

From the Executive Board

Happy New Year CALL/ACBD friends! We have a lot to look forward to this year.

- Renewing our commitment to CALL/ACBD by continuing our membership.
- An election next month which features amazing candidates who have chosen to allow their names to stand for election.

- A selection of webinars to enrich our learning calendar.
- A virtual annual general meeting that you can attend from anywhere.
- A virtual conference that is shaping up to be an extremely engaging event.
- Partnerships with legal information providers that spark our interest and enthusiasm for providing services to our clients.
- Deciding who we wish to be as legal information specialists and association members.

- Defining goals and making priorities.

Like this issue of *In Session*, 2021 will be full of interesting and engaging topics. I hope you enjoy reading this first issue of the new year.

Shaunna Mireau
President, CALL/ACBD

Read Our Latest Blog Post

We express dismay about the disruption to the customary peaceful transfer of power in the United States, our neighbour and home to CALL/ACBD friends and members. [Click here](#) to read "Peaceful Transfers of Democratic Power and the Power of Information"

[Read the Blog Post](#)

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.

CALL 2021 Elections: Meet the Candidates

Meet the Candidates!

As you know, 2021 is an Election Year at CALL, and during the month of February Members will have the opportunity to vote for the new CALL Executive Board.

We are delighted that a long and diverse list of Nominees have stepped up and agreed to let their names stand to serve on the Board. Given that each available Board position is being hotly contested, the Elections Committee would like to invite you to an opportunity to "Meet the Candidates" on **Tuesday, January 26, 2021, at 2:00 PM EST.**

We hope you can join us!

Soojin Kim & Alexia Loumankis

Elections Committee

[Register Here.](#)

<p>Vice-President One/President-Elect</p>	<p>Wendy Reynolds – Manager, Accessibility, Records and Open Parliament, Legislative Assembly of Ontario, Toronto</p> <p>George Tsiakos – Head, Law Library, University of British Columbia, Vancouver</p>
<p>Vice-President Two</p>	<p>Yemisi Dina – Chief Law Librarian, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Toronto</p> <p>Alan Kilpatrick – Co-Director & Librarian, Legal Resources, Law Society of Saskatchewan, Regina</p> <p>Joan Rataic-Lang – Executive Director, Toronto Lawyers Association</p>
<p>Secretary</p>	<p>Martha Murphy – Library Manager, Ontario Workplace Tribunals Library, Toronto</p> <p>Jason Wong – Research Specialist, Competitive and Legal Intelligence, McCarthy Tétrault LLP, Vancouver</p>
<p>Treasurer</p>	<p>Dale Barrie - Director, Alberta Law Libraries, Calgary</p> <p>Jennifer McNenly – Senior Director, Knowledge Services, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP, Toronto</p>
<p>Member-at-Large (two positions available)</p>	<p>Kim Clarke – Director, Bennett Jones Law Library, University of Calgary</p> <p>Tanya Davis – Provincial Law Librarian, Law Society of New Brunswick Library, Fredericton</p> <p>Julie Lavigne – Legal Studies Librarian, MacOdrum Library, Carleton University, Ottawa</p> <p>David Michels – Public Services Librarian, Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University, Halifax</p> <p>Matthew Renaud – Liaison Librarian, E.K. Williams Law Library, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg</p> <p>Doris Wagner, Public Services Librarian, Weir Law Library & Humanities and Social Science, University of Alberta</p>
<p>Continuing on the Board</p>	<p>Past-President: Shaunna Mireau</p> <p>President: Kim Nayyer</p>



Call for Bilingual Volunteers

The CALL/ACBD Conference Planning Committee is looking for bilingual volunteers to support French translations for the upcoming Virtual Conference. We are looking for volunteers with the ability to support from January 2021 – June 2021, please contact conference@callacbd.ca if you are interested.

Appel aux bénévoles bilingues

Le comité de planification de la conférence CALL/ACBD est à la recherche des bénévoles bilingues pour assister avec la traduction anglais-français pour la prochaine conférence virtuelle. Nous recherchons des bénévoles qui seront disponibles de janvier 2021 à juin 2021; veuillez contacter conference@callacbd.ca si vous êtes intéressé.

