

# In Session:

## CALL/ACBD's Newsletter

### February 2020

#### From the Executive Board

#### From the President's Desk

"Ask the question." That was a phrase often heard at morning leadership meetings (AKA coffee with my admin colleagues) at my former law firm. Asking the question was intended to mean that we shouldn't assume that others in the firm noticed the same problems that we did. It is a call to collaborate, ideate, and create solutions as a team. On February 19 at 1 PM EST the [@CALLACBD](#) Executive Board will be asking the question, quite a few questions actually, using a Twitter Chat with the hashtag #CALLACBDCHAT.

This format will allow for broad participation. All you need to participate is a Twitter account. If you choose to observe rather than having your say (I hope you will chime in), you do not need an account, just follow the conversation [here](#).

For those who haven't participated in a Twitter Chat, the process is straightforward. The [@CALLACBD](#) account will pose some questions that will have the #CALLACBDCHAT hashtag and a question number, i.e. Q1. Anyone can chime in with answers using a corresponding answer number; A1 and include #CALLACBDCHAT and any other hashtags you wish. We expect that the questions will be asked over one hour but the conversation may continue past that time. I will be chiming in from my account [@smireau](#).

The goal of this Twitter Chat is to engage this community in thinking about legal information specialists and how to increase awareness and relevance of CALL/ACBD. We want more people in our conversation about legal information so that we have engaging discussions, valuable knowledge sharing and fresh and interesting ideas to bring to our organizations. The CALL/ACBD Executive Board is exploring the big existential questions – who are we and why are we here? Think of this as a dinner party where you can participate in every conversation in the room.

To give you an idea of the input we are interested in, here is one of the questions that we will ask:

The objects of CALL/ACBD are currently:

1. To promote law librarianship, to develop and increase the usefulness of Canadian law libraries, and to foster a spirit of co-operation among them.
2. To provide a forum for meetings of persons engaged or interested in law library work and to encourage professional self-development.
3. To co-operate with other organizations which tend to promote the objects of the Association or the interests of its members.

Should these be altered?

As I said, big existential questions. I hope that you will join in!

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### **Next CALL/ACBD Executive Board Meeting**

Our next Board meeting will take place from February 27, 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](#)."

## **Announcements**

### **Hugh Lawford Award for Excellence in Legal Publishing – Nomination Deadline is February 15!**

Each year, CALL/ACBD honours a publisher (whether for-profit or not-for-profit, corporate or non-corporate) who has demonstrated excellence by publishing a work, series or electronic product that makes a significant contribution to legal research and scholarship. If you've been wowed by a product, let us know! Nominations can be submitted to [Ann Marie Melvie](#), Past President and Chair of the Hugh Lawford Award Committee, before **February 15, 2020**. For more information, please [click here](#).

### **2020 FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians**

The Foreign, Comparative and International Law Special Interest Section (FCIL-SIS) of the American Association of Law Libraries is accepting applications for the 2020 FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians. The Grant subsidizes a foreign law librarian to attend the Annual Meeting & Conference of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL).

The FCIL Schaffer Grant for the [AALL Annual Meeting & Conference](#) in **New Orleans, Louisiana (July 11-14, 2020)** provides a waiver of the AALL Annual Meeting & Conference full registration fee and a **grant of a maximum US \$3,000** to assist with accommodations and travel costs.

Applicants must be law librarians or other professionals working in the legal information field, currently employed in countries other than the United States, and with significant responsibility for the dissemination, preservation, and/or organization of legal information. The Chair of the Selection Committee must receive all applications

by **February 14, 2020**. Details regarding the FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians and the application procedure and form can be found [here](#).

### MLIS Western University Summer 2020 Co-Op

If you are considering hiring a co-op student for the summer term, please complete the [employer application](#) form and submit it along with your co-op job description to be included in our summer 2020 posting launch. [Click here](#) to see the timelines for the Summer 2020 co-op period.

#### Employers with [Western Connect](#) (formerly CareerCentral) accounts:

CareerCentral is now Western Connect! Your account and login details remains the same. You can submit a new job posting or re-post one of your previous posting(s) under *Graduate (FIMS: Information & Media Studies)*. Once the new / revised posting has been submitted and approved, it will be added to our co-op job board. The official launch date for co-op postings is **Monday, February 3**.

#### New to Western Connect?

Please complete the [employer application](#) form and submit your co-op posting to the [co-op office](#) (including details about the placement such as duties, skills required, pay rate, contact person to whom the students should address their applications). All new positions will go through an approval process prior to posting. Once approved, the co-op office will create an employer account for you on Western Connect, our online portal designed to centralize and streamline the administrative elements of our co-op process.

