

From the Executive Board

From the President's Desk

My dear CALL-eagues. I recently read something about COVID-19 that said, "We are not in the same boat. We are in the same storm." This rings so true. In my boat, I am privileged to have security of my physical needs of food, shelter, and clothing; social and emotional needs of loving family and friends, meaningful work and the technology to be able to maintain personal connections in this time of physical distancing.. I empathize and sympathize with those whose boat requires bailing, when the boat doesn't have a compass, sails, oars, lifejackets, gas and motor, or an anchor. I think it is fair to say that none of us will be the same after this particular storm. Keep your boat steady as best you can.

The people that I am most excited share my boat with in May 2020 are CALL/ACBD Members.

I am thrilled to report some appointments to specific roles.

Annette Demers has agreed to Chair our **Members Open Forum on May 14, 2020 at 1 PM Eastern time**. Please watch your email inbox for a link to connect to this virtual meeting and remember that you are welcome to send in your questions or comments in advance to Annette via ademers@uwindsor.ca. We are sharing the link by email to members so that this issue of InSession can be shared with those who have not renewed their membership yet or wish to join us and join in.

Cyndi Murphy has accepted an appointment as **Procedural Advisor for our 58th Annual General Meeting**. I hope that you read our save the date email for the AGM scheduled for **May 26, 2020 at 1 PM Eastern**.

The AGM supporting materials (Committee and SIG reports) are being gathered and made available through the **Members tab** at www.callacbd.ca so that it will be easy for you to read them in advance of the AGM as well as reference them for the Members Forum. Follow the menu links to Annual General Meeting.

Cathy Cotter, our long serving **Bylaws Expert** deserves my thanks for her support for myself, and our Procedural Advisor, as we looked at whether we could bring a meaningful AGM experience to CALL/ACBD Members virtually and legally.

Managing voting counts and credentials for members attending a virtual AGM is, in some ways, simpler than at an in person meeting where members and non-members may be in the room. As such, I have appointed **Matt Wiesenfeld, our National Officer**, to the added role of **Credentials Committee**. Unlike other years, our AGM will be limited to members only. While it may be engaging for non-members to attend our AGM, given the present circumstances providing electronic AGM access to members only is our best option.

Katie Cuyler and Alicia Loo have accepted appointments as the **Resolutions Committee**. Any resolutions presented from the board will circulate with our AGM Notice, which in accordance with our Bylaws, you will receive by email no later than May 6. Katie and Alicia will accept Special Resolutions from members until the **resolution deadline of Noon Eastern time, Monday May 25**.

With these appointments, the Committee and Special Interest Group reports, and the support and skills of my fellow board members we are well positioned to hold the first virtual Annual General Meeting in CALL/ACBD history. This is a pretty amazing development for our association. With your participation ensuring a quorum, I am anticipating a lively and engaging AGM. Please watch your inbox for official notice of the AGM.

I am also excited to share a boat in this COVID-19 storm with **Michael McAlpine and Karen Sawatzky** and their **CPC 2020** team along with **Kim Nayyer**, CALL/ACBD Vice President, their board liaison. This group is adeptly pivoting to provide CALL/ACBD Members with a virtual continuing education conference. Read on in this issue of In Session and stay tuned to CALL/ACBD's social media channels for exciting developments.

I hope that at present, this storm is keeping to a gentle rain and that clear skies are ahead for all of us.

Stay well and see you on screen very soon, Shaunna

Next CALL/ACBD Executive Board Meeting

Our next Board meeting will take place on May 28, 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

2020 Hugh Lawford Award for Excellence in Legal Publishing

This award honours Hugh Lawford (1933-2009), Professor of Law at Queens' University and founder of Quicklaw. It is awarded to a publisher (whether for-profit or not-for profit, corporate or non-corporate) that has demonstrated excellence by publishing a work, series, website, or electronic product that makes a significant contribution to legal research and scholarship.

After reviewing a number of excellent nominations, the Selection Committee is pleased to announce the short-list of nominees for this prestigious award! Drum roll, please!

They are:

Blue J Legal for [Employment Foresight](#), a "legal research platform that uses Artificial Intelligence to predict how a court would decide various labour and employment matters."

