

In Session:

CALL/ACBD's Newsletter

December 2017

From the Executive Board

Your CALL/ACBD Executive Board met this past weekend in Toronto. This fall in-person meeting is intended to communicate committee work and identify budget needs for the coming fiscal year. An initial budget draft was discussed and the excellent work of our committees and SIGs was reviewed. Thanks to everyone for their excellent reports and updates! Executive liaisons will reach out to their groups in the next short while to share the news on budget requests and upcoming projects.



Call for Strategic Planning Input

It is time to reinvigorate our association's strategic plan. Starting in early 2018, the Past President and Vice President and a small committee will be crafting and drafting a strategic plan to present before the membership. There will be opportunities of all members to shape the plan and also opportunities for a small committee to work on the project. Contact National Office (office@callacbd.ca) if you are a strategic planning aficionado for consideration as a team member.

Renew your CALL/ACBD membership before it expires on December 31, 2017!

Thank you for your dedication in making CALL/ACBD a vibrant network of legal information professionals! We encourage you to continue to grow, learn and work with the CALL/ACBD network of volunteers, committees and SIGs, and see what you can accomplish in 2018.

The Canadian Association of Law Libraries is committed to promoting the networking, professional development and career growth of all law library professionals in Canada, no matter where they work. Your annual membership renewal is an essential part of our continued success!

Why Renew?

Because we are a vibrant, sharing community – by renewing, you maintain your access to our network of hundreds of colleagues across Canada. Because you can make a difference – by renewing, you can help shape the future of our profession through volunteer opportunities on committees and in special interest groups.

How to Renew?

To renew or update your membership, [log in to your profile here](#) with your email and password and follow the instructions there. Don't know your password? [Reset it here](#).

For any membership inquiries, please contact National Office at office@callacbd.ca.

Next CALL/ACBD Executive Board Meeting

Our next Board meeting will take place on **Tuesday, December 12 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM ET**. Members are invited to attend. Please contact National Office for details: office@callacbd.ca. 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](#)."

Events



CALL/ACBD 2018 Conference

CALL 2018 is coming together! The CPC is hard at work crafting an educational and memorable conference for delegates. Look out for registration information in January!

Programming

22 submissions/proposals for concurrent educational sessions were received and 5 lightning talks. **Jordan Furlong** has been confirmed as a plenary speaker and panelist.

Social

Sponsorship for the opening reception has been confirmed and the venue announcement will follow in January! Tours and dine arounds have also been finalized.

Communications

As you would have seen in previous newsletters, Quickmobile has been selected as the conference app this year. All programming and social details will be available in the app.

Committee & SIG News

Scholarship & Awards Committee

The Scholarships & Awards Committee has a new chair! Dolores Noga (dnoga@mross.com) has stepped in to the chair position. The committee thanks Wendy Reynolds for her years of service as the chair - Wendy will be staying on as a committee member going forward. The Scholarships and Awards Committee reminds you that the following opportunities are currently available:

The [Diana M. Priestly](#) supports the studies of lawyers wishing to become librarians or librarians wishing to take a law degree. Applications are currently open, and will close in February.

Nominations/applications for the [Michael Silverstein](#) and the [Gisèle Laprise](#) Prizes will be opening early in the new year, but now is a good time to look around for examples of excellence in the scholarship of primary law, or work which bridges the gap between common and civil law.

There is a chance that the [Northern Exposure to Leadership Institute \(NELI\)](#) will be offered in 2018. CALL/ACBD usually sponsors attendance by a qualified member. Keep your eyes open!

Finally, nominations for the [Denis Marshall Award](#) will be opening in early 2018. This award is our greatest honour, and is given to a current member who exemplifies professionalism, engagement and scholarship. Nominators, start your engines!

Hugh Lawford Award for Excellence in Legal Publishing

Each year, CALL/ACBD honours a publisher (whether for profit or not-for-profit, corporate or non-corporate) which has demonstrated excellence by publishing a work, series or electronic product that makes a significant contribution to legal research and scholarship. Nominations can be submitted to Connie Crosby, Past President, Chair of the Hugh Lawford Award Committee, conniecrosby@gmail.com, before **February 15, 2018**. For more information please [click here](#).

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, 2018**.

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](#) 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.

Co-Chairs, CALL/ACBD Committee to Promote Research:

Susan Barker (susan.barker@utoronto.ca), Elizabeth Bruton (ebruton@uwo.ca).

Announcements

The CALL/ACBD Executive Board is Pleased to Announce a new Professional Development Offering to CALL Members - Advanced Legal Research Videos!

This video series provides foundational information about the legal system in Canada, the origins of how legal information sources are organized, and research approaches for both federal and Ontario law. The collection of videos is used by Annette Demers, who is the head of the Law Library at the University of Windsor, Faculty of Law. She teaches Advanced Legal Research within the Faculty. The Canadian Association of Law Libraries has been authorized to make these videos available to all CALL members for a fee. More information, plus a full list of the available videos can be found [here](#).

Cost: \$40 + HST = \$45.20 (provides access to all videos)

To purchase access to these videos, please reach out to office@callacbd.ca.



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