

# In Session:

## CALL/ACBD's Newsletter

### March 2016

#### From the Executive Board

##### Opening Executive Board Meetings

Agendas and minutes starting January 2015 are now available on the website in the "Members" area under "[Member Resources](#)." Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16 at 1:00 PM EST. If you would like more information, please contact National Office for details: [office@callacbd.ca](mailto:office@callacbd.ca). An agenda will be posted on the website in advance. We are pleased to make the Board more transparent for all members. Feedback about these changes may be given to any Board member or National Office.

#### Events

##### 2016 Annual Conference – May 15 - 18



##### Conference registration now open!

Click [here](#) to register today for the 2016 CALL conference in Vancouver.

Early bird pricing of \$550 is in effect until March 31st. On April 1st, the cost jumps to \$700. [Conference session descriptions](#), as well as summaries of the pre-conference workshop and plenaries, are available on the [conference website programs page](#). If you have any questions or need assistance registering, please

contact [events@callacbd.ca](mailto:events@callacbd.ca).

##### Become a webinar pro at the pre-conference workshop

You've planned a great training session, but people just aren't able to make it into your library. Don't abandon all hope! Webinars are a low cost, high value way to provide training and build your community, wherever it happens to be. And as we all know, good libraries build services, but great libraries build communities. The pre-conference workshop, titled [Webinars: Doing It Right](#), will help you write a compelling webinar, deliver it professionally, and troubleshoot common technical difficulties. It's suited to any and all types of libraries.

The workshop costs \$225, but if you've already registered for the conference, just email [events@callacbd.ca](mailto:events@callacbd.ca) to facilitate payment and reserve your spot.

### **Is your hotel room booked?**

You can reserve your conference hotel room today at our special rate by visiting the conference website [accommodations page](#). Our special rate at the Westin Bayshore is \$209, a \$90 savings per night! The CALL room block will be released to the general public on Sunday, April 17th so book today! CALL negotiates rates with hotels that are much lower than published rates. We recognize that it is sometimes possible to book a room using discount travel sites that can undercut our rate. However, if a reservation is made outside of the systems described on our accommodations page, we do not get credit for having booked your room. CALL must pay for unused guest rooms, so, as a result, we could be responsible for costly attrition penalties to our contracted hotel.

### **New Law Librarians' Institute (June 12-16 2016)**

The New Law Librarians' Institute, sponsored by CALL/ACBD, is an intensive, week-long program aimed at developing librarians' skills in the key competencies of law librarianship. The program will feature expert instruction from law librarians and law professors, small class size and a mix of lectures and practical sessions. Learn more about torts, contracts, criminal and constitutional law and supporting legal research. The 2016 Institute will be held at the Brian Dickson Law Library, University of Ottawa with accommodation in the university's residences.

Registration will be opening soon!

### **Committee & SIG News**

#### **Scholarships & Awards Committee**

Applications are now open for the following awards and scholarships. If you don't qualify, please share this information with a colleague who might benefit from the opportunities offered by CALL/ACBD. Follow the links to learn more about the awards.

[James D. Lang](#) – Applications close on March 15 for the first of three awards to be given in 2016.

[Denis Marshall](#) – Nominations close March 15 for this prestigious award. Get your letters written and don't miss the chance to acknowledge the contributions and leadership of your nominee! And remember – it's a surprise, so no blabbing!

#### **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, 2016**.

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. The Committee to Promote Research manages the grant process, receiving and evaluating applications and making recommendations to the Executive Board for award of the Research Grant. Please refer to our Committee site for a copy of the [application form](#) and to view our collection of past research projects. Click [here](#) to view research grant application tips.

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.

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### **Membership Development Committee**

What's it like to catalogue rare archival material? Find out in this month's [Five Questions with Paul McKenna](#).

### **Mentorship Program**

The CALL Mentorship Program is now open! Whether you're a student looking for information about being a law librarian, an existing professional looking for some advice and coaching, or a seasoned professional looking to give back to the profession, the mentorship program is a great opportunity for members to connect, share, learn, and grow.

Mentors and mentees may sign up on the [CALL website](#). Registration will close on March 24.

### **Canadian Abridgment Editorial Advisory Board**

We are happy to announce Jean-Sébastien Danis, Legal Researcher at McCarthy Tétrault has been added to the Board.

The time of the open meeting at the CALL/ACBD conference is Sunday, May 15 at 10:30. If you would like more information about what the Board does, the ICLL network, or how the Abridgment is integrated into Westlaw Next Canada, please attend the meeting.

New for the Abridgment - Enhancements to Words & Phrases. Carswell has been working on finding a solution to reducing the duplication of definitions.

Members of the Board: Amy Kaufman, Chair, Cathy Cotter, Ken Fox, Gail Hogan, Jean-Sébastien Danis, Stephen Thiele and Karen Sawatzky.



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