

**From the Executive Board**

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**Renew Your Membership!**

The 2021 membership year has begun; 2020 membership expired on December 31, 2020. If you haven't already please [renew today](#) to ensure continued benefits.

**2021 Elections**

February 2021 is an important month in the life of our Association, as it is the month we'll elect our new Executive Board. Ballots were distributed on **February 1, 2021**. The message came from a secure election software, Election Buddy. Please help shape the future of our association by executing your right to vote! CALL/ACBD members who have submitted their membership dues are eligible to vote. Please read about the candidates [here](#).

If you didn't receive a ballot please:

- Check to make sure your membership is up to date, you can renew your membership [online via your account](#)
- Check your spam. The ballot comes from the following email: [invitations@mail.electionbuddy.com](mailto:invitations@mail.electionbuddy.com)

If you need further assistance, please contact [office@callacbd.ca](mailto:office@callacbd.ca).

### Save The Date: CALL/ACBD 2020 Conference

**Save The Date: Wednesday, May 26 – Friday, June 4, 2021**

Join us for the Annual CALL/ACBD Conference held Virtually. The Annual CALL/ACBD Conference brings together over 250 legal information professionals from across Canada and beyond for a five-day professional development and networking experience. More details to be shared closer to the date.



## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Wednesday, May 26 - Friday, June 4, 2021

### **Hugh Lawford Award for Excellence in Legal Publishing – Nomination Deadline is February 15!**

Each year, CALL/ACBD honours a publisher who has demonstrated excellence by publishing a work, series or electronic product that makes a significant contribution to legal research and scholarship. So if you've been wowed by a product, or if you've published a product that you're proud of, let us know! Nominations can be submitted to [Ann Marie Melvie](#), Past President and Chair of the Hugh Lawford Award Committee, before **February 15, 2021**. For more information, please click [here](#).

### **Prix d'excellence Hugh Lawford en édition juridique**

Chaque année, l'ACBD/CALL tient à honorer un éditeur qui a fait preuve d'excellence en publiant un livre, une collection ou un produit électronique qui apporte une contribution importante à la recherche et aux études dans le domaine juridique. Donc, si vous avez été impressionnés par un produit ou si vous avez publié un produit dont vous êtes fier, faites-le nous savoir! Les candidatures doivent être envoyées à [Ann Marie Melvie](#), ancienne présidente de l'ACBD/CALL et présidente du comité du Prix Hugh Lawford, avant le **15 février 2021**. Pour en savoir plus, cliquez [ici](#).

### **The Courthouse and Law Society Libraries Survey “Library Service Models are Operational Plans” Results are in!**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the CLSL SIG Survey!

The survey results deliver a range of current situations and how the libraries are functioning at this time, as well as suggestions for discussion, which could be relevant to each of our library environments during the pandemic and beyond.

In March 2021, look for an invitation to meet for a virtual session to review the results and exchange ideas. Our goal is to move forward with an expanded toolbox and knowledge base to tackle 2021 together!

### **Co-chair and Members Wanted for 2021-2022**

The Membership Development Committee is looking for new members! This is a great opportunity to learn more about CALL, network with other professionals, and utilize valuable communication and organization skills. We will also need a new Co-Chair starting in June, so it's the perfect time to join the committee and see if it would be a good fit for you.

If you are interested in being involved, or know someone who would enjoy the Co-Chair role, please contact [Stef Alexandru](#).

### **Mentorship Program**

Another successful year is coming to a close for CALL's Mentorship Program. We will begin accepting applications in March for the 2021-2022 mentorship intake. Whether you're a student, new professional, or long time library professional, participating in mentorship is a rewarding experience and a great way to build your network. Take a look at our [Mentorship Page](#) for an overview of the program and keep your eyes open for the intake announcement in early March.