Emond Publishing for [LGBTQ2+ Law: Practice Issues and Analysis](#), Joanna Radbord, General Editor. "A practical book that identifies and analyzes the key LGBTQ2+ issues that arise in various legal contexts. It explores how lawyers can effectively navigate those waters to ensure equitable results for their LGBTQ2+ clients."

Irwin Law for [Researching Legislative Intent: A Practical Guide](#), Susan Barker and Erica Anderson, Authors. The “first comprehensive resource that guides researchers through the complex task of researching legislative intent.”

Lancaster House and CanLII for [eText on Wrongful Dismissal and Employment Law](#), Peter M Neumann and Jeffrey Sack, Authors. An e-text that is updated regularly and freely available. It is “one of the most accessed documents on CanLII.”

University of Alberta Press for [Government Information in Canada](#), Amanda Wakaruk & Sam-Chin Li, Editors. “Written by academic and government librarians, this title describes the production, dissemination, and stewardship of government publications in Canada.”

Congratulations to all who have been short-listed! And thanks to everyone who submitted nominations.

Under normal circumstances, this award would be presented in-person at CALL/ACBD’s Annual Conference. But with circumstances as they are, the winner will instead be announced at our upcoming virtual conference. Stay tuned for more information!

Prix d’excellence Hugh Lawford en édition juridique 2020

Le prix rend hommage à Hugh Lawford (1933-2009), professeur de droit à l’Université Queen’s et fondateur de Quicklaw. Il est décerné à un éditeur (à but lucratif ou non, société ou autre) qui a fait preuve d’excellence en publiant un ouvrage, une série de textes, un site Web ou un produit électronique qui apporte une contribution importante à la recherche et l’aide juridiques.

Après avoir examiné plusieurs excellentes candidatures reçues, le comité de sélection est heureux d’annoncer la liste des éditeurs en nomination pour ce prestigieux prix. Roulement de tambour s’il vous plaît!

Voici les finalistes :

Blue J Legal pour [Employment Foresight](#), une « plateforme de recherche juridique utilisant l’intelligence artificielle pour prédire comment un tribunal trancherait sur diverses questions relatives au travail et à l’emploi ».

Emond Publishing pour [LGBTQ2+ Law: Practice Issues and Analysis](#), Joanna Radbord, rédactrice en chef. « Un ouvrage pratique cernant et analysant les principaux enjeux de la communauté LGBTQ2+ qui se posent dans divers contextes juridiques. Il explore les façons dont les avocats peuvent naviguer efficacement dans cette structure pour garantir des résultats équitables à leur clientèle LGBTQ2+. »

Irwin Law pour [Researching Legislative Intent: A Practical Guide](#), Susan Barker et Erica Anderson, auteures. « La première ressource complète guidant les chercheurs à travers la tâche complexe de la recherche sur l’intention du législateur. »

Lancaster House and CanLII pour [eText on Wrongful Dismissal and Employment Law](#), Peter M Neumann et Jeffrey Sack, auteurs. Un texte électronique mis à jour régulièrement et offert gratuitement. Il s’agit de « l’un des documents les plus consultés sur CanLII ».

University of Alberta Press pour [Government Information in Canada](#), Amanda Wakaruk et Sam-Chin Li, rédactrices. « Rédigé par des bibliothécaires œuvrant dans les milieux universitaire et gouvernemental, l’ouvrage décrit la production, la diffusion et la gestion des publications gouvernementales au Canada. »

Félicitations aux finalistes! Je remercie également toutes les personnes qui ont fait parvenir des candidatures.

En temps normal, la remise de ce prix se fait lors du Congrès annuel de l'ACBD/CALL. Cependant, compte tenu de la situation actuelle, le lauréat sera annoncé lors de notre congrès virtuel. Surveillez les informations à venir sur cet événement!

Ann Marie Melvie

Présidente sortante, ACBD/CALL

Présidente du comité de sélection du Prix d'excellence Hugh Lawford en édition juridique

Events

Virtual Members Open Forum

May 14, 2020
1:00PM EST

Watch your email inbox for a link to connect to the Members Open Forum.

Please remember that you are welcome to send in your questions or comments in advance to Annette via ademers@uwindsor.ca. Asking questions and making comments will also be possible during the meeting.

Virtual AGM 2020

May 26, 2020
1:00 PM EST

CALL/ACBD 2020 Virtual Conference

CALL/ACBD is pleased to announce our 2020 Virtual Conference Series!

