

President's Message

This is my last President's Message for InSession! When I took office in May 2019 in Edmonton, I was filled with confidence for the future of our Association. Today with so many alterations and adaptations, adjustments, and alignments, I am filled with confidence for the future of our Association.

Where does my confidence come from? It does often seem like the world is in a hot mess and confidence in the future *should* be a murky prospect, however:

- Our membership has grown – slight growth but there is still interest and even new interest in belonging to a group of Canadian legal information professionals.
- Our activities are continuing – we had several gatherings over the last two years that were atypical. An active twitter chat, our first entirely virtual Members Open Forum, AGM and Conference, a fall special meeting where we passed bylaw amendments including adding a new position to the board, significant participation in our election, and a town hall that included excellent debate to list a few. These may seem like COVID coping activities, but in truth they pave new ways for CALL/ACBD to serve members with information and networking.
- We are receiving interest from outside our association – the National Action Committee on Access To Justice invited our participation and we have been approached to intervene in more Supreme Court of Canada actions that will clarify Copyright Law. Our links with sister associations remain strong.

There are accomplishments of individual members to celebrate as well – some of these will be celebrated at our upcoming Awards events and some of these circulate through our social media channels. You may hear inspiring stories as you read through the Annual General Meeting reports. You may wish to offer congratulations to a colleague or friend at our Members Open Forum.

I congratulate my fellow CALL/ACBD Executive Board 2019-2020. We made it through, and we made an impact. Kim Nayyer, Sooin Kim, Eve Leung, Kristin Hodgins, Alan Kilpatrick, and Ann Marie Melvie – I thank all of you for your work over the last two years.

I look forward to working with the new board and continuing to serve our Association in my new role of Past President starting May 28!

Shaunna Mireau,
CALL/ACBD President

Committee Interest

CALL/ACBD has several active committees. As you read in the last In Session, Committees are created to conduct the vital business of the Association. The President of CALL/ACBD is responsible for appointing members to Committees.

You may wonder how to become involved our important Committee work. The President has a few methods for learning of someone's interest.

- **Member Profiles**
- Expressions of interest to the Committee Chair
- Expression of interest to a member of the Executive Board

Please ensure that your member profile is current! This is done by logging in to the CALL/ACBD website, clicking on your name and choosing "Edit Member Profile". There is a list of committees (and also SIGs) to select from. On **Tuesday, June 1, 2021** National Office will be providing a list of people interested in each committee so that appointments can be made. Expressing interest in a committee may not mean immediate work will come your way, but it does provide an indication that you are interested.

Keeping your member profile up to date with your current interests and contact coordinates will also ensure that you receive invitations to CALL/ACBD events in a timely manner.

CALL/ACBD Committee Chairs and Executive Board Members are an approachable bunch! If you are keen to work on a particular project, you are always welcome to reach out. Follow the links on our website to connect with Committees. You will also be able to read about their vital work.

Members Open Forum

Our Members Open Forum offers a key opportunity for the Executive Board to hear from Members about issues that concern them. Through the Chair, members may raise issues and ask questions, whereas Executive Board members are not permitted to bring issues to the membership. They may clarify points raised or actions taken by the Board.

Thursday, May 20, 2021
1:00 pm EST

To submit your question or comment in advance, please send it to our Members Open Forum Chair, [Annette Demers](#).

Cette rencontre offre une occasion unique aux membres du conseil exécutif d'entendre parler des enjeux qui sont importants pour les membres. Par l'intermédiaire de la présidente du forum, les membres de l'association peuvent soulever des enjeux ou poser des questions tandis que les membres du conseil exécutif peuvent uniquement éclaircir les points soulevés ou les mesures prises. Ces derniers ne peuvent pas apporter de nouveaux points à la table.

Le jeudi 20 mai 2021
13 h 00

Pour soumettre votre question ou commentaire à l'avance, veuillez l'envoyer par courriel à la présidente du forum [Annette Demers](#).

[Register Now](#)

Annual General Meeting

CALL/ACBD Members are invited to participate in the 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM). Given current community restrictions this will be an exclusively virtual event.

