

In Session:

CALL/ACBD's Newsletter

April 2016

From the Executive Board

Strategy Time! President's Round Table at CALL/ACBD 2016

What are the Association's priorities for the coming years? We'll be kicking off our strategic planning season with an interactive activity at the President's Round Table, Sunday afternoon at the conference in Vancouver. Join us as we work to reveal CALL/ACBD Member concerns and priorities for the next few years. All perspectives are needed -- everyone is invited!

*Please note that the CALL Executive Board did not hold its meeting in March as quorum was not met due to unexpected absences. Any questions may be directed to President Connie Crosby.

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 April 13, 1:00 - 3:00 PM EST. If you would like more information, please contact National Office for details: 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



Early bird registration ends today!

Early bird conference pricing of \$550 ends April 1st at 11:59 EST. Use [this link](#) to register now! [Conference session descriptions](#), as well as summaries of the [pre-conference workshop](#) and plenaries are available on the [conference website](#). For assistance registering, please email events@callacbd.ca.

Is your hotel room booked?

The CALL room block at the Westin Bayshore Hotel is now 100% sold out. A list of nearby alternative accommodations is [available on the conference website](#). If you would prefer to find a room share at the conference hotel, please make use of the [CALL listserv](#) to post a notice and connect with potential roommates. Any questions about accommodations should be directed to events@callacbd.ca.

Explore Granville Island and the UBC Law Library

Tickets are still available for the [Granville Island Foodie Tour](#) and the [UBC Law Library and Museum of Anthropology Tour](#). If you've already registered for the conference but wish to reserve your spot on a tour, please email events@callacbd.ca.

On Saturday, the Granville Island foodie tour offers you an afternoon of fine foods from independent local farmers and food artisans. Capping off the conference on Wednesday is a guided tour of the UBC Law Library and the UBC Museum of Anthropology. The Museum of Anthropology houses one of the world's finest displays of Northwest Coast First Nations art in a spectacular Arthur Erickson designed building overlooking the mountains and ocean.

New Law Librarians Institute - June 12 - 16

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 Fees:

Member: \$1,195 + Tax

Non Member: \$1,395 + Tax

Accommodations at the Friel Residence: \$30.00 per night (not included in registration fees)

Click [here](#) to register.

Each non-member registration rate includes a free CALL/ACBD Membership for the remainder of 2016. Sign up for a CALL/ACBD Membership before registering for NLLI and save \$30.00!

*Registration fee includes Institute sessions and supplemental materials, breakfast and lunch Monday through Thursday. An opening reception will be held on Sunday evening.

Committee & SIG News

Membership Development Committee

The Membership Development Committee will again be hosting a Social at the annual Conference in Vancouver. Everyone is welcome, so please join us for cocktail hour! We will be welcoming our first time attendees at the conference and getting to know the participants in our committee's 2016 Mentorship Program. We hope that you will find a moment to stop by to introduce yourselves! The Social is a great way to meet new CALL members and reconnect with old friends before continuing the fun at the Opening Reception. Light refreshment and cash bar will be available.

Member Profile

Meet CALL's multicultural and multilingual Treasurer in this month's [Five Questions with Alicia Loo](#).

Academic Law Libraries SIG: Call for a new Co-chair

The Academic Law Libraries SIG is looking for a new co-chair to work with David Michels in the coming year. If you are an academic law librarian and would like to contribute to the work of our SIG, this is an excellent opportunity for you!



If you are interested or have any questions, you can contact either David David.Michels@Dal.Ca or Svetlana svetlana.kochkina@mcgill.ca.

Awards & Scholarships Committee

Candidates for the New Law Librarians' Institute are encouraged to apply for financial support through the [Education Reserve Fund](#). Applications are now open. The NLLI is a fantastic way to build your competence and confidence with legal materials, and to build a network of supportive colleagues – probably the most important tool an information professional can have.

Don't forget that [the Janine Miller Fellowship](#) will be available to support attendance at the Law Via the Internet conference. We continue to monitor the web for announcements, but if anyone should see the dates/venue, please share it.

Private Law Libraries SIG

Private law librarians are invited to attend the PLL SIG's 2016 business meeting at [10:30am on Sunday, May 16th at the CALL Conference in Vancouver](#). The first half of this meeting will address the business of the SIG, while the second half will feature a debate (followed by an open discussion) on the thesis "Federated searching and Google-like interfaces are creating incompetent researchers." From WestlawNext and Lexis Advance, to [ROSS](#) and good old Google, is it actually worth the time to learn and practice advanced search techniques? Whether you pick a side or just join in the general discussion, we want you to be there! If you're interested in acting as one of debate team leads, please contact current PLL SIG Chair, Bronwyn Guiton, at bronwynmayer@gmail.com.

The PLL SIG welcomes new members and volunteers. The SIG is also currently recruiting for a new chair or co-chairs for the May 2016 – 2018 term. Keep an eye on [our business meeting's entry in the conference program](#) for updates and a final agenda.

Vendor Liaison Committee

Got a burning question for Carswell or LexisNexis Canada?

The Vendor Open Forum is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17, 2016 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm.

This year we will again follow the format we piloted at the 2015 CALL/ACBD Conference – two 30-minute dedicated sessions each with a representative from Carswell, a Thomson Reuters Business, and LexisNexis Canada – during which we pose both pre-prepared questions from the membership (can't attend the conference? you!) and questions from the floor (attending the conference? Awesome! Also you!).

The vendors have agreed that this opportunity for dialogue with us, their library client community, without the presence of their competitors is a valuable one.

Do you have a burning question, an unmet need, or an innovative suggestion for these Canadian legal publishers?

Please send it to Vendor Liaison Committee member Josette McEachern, at JMEachern@fieldlaw.com. Please identify to which vendor your question is directed.

If outlining an issue, problem or suggestion for change, please provide specific examples or occurrences, if possible.

Vendor Liaison Committee members will compile questions and issues for submission to the publishers. Please send in your submissions by April 15th. Thank you.



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