Webinar: Prison Law: Researching Health and Legal Implications of Aging Prison Populations

Dr. Iftene will present on the substance and the methodology of her biggest project to date. This project was built around the experiences of older prisoners, the challenges individuals face in Canadian penitentiaries, and their struggles for justice.

Date: Jan 28, 2021

Time: 1:00 p.m – 2:15 p.m. (EST)

Register Now

Are You the Next Editor in Chief of the Canadian Law Library Review?

Are you passionate about publishing and open access?

We are looking for a new *Editor in Chief* to lead the [Canadian Law Library Review](#) (CLLR), CALL/ACBD's official peer reviewed journal. The CLLR is published, open access, four times per year.

This is your chance to gain unbeatable experience in journal publishing, build your career, grow your network, and challenge yourself! This opportunity is open to **both** newer professionals and members more established in their careers as well as to those with varying levels of publication experience.

You'll be joining the CLLR Editorial Board, a supportive and close-knit team of CALL/ACBD members willing to mentor and guide you to success as you grow in your new role!

Curious about what the position entails exactly? Learn more from this recent post by our current editor, Nikki Tanner: [Project Profile: Editing the Canadian Law Library Review](#).

If you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, we want to hear from you! Reach out to Board member [Alan Kilpatrick](#) or call 306-569-8020.

Êtes-vous la prochaine rédactrice ou le prochain rédacteur en chef de la *Revue canadienne des bibliothèques de droit*?

Les domaines de l'édition et du libre accès vous passionnent?

Nous sommes à la recherche d'une nouvelle *rédactrice en chef* ou d'un nouveau *rédacteur en chef* pour diriger la [Canadian Law Library Review](#) (CLLR)/*Revue canadienne des bibliothèques de droit* (RCBD), qui constitue la revue officielle de l'ACBD/CALL publiée en libre accès quatre fois par année.

Cette possibilité vous offre la chance d'acquérir une expérience inégalée dans l'édition de revues, de bâtir votre carrière, d'élargir votre réseau et aussi de relever un défi! Cette opportunité est ouverte **à la fois** aux nouveaux professionnels, aux membres dont la carrière est déjà bien établie ainsi qu'à ceux et celles ayant divers degrés d'expérience en matière d'édition.

Vous vous joindrez au comité de rédaction de la RCBD, qui est composé de membres de l'ACBD/CALL solidaires et prêts à vous encadrer et épauler vers la réussite dans votre nouveau rôle!

Vous êtes curieuse ou curieux de savoir en quoi consiste au juste ce poste? Lisez ce récent billet de blogue de notre rédactrice en chef actuelle, Nikki Tanner : [Profil de projets : La rédaction de la Canadian Law Library Review/Revue canadienne des bibliothèques de droit](#).

Si cette opportunité vous intéresse, nous voulons vous connaître! Contactez Alan Kilpatrick, qui est un membre du conseil d'administration, par courriel [Alan Kilpatrick](#) ou par téléphone (306-569-8020).

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 [CALL/ACBD Research Grant Document](#) 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

Scholarships and Awards

Deadline Fast Approaching!

If you have been considering an educational opportunity or want to supplement your resume, now may be the perfect time. The [James D. Lang Memorial Scholarship](#) is intended to support attendance at a continuing education program, such as a workshop, certificate program, or other similar activity. The Scholarship is open to members of CALL/ACBD and applications are considered twice a year: February 1st and August 1st. Additional information, a list of past winners, and the application form are available on the CALL website.

Applications for the [Diana M. Priestly Memorial Scholarship](#) also close on February 1st. This annual award recognizes the distinctive contribution of Diana M. Priestly to law librarianship. It is awarded to support an applicant with either a library or law school degree pursue obtaining the alternate degree. The award is also open to those with previous law library experience who are pursuing a degree from an accredited Canadian library school. Availability of this award has been promoted to all Canadian law schools and accredited Canadian library schools.

The applications take some effort to put together. Please also consider letting your local associations know about these.

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. 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 (du secteur à but lucratif ou non, d'une société ou autre) 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. 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](#).