Thursday, May 27, 2021
1:00 pm EST

The AGM Agenda and Reports are available in the members section of the [CALL/ACBD website](#).

If you intend to propose a resolution, please contact [National Office](#) as soon as possible. Resolutions for this AGM are accepted only until Monday, May 24 at 5:00 pm EST.

Les membres de CALL / ACBD sont invités à participer à l'Assemblée générale annuelle (AGA) 2021. Compte tenu des restrictions actuelles de la communauté, ce sera un événement exclusivement virtuel.

Le jeudi 27 mai 2021
13 h 00

L'ordre du jour et les rapports de l'AGA sont disponibles dans la section des membres [du site Web de CALL/ACBD](#).

Si vous avez une résolution à proposer, veuillez communiquer avec [le bureau national](#), dès que possible. Les résolutions pour cette AGA ne sont acceptées que jusqu'au lundi 24 mai à 17 h 00.

[Register Now](#)

Call For Resolutions

If you intend to propose a resolution, please contact [National Office](#) as soon as possible. Resolutions for this AGM are accepted only until **Monday, May 25 at 5:00 pm EST**.

Si vous avez une résolution à proposer, veuillez communiquer avec [le bureau national](#), dès que possible. Les résolutions pour cette AGA ne sont acceptées que jusqu'au **lundi 25 mai à 17 h 00**.

Awards Ceremony

CALL offers financial support to its members through a variety of scholarships, bursaries, and grants and recognizes outstanding contributions to the association and the profession with our Awards. Please join us to find out who the winners are and celebrate your peers' accomplishments.

Register Now



Register Today for the CALL/ACBD 2021 Conference!

Join us on **Monday, May 31** to hear from AsapSCIENCE. They will be answering questions about clearly and effectively communicating findings in a world full of misinformation.

Greg and Mitch of AsapSCIENCE are YouTube stars, comedians, and queer educators. They began their journey as scientists and transformed their passion into a force for inspiring their 9+ million YouTube fans. AsapSCIENCE is a colourful intersection of art, science, and pop culture where anyone can learn, participate, and grow. When they're not creating viral video content, they use their platform to speak on environmental change, queer voices in STEM, and how science can shape cultural movements.

Joignez-nous le **lundi 31 mai** pour entendre AsapSCIENCE. Ils répondront aux questions concernant la communication claire et efficace de résultats de recherche dans un monde désinformation.

Greg et Mitch d'AsapSCIENCE sont des vedettes YouTube, des comédiens et des éducateurs queer. Ils ont commencé leur parcours en tant que scientifiques et ont transformé leur passion en une force pour inspirer leurs 9 millions d'abonnés sur YouTube. AsapScience est un carrefour coloré où convergent l'art, la science et la culture populaire, et où tout le monde peut apprendre, participer et grandir. Lorsqu'ils ne créent pas de contenu vidéo viral, ils utilisent leur plate-forme pour discuter de changements environnementaux, de personnes queer dans les STEM et de la manière dont la science peut façonner les mouvements culturels.

Register Now for the 2021 Conference!

2021 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.

This year, the Selection Committee received the following nominations:

CanLII, for [The CanLII Manual to British Columbia Civil Litigation](#), by Brent Anderson et al, John Fiddick and Cameron Wardell (eds.), a volunteer-written, open access publication that supports both legal professionals and self-represented litigants with their civil justice research.

LexisNexis Canada, for [Sentencing](#), 10th edition, by Clayton C. Ruby. This book outlines all of the significant facets of sentencing principles and procedure and provides the reader with a comprehensive range of sentencing for various offences.

University of Alberta Press, for [Laws of the Constitution: Consolidated](#), by Donald Bur. This consolidation gathers all of the historical and contemporary constitutional documents currently in force at publication pertaining to Canada, its provinces, and its territories, and organizes them thematically and topically.

vLex for [vLex Justis](#), an advanced legal research platform that covers legal materials from over 100 countries.

Congratulations to the nominees! And thanks to everyone who submitted nominations.

The winner will be announced during the 2021 CALL/ACBD Virtual Conference.

