

## From the Executive Board

### From the President's Desk

#### CALL/ACBD Business

May 2020 was a success for our Association. We had our first virtual Members Open Forum on May 14. It was absolutely delightful to see all of those who were able to attend and hear from members who sent questions in advance. This Zoom meeting had over 70 attendees. The board enjoyed a preconference meeting on May 20 where we reviewed the feedback from the forum and added to our action items. The 58th Annual General Meeting saw more than 90 members attend to join in the required business of our Association. Our quorum for the AGM is 40 members and it was heartening that so many people were able to schedule yet another video call into their busy lives.

Handling CALL/ACBD business virtually is a necessary and also enlightening activity. As we have all become adept at working remotely, we may question why we have always gathered in person for these activities. With the novel coronavirus as our innovation prompt, we can be assured that at least something good has come out of this difficult time.

#### CALL/ACBD Education

We keep on learning. I am delighted by the [CALL/ACBD Virtual Conference Series](#) activities. Last week's plenary sessions on Monday (Daniel Dale – Putting Facts First), Tuesday (Dianne Saxe – Climate Crisis and Liability), and Wednesday (Joshua Sealy-Harrington – Putting Speech and Equality in Conversation, not Opposition) were engaging and interesting. My congratulations to the 2020 Conference Planning Committee for their insightful selection last fall of these three speakers.

Members of CALL/ACBD will have access to the recordings from our Virtual Conference Series if you were unable to join live.

Our [Virtual Conference Series](#) will continue, and continue to be free to anyone who wishes to attend (to a max of 500 people). Making our unique 2020 Conference free is only possible because we have the support of sponsors – Legal Information Partners including LexisNexis and Thomson Reuters. Please visit the Virtual Conference Page to sign up for the events that these partners are offering if you haven't already.

One of the highlights at conferences for the past number of years has been the ability to partake of ½ hour vendor demos. These will be offered again this year – in two time slots. Thank you in advance for signing in to see what our legal information partners have to share.

Join in on our social media channels to see what is happening and share your conference story at #CALLACBD2020.

## Sister Association Education

BIALL has announced "They do it with mirrors: the BIALL (virtual) conference 2020. <https://biall.org.uk/annual-conference/virtual-conference-2020/>

Like CALL/ACBD, BIALL is welcoming anyone to their events which are being held Thursday June 11 and Friday June 12. With the time change, the sessions run from at 7 AM to 8:30 AM Eastern. I encourage you to join in if you are able.

AALL 2020 Reimagined will take place as a virtual conference held from July 13-17. Watch the AALL Conference website for details.

## Protests Against Racism

As we watch our American neighbours protest against systemic violence and killings of black men and women, I am reminded again of our responsibilities to our society as Canadians and legal information specialists. The law does not value racism. We're conscious of the work yet to do in Canada as we address our own systemic injustices. CALL/ACBD members, through the resolutions supporting diversity, have shared our values as an association. Each of us, with our speech, thought, and action has the ability and responsibility to stand against racism.

I wish you continued health and safety as you carry on with life and life-long learning.

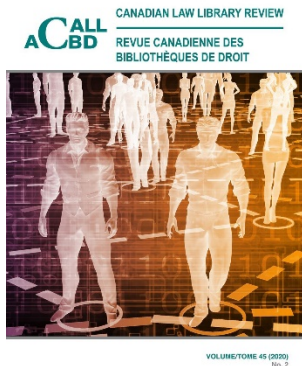
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## Next CALL/ACBD Executive Board Meeting

Our next Board meeting will take place on June 25, 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

The latest issue of Canadian Law Library Review is now available



## Events

### Virtual Conference

Our Virtual Conference has been a great success so far with engaging sessions hosting hundreds from across the industry. There is still lots more programming to come too.

If you have not registered yet you can still access the rest of the conference. [Click here to join.](#)

One of the great things about this virtual event is that we have still been able to include our important industry vendors. Many are providing demos over the next couple of weeks. See the schedule below (included in conference registration).

#### Friday, June 5, 2020

2:00-2:40 CiteRight

2:40-3:00 Elsevier

#### Wednesday, June 10, 2020

1:00-1:20 HeinOnline

1:20-1:40 vLex Justis

1:40-2:20 Lucidea

2:20-2:40 Emond Publishing

2:40-3:00 LLMC Digital

While the speakers and vendor demonstrations are amazing learning opportunities, we also delight in providing community over the course of this virtual event. With that in mind we hope you will join our special award presentation on **June 5 3:00PM EST (Hugh Lawford Award for Excellence in Legal Publishing) and June 12 3:00PM EST (Priestly and Silverstein Awards and more)**. These celebratory events are opportunities for recognition of our colleagues and enjoyment of being together as a community.

## Committee & SIG News

### Scholarship and Awards Committee

To cap off a most unusual couple of months and our virtual conference, you are invited and encouraged to attend the awards ceremony which will be part of the conference wrap-up on Friday, June 12th, at 3:00 EST. Award winners will be announced and we will have the opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments.

A reminder as well that there is one more opportunity to apply to the [James D. Lang Memorial Scholarship](#) for this calendar year. The scholarship is intended to support attendance at a continuing education program, whether it be a workshop, course, or certificate program, and whether it be virtual or otherwise. Applications close on August 1, 2020.

### Co-Op Hiring

If you are considering hiring a co-op student for the fall term, please complete the [employer application form](#) and submit it along with your co-op job description to be included in our fall 2020 co-op process. The official launch date for co-op postings starts on Monday, June 8th

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.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions and we look forward to working with you.

Nancy Hsu, Co-op / Internship Assistant, Faculty of Information and Media Studies

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### 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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