

In Session:

CALL/ACBD's Newsletter

October 2013

From the CALL/ACBD Board

A Message From the President

Well the results are in! The final numbers from the Montreal Conference 2013 have been finalized. This year, the conference realized a surplus of \$36,565.42.

This is very good news for our Association. This is because the financial health of our conference is directly related to the financial health of our Association.

<i>Conference Finances</i>	<i>Association Finances (year end)</i>
2009 - Halifax \$18,358	(\$23,003)
2010 - Windsor \$35,719	(\$4,628)
2011 - Calgary (\$6,725)	(\$52,654.96)
2012 - Toronto (\$11,288)	(\$70,165)
2013 - Montreal \$36,565.42	To be determined.

The Executive Board are extremely grateful to Nathalie Bélanger, Chair, and the entire conference planning committee for Montreal! The conference was well-attended and the programming was superb. We had some very tough choices to make, which were entirely necessary.

We are also grateful to the membership for your patience and support as we continue to make changes to the conference to ensure it's financial viability, while providing a high-quality educational and networking opportunity, with fun social events.

Committee and SIG News

1. Friendly Reminder:

Please accept this message as a friendly reminder that the CALL/ACBD Executive Board will be meeting in Toronto on November 17 and 18, 2013.

In your position as chair of a committee or SIG, or as a representative, the Executive Board is interested to hear of your recent activities or plans for the coming year. Please send a report for the Board meeting by **October 31, 2013** so that it can be included in the meeting agenda package. The report should be sent to office@callacbd.ca.

Also in preparation for the 2014 CALL/ACBD fiscal year, the Treasurer will need to receive any requests that you may have for funding for your committee. Funding requests should be submitted to either the CALL Treasurer at alicia.loo@scc-csc.gc.ca or the CALL National Office at office@callacbd.ca by **October 15, 2013**.

If possible, please let us know an estimate of the number of meetings you anticipate being held by conference call, as well as provide approximate amounts for each of your anticipated expenses, including any special projects, design work, mail outs, translation requirements, etc. For accounting purposes, we require an amount beside each type of expense rather than a general budget request.

Thank you for all your hard work and effort on behalf of CALL/ACBD. I look forward to hearing from you shortly and wish you the best of luck in your endeavours this year.

Maddy Marchildon

National Officer / Directrice nationale

Canadian Association of Law Libraries (CALL)

Association canadienne des bibliothèques de droit (ACBD)

2. Membership Development Committee

Half way through 2013 the Membership Development Committee is already gearing up for membership renewals for 2014. CALL/ACBD Members can logon and renew their membership on the CALL/ACBD Website. The Membership year ends December 31, 2013. This year paper renewal notices will not be sent out, so please watch your email for your personal renewal notice.

The Membership Development Committee is sponsoring educational visits to schools across Canada offering library and information studies degrees, or library technician diplomas. The primary purpose of these visits is to provide students in these programs with an understanding of CALL/ACBD as a professional organization for the promotion of law librarianship. We are looking for volunteers who would be prepared to connect with the coordinators of these various programs and schedule an opportunity to speak with students about CALL/ACBD and the profession of law librarianship in Canada. If you would like to volunteer to provide one (or more) of these school visits please contact Paul McKenna at the School of Information Management, Dalhousie University, paul.mckenna@dal.ca or (902) 448-4635 before August 23, 2013.

The Membership Development Committee, together with the CALL/ACBD Executive, has recently formed a new Feedback Subcommittee who will work to develop and administer a CALL/ACBD Member Survey.

The Survey will focus on the value of membership in CALL/ACBD, touching on the various initiatives put forth by the CALL Executive and Committees. Each Committee will be asked to contribute a few questions and we look forward to the survey distribution to the membership before the end of the year. It's our hope that the feedback and responses will gather will help inform the Executive and Committees going forward, and will contribute to the continued success of our organization.

The Feedback Subcommittee will also work towards streamlining our data collection from the membership going forward, helping with the various event specific surveying conducted by the Association. The data collected will be disseminated by our new Ideas Agent, Louise Hamel. Louise will work closely with the Feedback Subcommittee to ensure that the information gathered from members makes it way to members of the CALL/ACBD Executive and Committees who can effect change, as necessary. In this way, we hope to collect meaningful data and continue to improve our Association with effective change!

