

In Session:

CALL/ACBD's Newsletter

January 2020

From the Executive Board

From the President's Desk

A new decade for legal information specialists. For some reason new years that end with a zero are always pause for reflection.

Thinking about the decade that will be known as the 2010's, a lot has happened:.

- A group of CALL members wrote Legal Information Specialists: A Guide to Launching and Building Your Career which is still contributing copyright royalties to our Association.
- CALL/ACBD celebrated 50 years as an association.
- CALL/ACBD created new websites.
- Canadian Law Library Review became an open access journal.
- CALL/ACBD welcomed new association management companies.
- Law librarians widely adopted new technologies and we shared them with our constituents.
- We learned, and learned, and learned and always shared what we learned with each other.
- We lost and gained new colleagues, friends and family.

Personally, I began 2010 as the Chair of the Vendor Liaison Committee. That committee has been partnering diligently with Thomson Reuters as they have been working through their back-office systems transition. Thank you to Co-Chairs Joan Rataic-Lang and Jacob Ericson and their team as well as the Thomson Reuters representatives and CALL members who have been handling these issues.

For 2020, I wish all CALL/ACBD Members and their families and colleagues every possible success. May the 20's continue to see us raising our profiles in the legal and information communities.

Happy New Decade

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Next CALL/ACBD Executive Board Meeting

Our next Board meeting will take place from January 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

Hugh Lawford Award for Excellence in Legal Publishing

Each year, CALL/ACBD honours a publisher (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. If you've been wowed by a product, let us know! Nominations can be submitted to [Ann Marie Melvie](#), Past President and Chair of the Hugh Lawford Award Committee, before **February 15, 2020**. For more information, please [click here](#).

CFLA-FCAB Indigenous Matters Committee

The CFLA-FCAB Indigenous Matters Committee is currently in the process of renewing membership in the committee.

CALL/ACBD has the opportunity to nominate members to the committee. Terms will begin at the end of January 2020. You will find the [Terms of Reference for the committee here](#).

Please email [Shaunna Mireau](#) to put your name forward to be one of our nominees for this busy working group. Current committee members reported on their activities at the AGM and the 2018 and 2019 AGM minutes are in the Members section of our website.

Thanks to those CALL members who are currently serving the broader library community and to those interested in doing so in future.

Events

CALL/ACBD

HAMILTON 2020
May 24 - 27 mai



Revival | Rebirth | Re-Invention
Renouveau | Renaissance | Réinvention

CALL/ACBD 2020 Conference

The Conference Planning Committee is very excited to welcome everyone to Hamilton this May for the [CALL/ACBD 2020 Conference!](#) The conference will be held at the Hamilton Convention Centre and Sheraton Hotel from May 24th-27th. The theme for the conference is Revival - Rebirth - Re-Invention.

Hope to see you there!

Manitoba Libraries Conference

The Manitoba Libraries Conference (MLC) will be taking place on April 6 and 7 at the Winnipeg Delta Hotel. [See here for more information.](#)

Committee & SIG News

Scholarship and Awards Committee

Deadlines Fast Approaching!

There is just a month left to get your application in for the [James D. Lang Memorial Scholarship](#). Awarding of the scholarship is considered twice a year: February 1st and August 1st. The scholarship is open to members of CALL/ACBD and is intended to support attendance at a continuing education program, whether it be a workshop, certificate program, or other similar activity. 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 to 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.

Either application takes a bit of effort to put together, and while January seems a long month, we recommend you start soon.

Diversity, Inclusion and Decolonization Committee (DIDC)

For the upcoming 2020 CALL/ACBD conference in Hamilton, three of the DIDC proposals were accepted by the Conference Program Committee:

- Giving Voice to Murdered and Missing Women and Girls;
- Blanket Exercise;
- Responding to the CFLA-FCAB Call for Action: Respecting Indigenous Knowledge (Lightning Talk)

A Windsor Law alumni and faculty member, Dr. Beverly Jacobs will be presenting on the first two sessions on behalf of the DIDC. She brings a wealth of knowledge and is considered a true trailblazer in both advocating for indigenous peoples, as well as bridging the reconciliation between indigenous peoples and settlers. More on Dr. Jacobs can be found in her [faculty bio](#).

Tim Knight, DIDC member, will be informing us on the work that the CFLA-FCAB are doing in respects to changes in cataloguing indigenous subject headings to better reflect content and diversity of indigenous peoples.

The co-chairs would like to thank committee members for their work on our proposal submissions, and look forward to continuing our work this year!

Respectfully submitted by DIDC co-chairs,

[Vicki Leung](#) and [Yasmin Khan](#)

Website Editorial Board

Every few years, the Website Editorial Board evaluates the CALL website for content and functionality.

This usually involves looking at:

- Content: what do we have, where should it appear?
- Navigation : since the site was launched a few years ago, there are many new sections and features – is it still easy to get around and are sections appropriately named?
- Functionality: how easy is it to renew membership, register for webinars etc.?

If you are interested in improving the website, please contact [Michel-Adrien Sheppard](#). The idea is to start with an analysis of the site's content and make recommendations to the CALL board.

Thank you.

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, 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.

Courthouse and Law Society Libraries SIG

Want to see where the real action happens...The **Courthouse and Law Society Libraries SIG (CLSL SIG)** invites you to consider joining our group when renewing your 2020 membership.

In early February, we will be reaching out to a few of our SIG members from across Canada with a series of questions to help identify the present systems of our libraries, service models and in what way our libraries are providing service to the public.

Through the development of the framework of questions, we have come to recognize there may be pieces of the puzzle that surface along the way or perhaps, remain missing. Our goal is to acquire as much data as possible,

revealing the similarities and distinguishing characteristics of the service models from all the provinces and territories.

Please note, as we reach out to each of our organizations, we may not have the opportunity to approach every single member of the CLSL SIG in order to avoid duplication. However, we will be sharing the full results of the data collected, therefore inviting everyone to contribute so we can be assured we have amassed as much information as possible. We hope this will assist us with the development of a more accurate reflection of our SIG associates from across Canada.

"The most important asset of any library goes home at night – the library staff."

- Timothy Healy (1923-1992. Former President, New York Public Library)

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

Private Law Libraries SIG

The November Monthly Meet-up on the PLL-SIG Slack workspace was held on November 13th. Attendees discussed budgeting, with particularly lively discussion around what gets included and excluded from attendee's budgets (i.e. software, PD), and different methods of communicating loose-leaf costs. The discussion is now archived on the workspace for future reference for all workspace members. There was no meet-up in December.

Next Monthly Meet-up:

- Where: [#mm_jan](#) channel on the PLL-SIG Slack workspace
- When: Wednesday, January 15 @ 11am PT/ 3pm AT
- Topic: Plans for 2020 -- Submit your [SMART](#) goal(s) for the year!

If you are interested in joining the PLL-SIG Slack Workspace, or if you would like to suggest a discussion topic, please contact [Rebecca](#) or [Michael](#).