

From the Executive Board

Greetings friends,

The CALL/ACBD Board continues to have very productive Zoom meetings and we look forward to hosting a Zoom Town Hall to review bylaw amendments we want to present at the next AGM. Watch your inboxes for your invitation. Though we haven't been in the habit of circulating draft bylaw resolutions for comment, we know that all things are possible and it is exciting to engage with you on the future of our Association!

Over the last month we made decisions about:

- Using Phedloop as our virtual conference platform
- Setting the conference rates at the member early bird rate of \$50 and combined non-member attendance with a membership
- Reviewing the Eunice Beeson fund so that it can be accessed when our conference is virtual
- Accessing additional CEBA funding from the federal government

80% of members have renewed their membership for 2021. While we always hope for 100% renewal, we are encouraged to see new members joining. Welcome and welcome back.

Watch your inboxes for an announcement about the recent elections. We will share information soon about the next Board. Congratulations to all those who stood for election. Putting yourself forward is huge and we had a truly wonderful slate of candidates willing to volunteer.

Save Thursday, May 27 from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Eastern in your calendars for the 2021 AGM.

We look forward to seeing you soon!



Register Today for the CALL/ACBD 2021 Conference!

Join us from **Wednesday, May 26 - Friday, June 4, 2021** for the Annual Call/ACBD Conference held virtually.

Keynote Speaker Spotlight: Frank Pasquale

Join Frank Pasquale on **Wednesday, June 2** as he discusses the law of artificial intelligence (AI), algorithms, and machine learning. He is an internationally regarded scholar, whose work has addressed the regulation of technology in health care, technology, and finance firms.



[Register](#) before Friday, April 9 to receive early bird pricing!

Inscrivez-vous dès aujourd'hui au Congrès 2021 de l'ACBD/CALL!

Joignez-nous du **mercredi 26 mai au vendredi 4 juin 2021**, pour le congrès virtuel de l'ACBD/CALL.

Plein feux sur Frank Pasquale, conférencier d'honneur

Joignez-vous à Frank Pasquale **le mercredi 2 juin**, alors qu'il discutera du droit de l'intelligence artificielle, d'algorithmes et d'apprentissage automatique. M. Pasquale est un chercheur de renommée internationale, dont les travaux portent sur la réglementation de la technologie dans les entreprises de soins de santé, de technologie et de finance.

[Inscrivez-vous](#) avant le 9 avril pour bénéficier d'un tarif de préinscription!



MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Membership Development Committee

To coincide with member renewals, the [Mentorship Program application is now OPEN](#). The application deadline is Friday, April 9 for the 2021-2022 mentorship intake. The program begins in May 2021.

Mentorship offers many benefits: the sharing of knowledge and experience, a chance to work through real life issues/challenges, and developing friendships & broadening one's network just to name a few. Whether you're a student looking for information about being a law librarian, an existing professional looking for some advice and coaching, or a seasoned professional looking to give back to the profession, the mentorship program is a great opportunity for members to connect, share, learn, and grow.

Returning mentors do not need to submit a new application. If you're interested in being a mentor for the first time, please apply on the [CALL website](#).

Mentorship Program Connect & Discuss: Tools of the trade

What is your favourite time saver tool that you would recommend to your mentorship partner? Is it [nifty keyboard tricks](#)? Is it a note taking app like Evernote? For us, it's the [Print Friendly & PDF](#) Chrome extension that allows you to print to PDF from a web page.

We hope you Connect & Discuss with your mentorship partner about your favourite tools of the trade and perhaps find new ways to streamline your work.

Member Profile: Julie Boon

Check out the latest *5 Questions with ...* Julie Boon, Reference Librarian at the Great Library, Law Society of Ontario, Toronto [here](#).

Expanding Legal Information Access Through Saskatchewan's Libraries: Next Steps

Join the [Saskatchewan Access to Legal Information \(SALI\) Project](#) on **Wednesday, March 31 from 10:00am – 12:00pm CST on [WebEx](#)** for their 2021 virtual conference series kickoff!

This action-oriented session will introduce you to SALI and its training resources for information providers. **We want to engage with you** to solicit ideas and future projects for SALI. Your thoughts and feedback will help us shape additional conference sessions, to take place virtually, throughout the remainder of 2021.

When: Wednesday, March 31 from 10:00am - 12:00pm CST

Where: [WebEx](#)

Cost: Free!

To register, please click [here](#).

Questions? sali_project@usask.ca

CALL/ACBD Research Grant Extended Deadline

The Committee to Promote Research and CALL/ACBD invites members to apply for the CALL/ACBD Research Grant. The application deadline has been extended to **Wednesday, March 31, 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 [Committee Page](#) 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 & Awards Committee – Nomination Deadlines Fast Approaching!