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3. Committee to Promote Research

Dear CALL/ACBD members,

Applications for CALL/ACBD Research Grant due October 15, 2013

CALL/ACBD invites members to apply for the CALL/ACBD Research Grant which provides financial assistance of up to \$3,000 in 2013 to support members who wish to do research on a topic of interest to members and to the association, and which would promote an understanding of legal information sources or law librarianship

Proposed research projects need not be large or formal; research could include surveys, bibliographic projects, pilot projects and feasibility studies. Grants have been previously awarded for a survey of the education of law librarians in Canada, a comparison of electronic citators, and a bibliography of common law materials written in French.

For more information and an application form, see <http://www.callacbd.ca/en/content/call-acbd-research-grant-information> and the Committee to Promote Research web pages <http://www.callacbd.ca/en/node/383>

The Applicant must a member of CALL/ACBD and the proposed research project must promote an understanding of legal information sources or law librarianship. Funding may be granted for research assistance, online costs, compensating time off, purchase of software, travel, clerical assistance, etc. CALL/ACBD members may apply individually for the grant or with another researcher, and previous applicants who were not awarded funding are welcome to reapply.

The final decision to award the research grant will be made by the CALL/ACBD Executive, based on the recommendation of the Committee to Promote Research.

To apply for this research grant please submit an application by October 15, 2013

outlining the proposed project, the amount of money requested and a detailed budget setting out how the funds will be spent. The application form is available on the CALL/ACBD website. Applications for the grant should be sent via email to:

Marianne Rogers
Chair, CALL/ACBD Committee to Promote Research
email: rogers@yorku.ca

If you would like to discuss a proposed research project or if you have any questions, please contact the chair or a member of the Committee to Promote Research:

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4. Copyright Committee

The Copyright Committee intends to study and pursue several issues during its term:

- The academic sector Access Copyright licence, from the perspective of those institutions that have renewed but may wish to opt out in 2015;
- Access Copyright issues from the perspective of institutions that have opted out, with specific attention to the litigation initiated by Access Copyright against York University;
- Possible implications of the recent Kirtsaeng decision in the US and the first sale;
- What kinds of alterations we might expect to see in resource licence terms in response to legislative and case law developments in respect of fair dealing;
- The development of fair dealing policies that non-academic CALL/ACBD members could consider for their organizations, perhaps looking to academic sector policies as partial precedent or guidance.

If you have questions or contributions to these topics, contact one of the members of the Copyright Committee - Kim Nayyer at knayyer@uvic.ca and Gian Medves at gian.medves@utoronto.ca.

5. Academic Law Libraries SIG

We're switching things up a bit! Instead of preparing a Fall Academic SIG newsletter, we have opted to post our communications to the CALL/ACDB newsletter instead. Here are two items that we would like to get feedback from our members:

1. In preparation for next year's CALL/ACDB conference in Winnipeg, we would like to gather any program ideas from members. Some ideas that we are currently looking into include:
 - a. Best practices in teaching legal research
 - b. Round table discussion of academic librarians who have published and their experiences
2. From the 2012 Business Meeting in Toronto, Sharon Wang (York) and Nadine Hoffman (Calgary) initiated the idea of a "wiki or website for members to share research guides on Canadian legal topics and teaching materials". This discussion was furthered at the last Business Meeting in Montreal, with much interest expressed by those in attendance. In order to follow through with this idea, we would like to get your feedback by voicing your interest. We can then get the wheels in motion in requesting, collecting, and setting up this toolkit on our site!

Feedback? Questions? Always accepted and appreciated!