Ann Marie Melvie

Past President, CALL/ACBD - Chair, Hugh Lawford Award for Excellence in Legal Publishing Selection Committee

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.

Cette année, le comité de sélection a reçu les candidatures suivantes :

CanLII pour [The CanLII Manual to British Columbia Civil Litigation](#), par Brent Anderson et coll., John Fiddick et Cameron Wardell (éditeurs). Il s'agit d'une publication rédigée par une équipe de bénévoles et diffusée en libre accès afin d'aider les professionnels du droit et les parties qui se représentent elles-mêmes dans leurs recherches sur la justice civile.

LexisNexis Canada pour [Sentencing](#), 10^e édition, par Clayton C. Ruby. Cet ouvrage décrit les aspects importants des principes et des procédures de détermination de la peine et fournit au lecteur un large éventail de peines pour diverses infractions.

University of Alberta Press pour [Laws of the Constitution: Consolidated](#), par Donald Bur. Cet ouvrage rassemble tous les documents constitutionnels du Canada et de ses provinces et territoires – d'hier à aujourd'hui (en vigueur au moment de la publication) – en les organisant par thèmes et par sujets.

vLex pour [vLex Justis](#). Il s'agit d'une plateforme de recherche juridique avancée qui donne accès aux documents juridiques de plus de 100 pays.

Félicitations aux éditeurs en nomination! Et merci à toutes les personnes qui ont présenté des candidatures.

Le lauréat sera annoncé lors du congrès virtuel de 2021 de l'ACBD/CALL.

Ann Marie Melvie

Présidente sortante, ACBD/CALL - Présidente du comité de sélection du Prix d'excellence Hugh Lawford en édition juridique

Honoured Member

Honoured Member Nomination Announced

The CALL/ACBD Executive Board is pleased to announce the following member has been nominated for Honoured Member status:

Caron Rollins

Caron's distinguished career as a Canadian law librarian extended over three decades at the John A. Weir Memorial Law Library of Alberta from 1988 to 1996, and the Diana M. Priestly Law Library, University of Victoria from 1997 to her recent retirement in 2019. She has long advocated for the better preservation, access, and availability of information across many disciplines including law, political science, government information, and Indigenous studies. Over the years, Caron has made valuable contributions to regional and national library associations and working groups, including her involvement at CALL/ACBD as a member of the Academic Law Libraries SIG and as the CALL/ACBD Preservation Committee Co-Chair from 1991 to 2003.

Nominees deemed by the Board to have met the necessary criteria shall be awarded Honoured membership if elected by a two-thirds vote at the annual meeting of the Association. The vote for Honoured Members will take place during the CALL/ACBD AGM on **Thursday, May 27 at 1:00 PM ET**. Please join us at the AGM for that vote.

Members are invited to submit a letter of support for this nomination to office@callacbd.ca. There will also be an opportunity for members to speak in support of the nominations at the AGM.

Anne Marie Melvie

Past President, CALL/ACBD

Avis de mise en nomination de membre honoraire

Le conseil exécutif de l'ACBD/CALL est heureux d'annoncer la mise en nomination de la personne suivante pour l'obtention du statut de membre honoraire :

Caron Rollins

Caron a connu une brillante carrière comme bibliothécaire de droit au Canada qui s'est étalée sur trois décennies; d'abord à la John A. Weir Memorial Law Library of Alberta, de 1988 à 1996, puis à la Diana M. Priestly Law Library, à l'Université de Victoria, de 1997 jusqu'à sa récente retraite en 2019. Elle milite depuis longtemps en faveur d'une amélioration de la préservation, de l'accès et de la disponibilité de l'information dans de nombreuses disciplines, notamment le droit, les sciences politiques, l'information gouvernementale et les études autochtones. Au fil des ans, Caron a contribué utilement à diverses associations de bibliothèques régionales et nationales et à leurs groupes de travail, dont sa participation au groupe d'intérêt spécial (GIS) des bibliothèques universitaires de notre association et en tant que coprésidente du comité de préservation de l'ACBD/CALL de 1991 à 2003.

