

CALL/ACBD New Professionals SIG

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Activities and initiatives that the committee has completed during this past year:

1. This year, we began hosting virtual meet-ups for our members. At our January meeting, the membership elected to host these more regularly (monthly), and that these would replace our monthly email discussion forum.
2. We have created and are testing out a new Slack workspace to allow members to connect members more informally than through our email listserv. If the membership finds this useful, we will continue to administer the workspace next year.
3. Our SIG was approached to have one of our member's sit on the CALL/ACBD 2021 virtual Conference Planning Committee. We are happy to have a New Professional on the committee.

Administratively, we:

4. We promoted our meet-ups and group through the CALL listserv and "In Session" newsletter, and subsequently welcomed several new members.
5. We updated the listserv instructions on the CALL website to reflect the new platform.
6. We continue to promote other CALL SIG and committee events and initiatives through our listserv, encouraging new professionals to become involved.

Activities and initiatives that the committee hopes to tackle for the next business year:

We will continue to host virtual meet-ups as long as our membership finds these useful.

We will continue testing our Slack workspace, and explore other platforms if it does not suit the needs of our group.

We will consider submitting a conference proposal as a SIG, and encourage our members to submit their own proposals.