

From the Executive Board

From the President's Desk

October is upon us. I am not entirely certain how we arrived in Q4 2020. Though the future is always uncertain, I am confident that the remainder of 2020 and moving through 2021 will be positive for CALL/ACBD. I have several reasons for optimism:

1. At the September Executive Board meeting, we agreed to have National Office apply for the Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) loan, which provides \$40,000 to not-for-profit companies during the global health crisis; repaying the balance of the loan on or before December 31, 2022 will result in loan forgiveness of 25% (up to \$10,000). As there is no significant additional administrative cost and since this is something our National Office can manage, we are grateful for Redstone's suggestion that we apply. This loan will be a welcome offset for our operating expenses.

2. As I write this, we very nearly have a quorum for our first virtual Special Meeting on **October 22, 2020 at 2 PM EST**. Our Resolutions Committee (Katie Cuyler and Alicia Loo), our Bylaws Advisor (Cathy Cotter), and our Procedural Advisor (Cyndi Murphy) have all reviewed the resolution that the Board has crafted to increase the potential of any member to serve as President of our Association while decreasing the concern for what will happen in their professional and personal lives during their lengthy term of office. We hope that members will [register to in advance](#) for this meeting and participate in the debate on [Special Resolution 2020/1 – Leadership Term of Office](#). The information about the Special Meeting can be found under [Member Resources](#) on the CALL/ACBD website. Every member is encouraged to attend.

3. Plans are progressing for CALL/ACBD's 2021 Virtual Conference. I am excited that we will be able to offer an engaging learning opportunity for all members without worrying about travel. Though I would love to see everyone in person at the end of May 2021, I will content myself with seeing you on screen.

Shaunna Mireau

President, CALL/ACBD

Remember these Dates

Special Meeting

Members are invited to participate in the 2020 Special Meeting to vote on proposed changes to the bylaws. Given current working restrictions this will be an exclusive virtual event.

Thursday, October 22, 2020

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM EST

Location: Zoom

REGISTRATION

Les membres sont invités à participer à l'assemblée spéciale de 2020 afin de voter sur les modifications proposées aux statuts. Compte tenu des restrictions de travail actuelles, cette assemblée se tiendra en mode virtuel.

Jeudi 22 octobre 2020

de 14 h à 15 h 30 (heure de l'Est)

Lieu : Zoom

ENREGISTREMENT

British and Irish Association of Law Libraries

The British and Irish Association of Law Libraries (BIALL) Conference Committee today launches the Call for Papers: Lightning Talks! for the 2021 Conference, which will be held at the Harrogate Conference Centre, [Thursday June, 10 – Saturday June 12, June 2021](#).

Our theme '*Bodies' in the Library: sleuthing, plotting and making the case*' has been retained for 2021, and are delighted that speakers will be delivering their full sessions in person, or online.

We are however seeking **Lightning Talks!** I am sure we have lots to update our community about, and it's a great way for inexperienced speakers to get involved with them only being 10-minutes long. For inspiration please take another peek at the presentations from ['They do it with mirrors: the BIALL \(virtual\) conference 2020'](#)

The proposal forms are now available on the Harrogate 2021 conference page of the [BIALL website](#)

Please submit your proposals online no later than **Friday October 30, 2020**.

Karen Brown, President, BIALL

Save the Date: November Town Hall

Tuesday November 24, 2020

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. EST

Further details coming soon.

Save the Date: CALL/ ACBD National Conference

Thursday, May 27 - Friday, June 4, 2021

Further details coming soon.

Renew Your Membership!

CALL membership expires on December 31, 2020, [renew today](#) to ensure continued benefits.

Honoured Member Nominations are Now Open!

Do you know a CALL/ACBD member who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of law librarianship? [Nominate them](#) to be an Honoured Member!

This is an honour given from time to time to recognize individuals who have left their mark on our association.

Submit your nomination, including supporting documentation, to [Ann Marie Melvie](#), Past President, before **November 1st**. Full details of the criteria for honoured members, as well as a list of past recipients, are available on the [Association website](#). Please touch base with Ann Marie if you have any questions.

Les candidatures pour la nomination d'un membre honoraire sont maintenant ouvertes!

Connaissez-vous un membre de l'ACBD/CALL qui a contribué de manière exceptionnelle à l'avancement de la bibliothéconomie juridique? Si oui, présentez leur candidature au statut de membre honoraire!

Cet honneur, qui est décerné de temps à autre, vise à reconnaître les individus qui ont laissé leur marque sur notre association.