Les candidats considérés comme ayant rempli les critères requis par le conseil exécutif se verront attribuer le statut de membre honoraire s'ils sont élus par les deux tiers des membres à l'assemblée générale de l'association. Le vote pour les membres honoraires se tiendra au cours de l'AGA de l'ACBD/CALL le **jeudi 27 mai (heure de l'Est)**. Nous vous invitons à vous joindre à nous pour ce vote.

Les membres sont invités à soumettre une lettre d'appui pour cette candidature à office@callacbd.ca. Ces derniers auront également l'occasion de prendre la parole à l'AGA afin d'appuyer les personnes mises en nomination.

Ann Marie Melvie
Présidente sortante, ACBD/CALL

Scholarships & Awards Committee

The Scholarships and Awards Committee encourages everyone to attend the Pre-Conference: Awards event scheduled for **Friday, May 28, 1:30 - 2:30 pm ET**. This is a great opportunity to learn who the recipients are, to meet them, and to offer your congratulations virtually. It is also a gentle reminder that the Association has a number of awards, some of which you may wish to apply for in the coming year.

The Scholarships and Awards Committee thanks the various award sponsors for their ongoing support.

Diversity, Inclusion, and Decolonization Committee

The Diversity, Inclusion, and Decolonization Committee (DIDC) is pleased to let you know about the many sessions at this year's virtual CALL/ACBD Conference that relate to issues of diversity, inclusion, and equity.

A pre-conference presentation in French on inclusive language starts the proceedings. On June 1, Val Napoleon will give the keynote on Indigenous legal research. Later that afternoon, learn how law librarians have been monitoring COVID-19 legal responses in Latin America and the Caribbean. On **Wednesday, June 3**, Avnish Nanda will explain how democratizing the law can serve the most marginalized in our society. Later, a panel discussion will teach us about bias in legal information through the lenses of critical legal theory and Critical Race Theory. Rounding off Thursday's program, Professor Colleen Sheppard will tell us how the pandemic has created systemic discrimination, and what legal remedies are needed to respond to these harms. Don't miss these exciting sessions!

Membership Development Committee

Co-chair Wanted for 2021-2022

The Membership Development Committee is looking for a new co-chair for 2021-22! This is a great opportunity to learn more about CALL, network with other professionals, and utilize valuable communication and organization skills. This is also the perfect time to join the committee and see if it would be a good fit for you.

If you are interested in being involved, or know someone who would enjoy the Co-Chair role, please contact [Stef Alexandru](#).

Mentorship Program feedback for 2020-21 participants

We are looking for your feedback! If you're a current participant in the Mentorship Program and haven't yet done so, please [complete this short survey](#) by **Friday, May 14** and direct any additional questions and comments to [Stef Alexandru](#), Mentorship Coordinator.

Courthouse SIG

To All Courthouse and Law Society SIG Members,

Save the **NEW** Date!

Due to a conflict of dates and times, we were unable to meet on April 27.

Watch for an invitation and login details to attend a virtual meeting beginning at **1:00 pm ET on Tuesday, May 18, 2021**. The session will offer an opportunity to discuss the CLSL SIG Survey results, *Library Service Models and Operational Plans Pre and Post COVID-19*, share experiences and planning ideas for the future.

A link to the results of the CLSL SIG Survey will be available on the CALL/ACBD website for your review in advance of the May meeting.

Our goal is to move forward with an expanded toolbox and knowledge base to tackle 2021 together!

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

New Professionals SIG

The CALL New Professionals SIG is pleased to present the blog post "[New Professionals SIG Article: Library School and Beyond – Job Hunting Tips for New Grads](#)", written by Erin Clupp, with advice for recent library school graduates on searching for work as an information professional.

The New Professionals SIG is also seeking a co-chair for the 2021-2023 term! Please contact current co-chairs Krisandra Ivings (krisandra.ivings@scc-csc.ca) and Allyssa McFadyen (Allyssa.mcfadyen@ubc.ca) with any questions or to express your interest.

Blog Post - Research Tips

CALL Blog Series on Cool Research Tips & Tricks / Blogue de l'ACBD: série sur les trucs et astuces de recherche

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.

Thank you.

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.

Merci.



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