

President's Message

Dear CALL/ACBD members,

The end of this calendar year is quickly approaching, which also means the CALL/ACBD membership renewal date is approaching. Information about renewal procedures follows in the next section. If you are one of the many new members who joined us as part of the virtual conference-membership package, I hope you will consider renewing. The rate is competitive, and we're continuing to increase membership benefits that are included in the price. Our latest added member benefit, complimentary webinars and related resources, is one example.

Another member benefit is the discounted registration price for the annual conference. You'll see the Call for Proposals below. I'd love to have you join us in Montreal, whether to coordinate or deliver a program, or whether to attend and share ideas and long-awaited social meetups. Our Conference Planning Committee and the Board are continuing to work with sponsors to create an event that we hope will be informative, fun, and cost-effective to registrants.

I enjoyed presiding over the first Special Meeting of my term last week. I'm pleased the membership approved the text of all the Bylaw changes that were drafted. This process gives approved written effect to the amendments the membership already approved by resolutions adopted during the last AGM. Many thanks to Shaunna Mireau, Past President, and Cathy Cotter, Bylaw Officer for their careful work in drafting that language, and a personal thanks to Jason Wong, Procedural Advisor who assisted me in the meeting.

And if you are among the 70 or so people who were at that meeting and participated in its Town Hall portion, you'll have heard discussion of possible Association name changes. At the last AGM, we resolved in [Resolution 2021/5 as amended](#) "that the association vote on a proposed change to its name by Dec 31, 2021." This means we must hold another Special Meeting before the end of the calendar year, to vote on a proposed change to our name. It does not mean that we must change the name.

Our [Bylaw](#) and our governing statute and its prescribed regulation set out special rules for these kinds of proposed fundamental changes. See, for example, s. [2\(1\)](#), [162\(10\)](#), [197\(1\)](#) of the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act and s. 63 of its prescribed Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Regulations. We will set this date and give you notice soon; you're entitled to notice, including the text of proposed resolutions, at least 30 days ahead of the meeting. For the resolution to pass, it must have the support of 2/3 of the votes cast. Please watch for more on this.

In the meantime, if you have thoughts, questions, or even names that you would like to see discussed at that Special Meeting, please continue to send them to office@callacbd.ca.

Kim Nayer
CALL/ACBD President

Survey about Name Change

Last week CALL/ACBD had a special meeting and town hall. At the town hall section of the meeting the membership discussed the idea of a name change for the association. A name change for the association would require a special meeting and a vote of the membership. We'd like to get your opinions on CALL/ACBD.

Please fill out this Survey to assist us with our research. This survey is for research purposes only and will not determine the outcome of a name change.

[Survey](#)

Membership Renewal

Renew your membership today! CALL membership expires on December 31, 2021, [renew today](#) to ensure continued benefits.

Conference Message - Call for Proposals

CALL/ACBD currently has approximately 350 members representing a wide variety of law library and legal information interests across Canada. It provides a forum for the exchange of information and ideas among members, fosters cooperation among Canadian law libraries, and plays an active role in promoting access to legal information for all Canadians. We are hosting our annual Conference on May 28, 2022 - June 1, 2022, in Montreal.

This year's theme is "Leading the Way - À l'avant-garde". Legal information professionals have been at the forefront of development in the library and information world. Over the years, we have stepped up as innovators, leaders, creative and open-minded thinkers. Whether as drivers of change or as key partners and collaborators, legal information professionals are making their mark.

The 2022 Conference Planning Committee seeks English or French proposals on topics that reflect our theme, including, but not limited to:

- Innovation and creativity
- HR considerations and developments – Teams, people and organizations
- Space Management (including impact on services)
- EDI – Equity, Diversity & Inclusion
- AI and Future Lawyers – Training, client solutions, practice tools
- New Service Delivery Models
- Access to information
- Reconciliation initiatives, Indigenous and Aboriginal law
- Collaboration and strategic partnerships with information service providers
- Open Science
- Competitive Intelligence

Please complete and submit your [application](#) to conference@callacbd.ca before Friday, December 3, 2021.

Committee to Promote Research

The Committee to Promote Research and CALL/ACBD invite members to apply for the CALL/ACBD Research Grant. The application deadline is February 28, 2022.

The CALL/ACBD Research Grant was established in 1996 to provide members with financial assistance to carry out research in areas of interest to members and to the association. Please refer to our [Committee page](#) for a copy of the application form and to view our collection of past research projects.

The Committee is excited to receive proposals and we encourage members to apply or to contact us to discuss a project you are interested in. Members who previously applied but were not awarded funding are welcome to reapply.

Co-Chairs, CALL/ACBD Committee to Promote Research:
Leslie Taylor & Christine Brown

Be Featured On Our Blog

We are looking for contributions from CALL members of a project or member profile to be posted on our blog monthly on an alternating basis. If you are passionate and feel proud of the work they do in the legal information sector, please email ag.farolan@gmail.com with your month of preference to be featured on the blog and a questionnaire will be sent to you to (re)introduce you on our blog during your preferred month. We are also looking for in progress or completed legal information projects to feature during the year.

If you have any questions, reach out to CALL's Project & Profiles Coordinator, Alexandra Farolan at: ag.farolan@gmail.com.

BIALL

The British and Irish Association of Law Librarians (BIALL) is holding its Legal Reference Materials course, online, on the 7th and 8th of December, 2021. The session covers the English Legal System, a finding UK legislation section and a researching UK case law section. There are presentations from UK law librarians followed by practical exercises. In order to allow overseas participants who might be interested in UK law we are holding the sessions 13:00-16:30 GMT. We are also offering the member rate for CALL members of £100 (GBP). If you would like to register please complete the booking form on our website (<https://biall.org.uk/training/>) and enter "CALL member" in the Membership number field.



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