-conference leadership workshop led by Vicki Whitmell, and space is limited. Of course, it wouldn't be a CALL/ACBD conference without some opportunities to socialize with your colleagues from across Canada and from our international companion organizations, plus our exhibitor and sponsor representatives. Be sure to check out our tours, dine-arounds, and in-conference events such as the Opening and Closing Receptions and Exhibitor Wine & Cheese Reception, to name a few. There will also be a Speed Networking event and a Headshot Session so you can make new connections and get some professional photos for your work-related needs. Early Bird Deadline has been extended to April 21st, but that's coming up fast, so be sure to [register today!](#)

[Register Now](#)

L'INSCRIPTION HÂTIVE EST DISPONIBLE JUSQU'AU 21 AVRIL!

Le Congrès de l'ACBD/CALL 2023 sera notre premier congrès annuel en personne depuis 2019, et le programme est riche en séances instructives et inspirantes. Il se déroulera cette année sous le thème « **IRL : Innovation, Recherche, Leadership** », et nos conférencières et conférenciers dynamiques et engageants ont conçu leur exposé pour refléter ces trois sous-thèmes. Nous offrons également un atelier précongrès portant sur le leadership qui sera animé par Vicki Whitmell; le nombre de places est limité. Évidemment, ce ne serait pas un congrès de l'ACBD/CALL sans activités permettant d'échanger et de nouer des contacts avec des collègues de partout au Canada et de nos organisations internationales partenaires, ainsi qu'avec les représentants de nos exposants et de nos commanditaires. N'oubliez pas de consulter, entre autres, les informations sur les visites, les sorties restos et les activités organisées dans le cadre du congrès, comme les réceptions d'ouverture et de clôture et la dégustation de vins et fromages au Salon des exposants. Il y aura aussi une activité de réseautage express et une séance-photo afin que vous puissiez tisser de nouveaux liens et obtenir des photos professionnelles pour vos besoins liés au travail. La date limite d'inscription au tarif préférentiel a été repoussée jusqu'au 21 avril. Comme cette date approche à grands pas, n'oubliez pas de vous [inscrire dès aujourd'hui!](#)

[Inscrivez-vous maintenant](#)

CALL/ACBD Webinar

Pronoun 101: An introduction to gender diversity in the workplace

The presentation will cover introductory terminology about pronouns and gender diversity, as well as how to respectfully utilize them in a workplace setting. It will start with definitions of important

words about gender, followed up by an activity which will allow participants to consider their own gender identity and expression. Then we will get into how to approach pronoun usage and introductions at work, along with a what not to do section. The presentation will conclude with the provision of some resources which the participants can use to further their knowledge.

If you require accommodations, please contact hannah.steeves@dal.ca. Closed captioning will be used.

Speaker:

Kawmadie Karunanayake

Kawmadie is a soon to be graduating MLIS student at Western University. They are interested in science and health librarianship which focuses on increasing inclusivity in the sciences and working alongside community to explore and fulfill their information needs. They live in Toronto and have an incredible orange cat named Simba.

When: Thursday, April 20, 2023, 1:30 PM EST

Where: Zoom

[Register Now](#)

Vendor Liaison Committee

On March 21, 2023, the VLC met with Allan Akizuki and Steve Assie from Thomson Reuters to discuss the annual VLC survey of TR. TR created [slides](#) that address the survey responses by theme. We appreciate you taking the time to answer the survey and we appreciate Allan and Steve for meeting with us.

While the VLC survey took place before the announcement of the changes to ProView, we asked Allan and Steve to address them, specifically why the decision was made, TR's sometimes confusing communication, the possibility of TTA bundling flexibility, off-line access of TTA titles, and academic access to TTA titles (see slide 13).

After our meeting, Allan sent a [message](#) with more details about the changes. He also included [a list of all looseleaf titles](#) "indicating what is part of TTA, what will soon be part of TTA (in yellow) and what is not part of TTA and will remain available via ProView. While the list does reflect our current position on TTA content we are constantly evaluating our products and collections so this list may be subject to change in the future."

The VLC is currently discussing next steps. While TR has every right to make this business decision, we know that the changes will negatively affect CALL/ACBD members' budgets and collections. We would like to hear from you. Please contact VLC Co-Chairs alexia.loumankis@utoronto.ca and jaericson@stewartmckelvey.com with your comments or concerns.

Jacob Ericson and Alexia Loumankis
VLC Co-Chairs

New Professionals SIG

The CALL/ACBD New-Professionals SIG is seeking Legal Information Professionals from a variety of sectors (e.g. academic, law firm, government, etc.) and geographical areas to participate in our CALL Conference 2023 Speed Networking Event. It will be taking place on Sunday May 28th from 4:00-5:00pm at the Hamilton Convention Centre. We are looking for 12 speed networking coaches.

Our goal is to encourage connections and dialogue between experienced Legal Information Professionals and students, graduates, and new professionals as well as anyone else wanting to network. The event will be set up with professionals at tables and attendees rotating at regular intervals. There will be icebreaker questions to get discussions started.

Please let us know if you're interested in participating **by Wednesday April 19th, 2023** by completing the following form, <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KF28WPB>. If you have any questions or issues with the form please contact NP-SIG co-chair Amanda Irvine, amanda.irvine@lawsociety.sk.ca.

Registration for being a Speed Networking Event attendee will open at the end of April/ beginning of May.

Knowledge Management SIG

The KM SIG will hold its annual business meeting on Wednesday May 24th at 2pm Eastern. A Teams meeting invite will be sent out prior to the meeting. Topics for the meeting will include evaluating KM tools and discussing teaching KM to incoming students.

If you would like to add an item to the agenda or volunteer to present some KM relevant work you have done this year, please contact Katie Thomas (kthomas@stikeman.com) or Michael McAlpine (mmcalpine@fasken.com).

BIALL Conference 2023

CALL/ACBD members are invited to the **BIALL 53rd Annual Study Conference**.

When: 14 – 16 June 2023

Where: Europa Hotel, Belfast, Northern Ireland

Registration: As a member of a sister association of BIALL you are eligible for the member rate. Please book via the [Booking form](#) and enter 'FriendofBIALL23' in place of a BIALL membership number.

Once your registration has been processed you will receive an email confirmation from the BIALL Events Team (association@sovereignconference.co.uk), please check your spam if you don't receive.

Event Details:

This year's BIALL Conference is entitled '**Gaining the edge: investing in our skillset**'

Based on Membership feedback from the BIALL Conference Survey for 2022, this year's Annual Conference will include presentations on the following topics:

- Legal Tech: let's explore the rise of legal tech and the impact on our strategies, processes and roles. We'd love you to share your experiences and plans for the future and how you expect this trend to continue.
- Practical sessions and information on presentation, communication, and training skills.
- Increasing your visibility: Do you go beyond your job title? How do you demonstrate your role? How have you managed to tailor your skills to reinvent yourself? We'd love to hear about self-marketing practices that get you noticed.

For more further information see the [Conference programme](#).

Please note there will be a welcome lunch for overseas delegates on Wednesday 16th June.





In Session by Canadian Association of Law Libraries is licensed under a [Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-NoDerivatives 4.0 International License](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/4.0/).

Permissions beyond the scope of this license may be available at <https://www.callacbd.ca/contact>.

Copyright © 2020 Canadian Association of Law Libraries / L'Association canadienne des bibliothèques de droit. All rights reserved.

Contact email: office@callacbd.ca.

You are receiving this message because you opted in at <https://callacbd.ca/>.
CALL/ACBD | 1 Eglinton Avenue East, Suite 705 | Toronto, ON M4P 3A1 | 647-346-8723