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NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE BIOGRAPHICAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate for: Vice-President Two

Name: Jason Wong

Employment:

- **McCarthy Tétrault LLP | Research Specialist, Competitive & Legal Intelligence | November 2016 – present | Vancouver, BC**

In this multifaceted role on the national Research & Information team, I provide the firm's lawyers with business intelligence to help them remain informed of our clients and the environment in which they operate.

I serve as the industry subject specialist for oil & gas, power & electricity, and Asia-Pacific market practice groups, and I am constantly seeking new opportunities to weave my legal and business research expertise into the firm's business development efforts.

I continue to have a legal research component to my role, with an emphasis on securities and business law matters, and always happy to take on anything with a statute research component.

Outside of my immediate job duties, I also contribute to the firm's Inclusion Now strategic initiative by being a member of the Pride and Gender Equality action groups.

- **McCarthy Tétrault LLP | Legal Researcher | October 2014 – October 2016 | Calgary, AB**

As the solo Calgary-based member of the firm's Research & Information team, I ensured the smooth day-to-day operations of the Calgary library, including local circulation, collection development, and inter-library loan.

- **Alberta Law Libraries | Law Librarian | April 2014 – October 2014 | Calgary, AB**

As my first law library-based position, I worked to deliver legal research service for members of the Bar, typically in the areas of criminal, family, civil procedure, commercial & business, wills & estates, statute research, and legislative history.

I also assisted members of the public with accessing legal information, which included supporting their legal research needs, providing information about court processes and forms, and making referrals to other agencies that could offer them support.

Education:

- **MLIS | University of Alberta | 2011**
- **BA (history major, organic chemistry minor) | University of Alberta | 2009**

Professional Activities (including memberships held):

- **Communications Committee Member and Co-Chair | CALL-ACBD | October 2021 – present**

In this role I contributed to the revival of the committee after a period of dormancy, including a renewed committee mandate, and a tally of our organization's internal communication media, which contributed to some of the priorities that I am currently pursuing as co-chair.

In my current role as co-chair, I am furthering the mandate of the committee by providing guidance on member-to-member communication, especially as it relates to the CALL-L listserv and the transition to a successor medium; the website, especially as it relates to the structure, upkeep, and roles and responsibilities; and metrics, especially as it relates to how our members perceive our current communications channels.

- **Procedural Advisor | CALL-ACBD | September 2021 – present**

In this role, I have advised two CALL-ACBD presidents on meeting procedure and *Robert's Rules of Order*, and provided this advice on both live and through the preparation of a shorthand guide to meeting procedure. My role here was to help guide debate and discussion, and to ensure that motions and amendments were tracked in an organized and fair manner.

Through this role, I have been able to build a better understanding of the organization's structure, constitution and by-laws.

- **Program Committee Co-Chair | Vancouver Association of Law Libraries | July 2019 – July 2021 | Vancouver, BC**

In this role, I collaboratively planned, coordinated, and executed all the professional development and social activities of the organization, including liaising with guest speakers, negotiating with vendors, convening sessions, and reporting on associated budgetary and administrative matters.

During this current period characterized by pandemic social restrictions, I continued to plan and execute on new events and programs.

Among new ideas that I incorporated: I planned and facilitated the organization's first-ever webinar and virtual learning session, and coordinated and debuted the first ever dine-around social sessions to coincide with the annual Dine Out Vancouver Festival in January 2020.

- **Treasurer | Calgary Law Library Group | August 2014 – September 2016 | Calgary, AB**

In this role, I was able to provide financial oversight on behalf of the membership, solicit financial support from sponsors, and help to streamline some of our financial processes.

One of my biggest achievements here was working with the website committee to transition the collection of membership dues and issuing receipts (the organization's most labour and time-intensive fiscal duty) from a manual, paper-based system to an entirely digital, Paypal-based system that was embedded on our website and tied-in with our membership form.

- **Chairman, Chairman Emeritus & Secretary | Campus Food Bank Society | September 2009 – September 2016 | Edmonton, AB**

Serving on the board of the Campus Food Bank Society was one of the most rewarding and fulfilling roles that I have ever had. Here, I was able to help guide the CFB through a period of extraordinary growth by drafting bylaws and policies, chairing and facilitating discussion at board and society meetings, hiring and supervising staff, and speaking to our community stakeholders about our organization, including the media, about how our campus communities must have access to healthy food as a right, not a privilege.

My role here also included negotiating with our community stakeholders during a move and renovation of our offices, and a new funding agreement with one of our major stakeholders.

Optional: A brief statement about why you are running for office and/or what you hope to achieve during your term, if elected.

I envision my role as one that deliberates, cooperates, and proposes solutions with our executive board peers and always with the best interests of our members in mind. To these ends, I foresee three overarching objectives guiding my tenure as VP 2 through to president: Change. Community. Connection.

Change relates to the ongoing strategic adaptation of CALL-ACBD in our current age, and the evolution of our organization's role as the national professional organization for the Canadian law libraries and legal information professional communities. It includes aligning and realigning our organization's finite resources and capacities with our mission and vision, and adapting our organization to the changing times.

Community relates to the our organization's strongest attribute, and how we continue to build it and expand it as the law library and legal information professional communities continue to evolve. It puts the engagement of our members and affording them spaces and mechanisms with which to build relationships and derive benefit for being part of our organization as the prime focus. It acknowledges the role that our committees and SIGs play in community building, and also seeks to ensure that they are supported in their work. It also incorporates building community in new ways, seizing on the opportunities presented by new technology.

Connection relates to how our members and stakeholders communicate with the organization. It includes the assurance that relevant information is communicated in a timely manner over the most appropriate media, and that access to the organization is facilitated through relevant channels. It also includes being mindful of our value proposition and brand, and promoting it to members and non-members alike.