Veillez soumettre la candidature et la documentation appuyant celle-ci à [Ann Marie Melvie](#), présidente sortante, avant le **1^{er} novembre**. Tous les détails des critères relatifs aux membres honoraires et la liste des récipiendaires des années antérieures sont disponibles [sur le site de l'Association](#). Veuillez communiquer avec Ann Marie pour toute question additionnelle.

Call for Nominations

2021 is an election year for our association.

The nominating committee, chaired by Past President, [Ann Marie Melvie](#), has begun soliciting the names of members who are willing to stand for election to the following CALL/ACBD Executive Board positions:

- Vice President,
- Secretary,
- Treasurer, and
- Member-at-Large (two positions)

If you are interested in standing for office, contact Ann Marie or one of the other committee members, [Agathe Bujold](#) and [Cyndi Murphy](#). An initial slate will be presented to the Executive Board at its November Board meeting. After that, there is a write-in process outlined in our Bylaws which facilitates nominations from the general membership.

Serving on the Executive Board of the Canadian Association of Law Libraries is a tremendous way to build your professional network and skill set. It is also personally rewarding and a great way to give back to the community. We hope that you will give some thought to providing leadership to the association. The investment in time and effort is very worthwhile.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Attention membres de l'ACBD/CALL!

2021 est une année d'élection pour votre association.

Le comité de nomination, présidé par la présidente sortante [Ann Marie Melvie](#), a commencé à solliciter des membres qui désirent se présenter à l'élection pour les postes suivants : Vice-président, Secrétaire, Trésorier, et Membre de la communauté (2 positions).¹

Si vous êtes intéressé(e) à présenter votre candidature, veuillez vous adresser à Ann Marie ou à l'une des deux autres membres du comité, [Cyndi Murphy](#) et [Agathe Bujold](#). Une liste initiale sera présentée au conseil exécutif lors de la réunion de novembre. Ensuite, il y a un processus d'inscription prévu dans nos règlements; celui-ci vise à faciliter les nominations effectuées par l'ensemble des membres.

Faire partie du conseil d'administration de l'Association canadienne des bibliothèques de droit est une façon formidable de bâtir votre réseau professionnel et de développer vos compétences. C'est aussi une expérience enrichissante sur le plan personnel et une excellente façon de redonner à la communauté juridique. Nous espérons que vous envisagerez la possibilité de vous impliquer dans la direction de votre Association. L'investissement en temps et en efforts en vaut vraiment la peine.

Nous espérons avoir de vos nouvelles!

¹ Le masculin est utilisé sans aucune discrimination et dans le seul but d'alléger le texte.

Diversity, Inclusion and Decolonization Committee

October Meeting

I hope that everyone is doing well given our respective work environments during these unprecedented times. As we all have had to pivot our work and our services these past few months, I sincerely hope that everyone has also taken the time for self-care as we find that work/life balance.

Our next DIDC meeting will be later in October. To participate in the meeting, please complete the [Doodle Poll](#) so we can find the best time to meet over Zoom. The primary goal is to find out where people's interests lie as we work to meet our committee's [mandate](#).

Call for Volunteers

In other news, my co-chair for the past year and a half, Yasmin Khan, has decided to step down. I would like to thank Yasmin for taking on this role, and for her compassion for diversity issues that the committee has dealt with recently. As a result, the committee is now in need of another co-chair. If you are interested in filling this role, please contact me at Vicki.JayLeung@uwindsor with any questions or expressions of interest.

Thank you, and stay safe out there

Vicki Jay Leung
Chair, Diversity, Inclusion and Decolonization Committee

Membership Development Committee

Mentorship Program Connect & Discuss: making better decisions in a crisis

Happy October! After a late start to the mentorship program for the 2020/21 year, our first topic for discussion for mentors and mentees is making better decisions in a crisis. What is your decision-making process like six months into a global pandemic? How is it different compared to decision-making in normal times? What are you doing to manage competing priorities when you have to make important decisions? The article [Slow Down to Make Better Decisions in a Crisis](#) from the Art Markman, Professor of Psychology and Marketing, outlines some stressors people deal with in a crisis situation and explains why slowing down helps.

Call for Volunteers: 2020/21 Member and Project Profiles Coordinator

The Membership Development Committee is looking for a 2020/21 Member and Project Profiles Coordinator. Please contact Stef Alexandru at salexandru@lawsonlundell.com if you are interested.

Co-op Students Requiring Placements

- [Co-op Process Timeline for WINTER 2021](#)
- [Employer Application for MLIS Co-op Placement](#)