

In Session:

CALL/ACBD's Newsletter April 2020

From the Executive Board

From the President's Desk

Last month's President's Message was all about the success of our February #CALLACBDCHAT on [Twitter](#). That seems like a lifetime ago.

In March, for the health and safety of our members and guests, we took the extraordinary step of postponing our annual conference given the public health challenge that is affecting our world with the COVID-19 virus. My heartfelt thanks to the 2020 CPC who have worked so hard to put together an amazing conference program. We look forward to sharing information about the timing and format of our 2020 gathering. Unfortunately, our current circumstances also made it impossible to host the New Law Librarians Institute (NLLI) in June. On recommendation from the NLLI Planning Committee, the next iteration of the NLLI will be held in June 2021.

March saw our Association dealing with regular business – membership renewals, finances, SIG and Committee work, communication to members and three virtual Executive Board meetings rather than the usual one. Your Executive Board recognizes that we need to be available, flexible and communicative. I hope that we are fulfilling those needs to the satisfaction of our members.

By now you will have seen that our National Office has moved their physical location. Rest assured that our Redstone Staff at our National Office are able, willing and capable of working remotely. I am thankful that they are all safe and well as they are working very hard to handle both our daily work and our extraordinary tasks.

Farewell and thanks to Maggie Large who moved on from Redstone this month. Maggie was a wonderful National Officer and we wish her all the best in her new career focused on marketing.

A warm welcome to Matt Wiesenfeld, our new National Officer. Matt, who is recognized as a Certified Association Executive (CAE) by the Canadian Society of Association Executives (CSAE), has several years of experience working in project management, communications, and relationship/community management, having worked at the Canadian Institute of Plumbing and Heating (CIPH) for 6 years prior to joining the Redstone team last fall. Matt is a highly experienced association manager and had an opportunity for cross training with Maggie prior to her departure. The board had a chance to meet Matt over Zoom and by phone. I am confident that Matt will serve our Association well. You can continue to connect with Matt via office@callacbd.ca.

Applause for all of you. You are likely working from home with limited access to collections, clients and colleagues. You have played your part in implementing your organizations business continuity strategy – some of you helped plan it. Congratulations to the PLL SIG who had a Slack meetup on working remotely. Remember that you have access to the CALL/ACBD Membership Directory and that we can lean on each other.

Applause for playing your part in your communities by practicing physical distancing. Like me, you miss the family who lives elsewhere and you probably also miss giving and receiving hugs. I bow to you in appreciation for doing your part.

Wishing CALL/ACBD Members continued resilience and resolve, Shaunna

Shaunna Mireau
CALL/ACBD President

Next CALL/ACBD Executive Board Meeting

Our next Board meeting will take place on April 23, 2020. Members are invited to attend. Please contact [National Office](#) for details. 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](#)."

Announcements

Volunteer to develop a shared community resource - Pandemiclaw.ca

COVID-19 has caused significant disruptions in the legal system.

New practices notices, orders and extensions are published every day by courts and tribunals across the country. Governments and regulators are announcing new measures on a daily basis. Legal education that has shifted online must satisfy accreditation requirements and legal educators must adapt courses to different methodologies and resource availability.

This information, and more, is circulated haphazardly by email, on social media, and on individual court or tribunal websites, etc. It's difficult for both professionals and members of the public to keep track of it all and it would be an impossible task for one single individual or organization to organize this information and keep it current.

In response, a decentralized platform, www.pandemiclaw.ca, has been developed and we are looking for volunteers to help us in contributing content and by organizing the information that pertains to their jurisdictions. Contributing to such an effort is an excellent way for the CALL/ACBD members to contribute to the legal community's COVID-19 efforts. If you are interested please contact [Kim Nayer](#) to get involved.