### **Mentorship Program Connect & Discuss: Managing People in a Crisis**

This month's discussion prompt is managing people in an extended crisis, like the pandemic we're currently in. If you are a manager, what strategies are you using to motivate and support your team? [Here are some research-based ideas](#) on how to motivate your team. If you are a solo library professional, how are you practicing self-care at work? And if you are a staff member who works with a manager, what strategies has your manager undertaken that are most useful to you?

We hope you Connect & Discuss with your mentorship partner all the ways your strategies to manage people enhance your professional and personal life, and perhaps find new ways to do so from the [Harvard Business Review article](#).

### Project Profile

Check out the last blog post: [Saskatchewan Legal Databases, Relunched](#) by Alan Kilpatrick from the Law Society of Saskatchewan. Databases (Conduct Reviews, Ethics Rulings, Bills, and Cases) along with the Court of Appeal Sentencing Digest have been migrated to a mobile-friendly and cloud-based database platform ensuring ease of access to legal information for Saskatchewanians in and out of the legal community.

Member Profile nominations and Project Profile ideas are welcome for 2021. Please email Alexandra Farolan at [afarolan@courthouselibrary.ca](mailto:afarolan@courthouselibrary.ca) for more information, ideas, and nominations.

### The Government SIG

The CALL Government Law Libraries SIG presents a blog post "[Discover the Supreme Court of Canada Website](#)" describing where you can find information about upcoming hearings, SCC decisions, staying up to date with the Court, and connecting with the SCC Library.

Le GIS des Bibliothèques de droit gouvernementales a rédigé un billet de blogue intitulé « [Découvrez le site Web de la Cour suprême du Canada](#) » décrivant où vous pourrez trouver des renseignements sur les prochaines audiences, les décisions de la CSC, ainsi que de l'information qui vous permettra d'être à l'affût des activités de la Cour et de vous connecter à la bibliothèque de la CSC.

### Copyright Committee

The Copyright Committee is looking for a new co-chair to replace George Tsiakos. The CALL/ACBD Executive is planning to seek leave to intervene in the Canadian Copyright Licensing Agency v York University (York decision) appeal and the Copyright Committee will be involved in the process. Please contact George ([tsiakos@allard.ubc.ca](mailto:tsiakos@allard.ubc.ca)) or Susannah Tredwell ([susannah.tredwell@dlapiper.com](mailto:susannah.tredwell@dlapiper.com)) if you are interested in the role of co-chair.

### UWO MLIS Summer 2021 Co-op Announcement

Following the start of another academic year, we are gearing up in preparation for the upcoming Summer (May-August 2021) co-op hiring process.

If you are considering hiring a co-op student for the summer term, either virtually, in-person or a blended arrangement, please complete the [Employer Application Form](#) and submit it along with your co-op job description to be included in our [Summer 2021 Co-op Process](#). The official launch date for co-op postings started on **Monday, February 1, 2021**.

**Employers with Western Connect accounts** (<https://connect.uwo.ca/home.htm>)

You can submit a new job posting or repost one of your previous posting(s) under Graduate (FIMS: Information & Media Studies). Once the new / revised posting has been submitted and approved, it will be added to our co-op job board.

### **New to Western Connect?**

Please complete our employer application form and submit your co-op posting to the co-op office (including details about the placement such as duties, skills required, pay rate, contact person to whom the students should address their applications). All new positions will go through an approval process prior to posting. Once approved, I will create an employer account for you on Western Connect, our online portal designed to centralize and streamline the administrative elements of our co-op process.

### **PLL SIG**

Thank you to all who attended the Private Law Libraries (PLL) Special Interest Group (SIG) Slack meetup regarding how to provide training while working remotely, specifically for articling and summer students. The discussion has been archived and is available for review on the [PLL-SIG Slack channel](#). If anyone has any suggestions for additional Slack meetups, please send them to me at [mbailey@fasken.com](mailto:mbailey@fasken.com).

### **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, 2021.

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 Page](#) for a copy of the application form, tips for applying for the grant, and to view our collection of past research projects.

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:

Leslie Taylor & Amy Kaufman



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