Membership Development Committee

Mentorship Program Connect & Discuss: connecting while apart

Happy new year! We are still experiencing the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic though the availability of several viable vaccines in Canada and around the world is ushering in wide-scale vaccinations in the year ahead. As we've heard from many of our elected officials managing the pandemic, we are in a marathon and not a sprint. To start 2021, how are you connecting with colleagues, friends, and mentors in your professional life? Do you prefer email or another electronic means, or a phone call? What works for you about your chosen approach? Author Priya Parker [talks about how to create meaningful connections while apart in her recent TED talk](#).

We hope you connect & discuss with your mentorship partner all the ways your strategies to connect professionally enhance your professional and personal life and perhaps find new ways to do so from Parker's TED talk.

CALL Mentorship Social: Hold the Date!

The Membership Development Committee will be hosting a mentorship social on Zoom on **Wednesday, January 27, 2021, at 1:00pm EST** for members participating in the 2020/21 mentorship program. Keep an eye on your email in the coming weeks for all the details.

Member Profile

Check out the last blog post [Five Questions with](#) ... Dominique Garangan, Library Manager at Parlee McLaws in Calgary. This is an interesting and inspiring read on her journey and experiences as a legal information professional.

Member Profile nominations and Project Profile ideas are welcome for 2021. Please email Alexandra Farolan at afarolan@courthouselibrary.ca for more information, ideas, and nominations.

Diversity, Inclusion and Decolonization Committee

Greetings from the Diversity, Inclusion, and Decolonization Committee! As much as 2020 was a trying year, it was also defining in bringing up important issues that question how as a society we treat and respect one another. As we start the new year, we would like to invite members to join our committee so that we can further equity, diversity, and inclusion within the Association. Before the holidays we reached out to the chairs of CALL's other committees and SIGs to form partnerships in advancing DID initiatives within CALL. We are also in the nascent stages of a diversity survey of the profession, more to come on this front! If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact [Vicki](#) and/or [Andrea](#) with your expression of interest or with any questions/suggestions you may have.

Here's to a better 2021!

Vicki and Andrea
DIDC co-chairs

New Professionals SIG Virtual Meetup

The New Professionals SIG is happy to announce a virtual meet up this January. Join us for an informal get together for a chance to catch up and discuss our goals and plans for the New Year! Open to all members.

Date: Jan 21, 2021

Time: 3:00 PM (EST)

Location: [Zoom](#)

If you have any questions please reach out to Co-Chairs Allyssa (allyssa.mcfadyen@ubc.ca) or Krisandra (Krisandra.Ivings@SCC-CSC.CA)

Courthouse and Law Society Libraries SIG

Library Service Models and Operational Plans Survey

The Courthouse and Law Society SIG Committee is conducting a survey which relates to library services and operational plans prior to the pandemic as well as the circumstances surrounding reopening. The [survey link](#) was emailed directly to CLSL SIG members on December 18, 2020 as well as a reminder on January 8, 2021.

The survey results will be the focus during a CLSL SIG meeting early in the new year where we hope to generate discussion offering tips and suggestions for our library environments and "home office space" where appropriate and possible! Prior to the meeting, the survey results will be posted to the CALL/ACBD website under the CLSL SIG.

In order to eliminate duplicate results, we kindly request **ONE** person from your library **complete the survey**. The survey will take approximately fifteen minutes to complete and will close at the end of day on **January 15, 2021**.

Co-Chairs, CALL/ACBD Courthouse and Law Society Libraries SIG: [Tanya Davis](#) and [Melissa Firth](#)

Private Law Libraries SIG Slack meetup – How to improve the online training experience

PLL-SIG would like to announce a special meet-up in their Slack Subject -= workspace to discuss how to provide training while working remotely, and to those working remotely, specifically articling and summer students. As many of us have been working remotely since March, what worked for you and what didn't? How has your training changed, or has it? How has your connection to your students changed? This discussion is open to anyone interested in participating; you do not need to be a member of the PLL-SIG to participate. Please email Marnie Bailey (m Bailey@fasken.com) for an invite or [click here](#) any time during the session. Hopefully we can help each other create amazing online training plans for the 2021 group!

When: Tuesday, January 19, 2021, 2:00pm ET

Where: #distancetraining

Topic: How to improve the online training experience