CALL/ACBD Events

[Webinar: Disaster Management & Contingency Planning](#)

Wednesday April 8, 2020: 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Description:

By now, we're all fairly proficient, if somewhat improvisational, disaster managers. But how do the experts really manage disasters? What are the pitfalls that could trap a new disaster manager? What are the principles that lead to a long-term sustainable response, or that we'll need for multiple disasters at the same time? This presentation and discussion will explain the framework behind disaster management and contingency planning in simple terms, from a Canadian context, to help you prepare for, and lead your teams through crises.

[Speaker: Adam Conway, Team Emergency Lead, University of Alberta](#)

Other Upcoming Events

[Toronto Association of Law Libraries \(TALL\) eXchange 2020](#)

Save the Date! [TALL eXchange 2020: Vision for the Future](#) will be held on Thursday October 22, 2020 at the MaRS Discovery Centre in Toronto. Check out our [conference website](#) for information on registration, how to participate, and more.

Virtual vLex Justis Party April 14, 2020

Hey CALL / ACBD members!

We're hosting an online law library party and hope you can join us on Tuesday April 14th.

It's the famous vLex Justis pre-conference party...online. Respecting distance, but all social!!

[Please visit this link for details and to let us know you are coming.](#)

-Masoud, Colin and Aidan

Committee & SIG News

Scholarship and Awards Committee

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) who has demonstrated excellence by publishing a work, series or electronic product that makes a significant contribution to legal research and scholarship. All nominations for the 2020 award were to be submitted by February 15.

The Hugh Lawford Award Selection Committee is pleased to inform you that a good number of nominations were received this year. Keep your eye on the next issue of In Session for a short-list of nominees!

Scholarships and Awards Deadline Extensions

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the large-scale cancellation or postponement of events, the Scholarships and Awards Committee will be extending the deadlines for some of its applications. Specifics are not yet available, but stay tuned. We will be certain to update the website information as well as circulate an announcement via the list-serv.

Stay well.

Committee to Promote Research

NEW DEADLINE

The Committee to Promote Research and CALL/ACBD invite members to apply for the CALL/ACBD Research Grant.

The application deadline has been reset to **May 30, 2020**.

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, 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: [Elizabeth Bruton](#) & [Michelle LaPorte](#).

Professional Development Committee

About Us

The Professional Development Committee (PDC) is responsible for ascertaining the continuing professional development needs of CALL/ACBD members across Canada. The PDC assists with oversight of continuing education programs and surveys the membership to identify knowledge and skills necessary for professional excellence.

Current Needs

1. The PDC is always looking for new talent. Expressions of interest may be sent to [Emily Benton](#), PDC Chair

2. All Committees and SIGs are invited to send along any ideas for future programming by filling in [our survey](#).

3. All court house librarians are encouraged to remind your local practitioners of upcoming CALL webinars and other programming; such programming can be used to fulfill lawyer CPD requirements in some jurisdictions.

4. Do you have an idea for CALL programming that you would like to see offered? If so, please fill in this very [short survey](#).

Website Editorial Board

Hello,

I hope everyone is safe and healthy.

If you are the chair of a SIG or committee, could you please check your pages on the CALL website to make sure everything is up-to-date? This includes reports, names of chairs, mandate, etc.

If anything needs changing, [contact me](#).

Thank you.

Michel-Adrien Sheppard, Website Editorial Board

Bonjour,

J'espère que tout le monde est en sécurité et en bonne santé.

Est-ce que les responsables des groupes d'intérêt spécial et des comités peuvent vérifier si vos pages sur le site de l'ACBD ont besoin d'être mis à jour? Cela inclut les rapports, les noms de (co)président.es, le mandat, etc.

Vous pouvez me faire parvenir tout changement à l'adresse Michel-Adrien.Sheppard@scc-csc.ca.

Merci.

Michel-Adrien Sheppard, Comité éditorial du site Web

Other Offerings

Advanced Legal Research videos

CALL members are invited to contact the [National Office](#) to obtain access to the Advanced Legal Research video series (personal use only) for a nominal fee.



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