### Events

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**HAMILTON** 2020  
May 24 - 27 mai



Revival | Rebirth | Re-invention

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## CALL/ACBD 2020 Conference

The Conference Planning Committee is very excited to welcome everyone to Hamilton this May for the [CALL/ACBD 2020 Conference!](#) The conference will be held at the Hamilton Convention Centre and Sheraton Hotel from May 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. The theme for the conference is Revival - Rebirth - Re-Invention.

[Registration](#) for the conference is now open! Be sure to register by April 10 to take advantage of the early bird pricing.

Hope to see you there!

## Manitoba Libraries Conference

The Manitoba Libraries Conference (MLC) will be taking place on April 6 and 7 at the Winnipeg Delta Hotel. [See here for more information.](#)

## Committee & SIG News

### Scholarship and Awards Committee

The [Law Via the Internet Conference 2020](#) will be held in London, September 15-16, 2020. The [Janine Miller Fellowship](#) provides funding for one CALL member to attend the conference by covering expenses up to a maximum of \$2500. The Fellowship is open to members of CALL/ACBD and the successful applicant is expected to write a report of the conference for publication in the *Canadian Law Library Review*. If you are planning for 2020, consider this and apply for the Fellowship. You may also want to encourage a colleague to do so.

Applications for the [Denis Marshall Memorial Award for Excellence in Law Librarianship](#), the [Michael Silverstein Prize](#), and the [Gisèle Laprise Prize](#), are required by April 1, 2020. Applications for the [CALL/ACBD Education Reserve Fund Grant](#) are also requested by April 1, 2020. The Education Reserve Fund Grant can be used to assist with attendance at the [New Law Librarians' Institute](#), held this year at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton, June 16-19, 2020.

### Membership Development Committee

#### Mentorship Program

Another successful year is coming to a close for CALL's Mentorship Program. We will begin accepting applications in March for the 2019-2020 mentorship intake. Whether you're a student, new professional, or long time librarian, participating in mentorship is a rewarding experience and a great way to build your network. Take a look at our [mentorship page](#) for an overview of the program and keep your eyes open for the intake announcement in early March.

To keep the mentor/mentee connection going, with a conversation starter to assist in helping to keep the connection, I'll share the January email on using PAUSE in our conversations: "[How Your Brain Tricks You Into Doing the Easy Stuff First--and How to Counteract It](#)" by Brenda Barbosa at Inc.com. When it comes to tackling

long-term projects and goals, how do you keep from getting sidetracked? It would be interesting to share tips on how you get easy quick wins and plan long-term goals to keep you on track. Keep the conversations going!

The Membership Development Committee is looking for new members! This is a great opportunity to learn more about CALL, network with other professionals, and utilize valuable communication and organization skills. We will also need a new Co-Chair starting in May, so it's the perfect time to join the committee and see if it would be a good fit for you.

If you are interested in being involved, or know someone who would enjoy the Co-Chair role, please contact [Veronika Kollbrand](#).

### **Courthouse and Law Society Libraries SIG**

The theme of the 2020 CALL/ACBD conference is "Revival | Rebirth | Re-Invention". So in keeping with this year's theme and as a follow up to last May's desire to continue, we have high hopes of re-invigorating the CLSL SIG and the questionnaire is on its way!

As mentioned previously, we may not approach every single member of the CLSL SIG in order to avoid duplication. Our goal is to collect data from our SIG members to report on as many provinces and territories throughout the Canadian landscape in order to provide a better understanding of our service models. If you are unable to complete the questionnaire or there is another person in your organization that is available to assist us, please let us know.

Be sure to visit Basecamp as well for future postings and discussion items.

*"The only thing you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library."*

*-Albert Einstein (1875-1955)*

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

### **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 **March 15, 2020**.

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](#) site for a copy of the application form, tips for applying for the grant, 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: [Elizabeth Bruton](#) and [Michelle LaPorte](#)

### **Professional Development Committee**

#### **About Us**

The Professional Development Committee (PDC) is responsible for ascertaining the continuing professional development needs of CALL/ACBD members across Canada. The PDC assists with oversight of continuing

education programs and surveys the membership to identify knowledge and skills necessary for professional excellence.

### **Current Needs**

1. The PDC is always looking for new talent. Expressions of interest may be sent to [Emily Benton](#), PDC Chair
2. All Committees and SIGs are invited to send along any ideas for future programming by filling in [our survey](#).
3. All court house librarians are encouraged to remind your local practitioners of upcoming CALL webinars and other programming; such programming can be used to fulfill lawyer CPD requirements in some jurisdictions;
4. Do you have an idea for CALL programming that you would like to see offered? If so, please fill in this very [short survey](#).

### **Other Offerings**

*Advanced Legal Research videos*

CALL members are invited to contact the [National Office](#) to obtain access to the Advanced Legal Research video series (personal use only) for a nominal fee.