

In Session:

CALL/ACBD's Newsletter

May 2017

From the Executive Board

CALL/ACBD 55th Annual General Meeting

All members are encouraged to attend this year's AGM, which will take place as part of the conference in Ottawa. The AGM will be held in two parts:

- **Sunday, May 7, 2017, 4:30 - 5:30 pm**
- **Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 10:15 - 11:15 am**

Agendas and Reports are available on the website in the members section under "[Annual General Meeting](#)". As well, this year's Members' Open Forum will be held on **Tuesday, May 9, 2017, 3:00 - 3:30 pm**.

Next CALL/ACBD Executive Board Meetings

The next Executive Board meetings will be held in person in Ottawa, as follows:

- **Saturday, May 6 2017, 2:00 - 4:00 pm EDT** (outgoing Executive Board)
- **Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 1:30 - 4:30 pm EDT** (incoming Executive Board)

Agendas will be posted on the website in advance. Agendas and minutes are all available on the website in the members section under "[Member Resources](#)."

Meetings of the Executive Board are open to members. Members who would like to attend in person do not need to RSVP. If you are unable to be in Ottawa and would like to join in via teleconference, please contact National Office at office@callacbd.ca by 4 pm Thursday, May 4th.

President's Roundtable - Invitation

All members are invited to the President's Roundtable on **Tuesday, May 9, 1:00 - 2:00 pm.** during the conference. The theme and format of the roundtable is at the President's discretion each year, and has been used in recent years to give members an opportunity to influence the strategic direction of CALL/ACBD.

This year we will be having **a closer look at our annual Conference.** Our Conference is the premier event of the Association, providing us with opportunities to network, learn, and advance the business of the Association each year. As well, the financial health of the Association is directly linked to the conference. Our Conference Planning Committees And National Office have done an outstanding job of putting these events together for us.

What about the years to come? Will the format and content traditionally used continue to serve us into the future? If you were to start over building the conference, what would it look like? How would the format and content be organized? Please join us for what will promise to be a lively discussion.

CFLA-FCAB - Truth and Reconciliation Report Released

On April 24, 2017, the Canadian Federation of Library Associations' Truth and Reconciliation Committee released a [77-page report](#), including ten recommendations to "enhance experiences and opportunities for Indigenous peoples and researchers in Canada by decolonizing libraries and archives and their practices." The Committee was created when the Federation was first founded and was chaired by Camille Callison, Indigenous representative on the board of the CFLA-FCAB.

From the [news release](#):

"The report is a first for Canada's library community, using a framework and methodology based on the Anishinaabe medicine wheel. The medicine wheel represents the Four Elements of Nature, the Four Elements of the Human Being, the Four Stages of Life, and the Four Seasons."

CALL/ACBD joined CFLA-FCAB earlier this year. We encourage our committees to review the report now, and take the opportunity in our business meetings at the conference to discuss **how we might best support the recommendations.**

Events



CALL/ACBD 2017 Conference

Celebrate Our History | Create Our Future
May 7 - 10, 2017 | Ottawa, ON

[Click here to view the conference program](#)

Committee & SIG News

Membership Development Committee

The Membership Development Committee will again be hosting the Membership Development Social at the conference in Ottawa. 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 2017 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 to reconnect with old friends before continuing the fun at the Opening Reception. Light refreshment and cash bar will be available.

Private Law Libraries Committee

This year's PLL SIG business meeting is on **Sunday, May 7th, 10:45-11:45 am**. We will expand on the debate concept: business meeting attendees will divide into two groups when they arrive according to their position regarding the statement below. Each side will have a couple minutes to discuss their thoughts and arguments, and then attempt to convince the members of the opposing side to join them.

Members are encouraged to consider playing devil's advocate to liven things up! There is no need to prepare anything formal ahead of time, just ponder the statement and bring your thoughts to the meeting. Here is the statement up for debate:

"We should encourage our collection development to move into the future and go online as much as possible; it's what our younger users want anyway."

For any questions please contact the PPL chair, Victoria Baranow at victoria.baranow@nortonrosefulbright.com.

The Website Editorial Board

The WEB is looking for a new chair. [Michel-Adrien Sheppard](#) was recently elected as member-at-large to the CALL Board so he will be stepping down as chair of the WEB.

The WEB oversees the direction, policies and guidelines for the CALL website and reports to the Executive Board through the Executive liaison. One of the main functions of the WEB is to encourage the publishing of new content on the CALL website. This mostly involves "gently" prodding SIGs and committees to make available as much content as possible in the public section of the CALL website.

In addition, the current WEB members have been exploring a number of ideas to increase the amount of published material, including:

- Republishing/summarizing/mentioning content that CALL members have created on their own personal or institutional blogs and other sites (this has already started on the CALL blog)
- Contacting CALL's sister associations (AALL, BIALL, etc.) to ask them for permission to republish one or two articles from their respective websites every month
- Asking CALL members who present at non-CALL conferences, produce training materials, write research articles, etc. to share some of this content with the editorial board for republishing/summarizing on the website blog

If you are interested in the chair position, please contact [Michel-Adrien Sheppard](#), Manager, Reference and Research, Supreme Court of Canada.

Canadian Abridgment Editorial Advisory Board

The CALL/ACBD conference is coming up shortly! The Canadian Abridgment and Index to Canadian Legal Literature (ICLL) Network open meeting will be held **Sunday, May 7th at 8:30 am**. There will be a presentation of the Abridgment and its affiliated products and a demonstration with specific examples on the functionality of this backbone – the Canadian Abridgment, as it relates to legal research. There will be tea/coffee available, as well as light refreshments. Hope you can join us.

Karen Sawatzky,
Chair, Canadian Abridgment Editorial Advisory Board



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