Following this year's virtual AGM and Member's Open Forum, CALL/ACBD will be bringing this year's educational content to you virtually through a series of webinars throughout the month of June. This series will be a free benefit for members.

You can expect the same great speakers you were looking forward to seeing in person, along with can't-miss vendor demos. A full schedule and a link to register will be posted to our website shortly. Stay tuned.

Committee & SIG News

Copyright Committee

On April 22, 2020, the Federal Court of Appeal finally released its decision regarding the copyright dispute between Access Copyright and York University. Briefly, there were two main issues: 1) whether Access Copyright's interim tariff was mandatory or optional for York University; and 2) whether York's approach to copying material outside of the tariff constituted "fair dealing." Overall, the Court held that the interim tariff is optional and not mandatory. Therefore, Access Copyright has no standing to sue York for copyright infringement. This is a very big victory for York as it removes the threat of payments to Access Copyright.

However, it was not a total victory for York. Considering York's Fair Dealing Guidelines, which restrict the amount of materials faculty and students can copy for use in courses, the Court agreed with the lower Federal Court decision that there was "nothing fair" about them. Thus, York may still be on the hook to pay for infringing 'fair dealing' rules of the *Copyright Act*. This aspect of the decision will be an ongoing concern for York University and other Universities that have opted out of the interim tariff and have implemented their own 'fair dealing' guidelines. Moving forward, institutions will need to ensure that their "Guidelines" are indeed "fair" if they wish to avoid liability. Exactly what this means is still a little unclear. However, the Supreme Court of Canada may provide some much-needed direction as this decision is likely to be appealed. Access the full decision [here](#).

Courthouse and Law Society Libraries SIG

We have submitted a report for the upcoming virtual AGM and in light of recent events, the SIG questionnaire is being revised to also include a post COVID-19 section. In keeping with our goal to collect data from our SIG members across Canada, we feel it is crucial to document and share the impact of the pandemic by CLSL libraries.

Following the virtual AGM, and in keeping with the goals and directions of the Board, we will provide an update on the CALL/ACBD website and return to the questionnaire. Be sure to visit Basecamp as well for future postings and discussion items.

We send well wishes and positive thoughts to all Canadians!

Diversity, Inclusion and Decolonization Committee

The Diversity, Inclusion and Decolonization Committee (DIDC) co-chairs and members will be attending the first Virtual Members Open Forum. We are looking forward to engaging with you at the Virtual Members Open Forum. If there are specific questions we can answer or provide any updates or information, we invite you to send your questions in advance of the Forum to the Committee co-chairs Vicki Jay Leung and Yasmin Khan, or you may wish to speak with us directly at the Forum. We are embarking on some interesting initiatives as documented in our upcoming DIDC Committee Report for the AGM. We also welcome any of your ideas for future In Session submissions and ways to engage and support you and CALL membership.

Private Law Libraries (PLL) SIG

Thank you to everyone who participated in special meet-up back in March! It is hard to believe how quickly time flies, and now it is May. Although we will not be able to come together at the Conference this year, there are a couple of business matters that need addressing. First, if you are interested in chairing or co-chairing PLL-SIG, please email Rebecca (rjt@kkbl.com) or Michael McAlpine (michael.mcalpine@siskinds.com) as soon as possible. This month's meet-up will be used to facilitate our annual business meeting. As usual, a Slack channel will be created for this meet-up and for sharing its associated documents, but the meeting will be held on a video conferencing tool. A link will be shared to PLL-SIG members via email, and will be added to the Slack channel.

Monthly Meet-Up:

When: Wednesday, May 20 @ 11am PDT/3pm ADT

Where: #mm_may & video conferencing tool (TBD)

Topic: Business Meeting - Annual review, ideas for moving forward

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](#).

Upcoming Events

Please stay tuned for upcoming webinar announcements.

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.

Scholarship and Awards Committee

Applications to the [James D. Lang Memorial Scholarship](#) are accepted twice yearly, with the next deadline being August 1, 2020. Given the interesting new world we live in, this may be the year you decide to enhance your professional skills by attending a continuing education program. The program may be a workshop, a course or certificate program, or other similar activity that will enhance your work and professional activities. Again, given the times, these may well be virtual programs, that fit your schedule. The Scholarships and Awards Committee encourage you to consider this opportunity.



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