Applications are open for the [Denis Marshall Memorial Award for Excellence in Law Librarianship](#). The Marshall Award is bestowed on a current member of CALL/ACBD who has provided outstanding service to the Association AND/OR enhanced the profession of law librarianship in the recent past. Nominations for this award are to be accompanied by two signed letters of support as well as three additional names. Applications are requested by **Thursday, April 1, 2021**.

Applications are also open for the [Michael Silverstein Prize](#), the [Gisèle Laprise Prize](#), and the [Education Reserve Fund](#). Each of these is open to a member of CALL/ACBD and each has an application deadline of **Thursday, April 1, 2021** and offers an opportunity to consider yourself as well as a colleague.

CALL/ACBD is fortunate to have these awards and has been able to distribute them to many deserving recipients. Please do not hesitate to submit an application.

Shelagh Neary Mikulak for Leadership and Innovation in Library Sciences

In memory of Shelagh Mikulak who was a leader in the library community, an innovator in her field, and an inspiration to those she worked with. Shelagh valued and respected the individuals she worked with throughout her career, mentoring aspiring and established librarians alike. As a long-standing and executive member of the Calgary Law Library Group, past president of the Special Libraries Association of Western Canada, and volunteer with the Canadian Library Association and Canadian Association of Law Libraries, Shelagh dedicated her time to encouraging the professional development of others in her field.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the Shelagh Neary Mikulak Memorial Scholarship.

Two awards are available and valued at approximately \$2,000, applied directly to tuition. The deadline to apply is **Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at midnight**.

The applicant must be:

- Enrolled in a Library and Information Sciences or Library Technician program, Certificate Program, Undergraduate or Graduate degree who demonstrates a passion for the library sciences field.
- In any year of study at a Canadian post-secondary.
- Able to demonstrate financial need.

To apply, please click [here](#).

Questions? studentawards@calgaryfoundation.org

Not Really My Job Meetup – An Invite from Shaunna Mireau, President, CALL/ACBD

I identify as a law librarian. That is always the beginning of a conversation about what I did when I was a full time worker and the career that I have now in my hydra-retired state.

More and more often, members of CALL/ACBD, and those who I wish were members, are doing things that may not seem to be the job of a law librarian.

Is this you? Are you working on things that, when identifying as a law librarian, are not your job? This is a forum for people who are applying librarian skills in non-traditional environments. People like Business Analysts, UX experts, people who are exploring emerging technologies or helping organizations manage data. Let's talk about our broad CALL/ACBD tent and how we can help each other and support each other in doing things that are not really our job. Especially if they are really your job but aren't traditional law librarian roles.

Join us!

When: Thursday, April 22 from 4:00 - 5:00pm ET

Where: Zoom

To register, please click [here](#).

The Government SIG

An update on the successful first virtual *Government Information Day* held on December 15-17, 2020. The presentations and recordings have been made available by Internet Archive and are posted for viewing at [Government Information Day 2020 Program](#).

The Ontario Legislative Library was the official host for the event with planning team members from across Canada and all levels of government, courts and academia. The event drew over 300 attendees from Canada and USA. The group is looking for a 'host' which can be organization, group or individual to take on the planning for the 2021 event. Please contact Simone O'Byrne, Simone.OByrne@ontario.ca or Martha Murphy, Martha.Murphy@wst.gov.on.ca for further information and details.

CALL Blog Series on Cool Research Tips & Tricks

We all have a few tricks up our sleeve when it comes to performing legal research. We sometimes share them with clients. And sometimes, we like to use those tricks to hunt down seemingly impossible to find material and wow them. Because nothing is "impossible" for law librarians.

The CALL blog has started a new regular series of research tips and tricks. Please share your favourite or coolest strategies with [Michel-Adrien Sheppard](#) to have them published on the CALL blog.

Blogue de CALL/ACBD – Série sur les trucs et astuces de recherche

Nous avons tous nos trucs favoris quand il s'agit de faire de la recherche juridique. Parfois, nous les partageons avec nos clients. Et parfois, nous aimons les épater en utilisant ces trucs et astuces pour mettre la main sur des informations apparemment impossibles à trouver. Car rien n'est « impossible » pour des bibliothécaires de droit.

Le blogue de l'ACBD a lancé une nouvelle série sur les trucs et astuces de recherche. SVP partagez vos stratégies les plus intéressantes ou les plus « cool » avec [Michel-Adrien Sheppard](#) afin de les faire publier sur le blogue de CALL/ACBD.

Private Law Libraries SIG

PLL-SIG would like to announce a special meet-up in their Slack workspace to discuss how to effectively communicate with lawyers, students, and staff. We push a lot of information to our Intranet, and send a number of current awareness emails, but are they effective? What can we do to ensure our information reaches the right people at the right time? How can we “feel seen”? 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](#) for an invite, or join the SLACK meet up any time during the session. For those who have not previously joined SLACK, please do so before the meeting, as there can be IT issues.

When: Thursday, April 8 @ 11:00am PT / 2:00pm ET

Where: #feelingseen / SLACK

Topic: Effective intranet / email communication