All the Best,

Elizabeth (ebarton@uwo.ca) & Vicki (Vicki.JayLeung@uwindsor.ca)

6. Hugh Lawford Award for Excellence in Legal Publishing

Each year, CALL/ACBD honours a publisher (whether for-profit or not-for profit, corporate or non-corporate) which has demonstrated excellence by publishing a work, series or e-product that makes a significant contribution to legal research and scholarship. It's not too early to start thinking about the worthy new book, series, website, or legal database you think the association should recognize in Winnipeg in May with the Hugh Lawford Award for Excellence in Legal Publishing. A review of past award recipients shows the variety of works that may be recognized and the committee's website indicates the award criteria, and nomination requirements. Nominations can be submitted to Cyndi Murphy before **February 15, 2014**.

Member Update

Are you a graduate of Dalhousie University library school? Would you like to reminisce about the good old days with fellow alum attending the 2014 CALL/ACBD conference in Winnipeg? If so, contact Jennifer Walker, jwalker@ccla-abcc.ca or Cyndi Murphy, cmurphy@stewartmckelvey.com, so you do not miss any of the details of the social event planned for Monday evening, May 26, 2014.

Special shout outs to the following members for their outstanding work in various areas of law librarianship:

- **Steve Wallace** who runs the Document Delivery Service at the Great Library, Law Society of Upper Canada, won a Juno Award for Traditional Jazz Album of the Year at this April's awards show in Regina. The album *Test of Time* features Steve on bass, Mike Murley on saxophone and Ed Bickert on guitar.
- **Jennie Clarke** is the new Library Technician at the Durham Region Law Association in Oshawa. Jennie has an honours diploma as a library and information technician from Seneca College and a bachelor's degree in English from York University. Jennie's background includes work in school libraries.
- **Beverly Brett** has taken over from Iris Nixon at the County of Lanark Law Association library in Perth. Beverly works 2 afternoons a week.
- **Monica Schjott**, Library Assistant (Durham Region) retired on June 27, 2013. Jennie Clarke has been hired on as the new library technician. Best wishes for a very happy retirement, Monica!
- **Wendy Hearder-Moan** (Perth County) was made an Honoured Member of the Canadian Association of Law Libraries/Association canadienne des bibliothèques de droit. The honour was conveyed at the 2013 CALL/ACBD conference in Montreal. Congratulations to Wendy on achieving the highest honour that CALL/ACBD bestows on its members.
- Congratulations to **Nancy McCormack**, Queen's University and **Catherine Cotter**, University of New Brunswick, on the publication of their book *Managing Burnout in the Workplace: A guide for information professionals*. See more at:
<http://www.woodheadpublishing.com/en/book.aspx?bookID=2879&ChandosTitle=13sthash.IYCr2gHvdpuf>.

CALL/ACBD Here and Abroad

Abroad

Report from SLA 2013

From June 9 through 11, it was my great honour to represent CALL/ACBD at the 2013 Special Libraries Association (SLA) conference in San Diego, California. After hearing about the excellent SLA programming and the sheer magnitude of this conference for years, I was very excited to attend my first SLA as a proud CALL delegate!

The theme of this year's conference was "Connect, Collaborate, Strategize," and the many sessions offered called back to these ideas over and over. Big data, emergency preparedness, and knowledge management experiences and successes are just some of the session topics which highlighted the conference themes and encouraged us to look to the future of the library profession. I found the keynote address by author Mike Walsh on emerging and disruptive technologies and how this changes the information landscape to be especially riveting and timely, and the large crowd present during the opening session definitely seemed to agree.

My attendance at the conference was sponsored by the SLA Legal Division, for which I am truly grateful and extend my sincerest thanks. The SLA Legal Division, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary as a division of the organization, was a gracious host, particularly through the Legal Division breakfast, sponsored by Bloomberg BNA. It was an inspiring breakfast, which emphasized the value of networking from a professional, and at times personal, perspective, and of the collegial and ever-growing network of legal information professionals. The Legal Division was behind several excellent sessions during the

conference, the most popular being the famous “60 Sites in 60 Minutes” by John DiGilio, Gayle Lynn-Nelson, and Samuel Wiggins.

The 2014 SLA conference will be held in Vancouver, and regular SLA-goers exhibited a definite buzz of excitement for the trip north next June. The conference, while not exclusively law library specific, was an excellent experience for me, providing important new dimensions to my professional development. I'm certain those attending next year here in Canada will find much to bring back to their own organizations as well.

Jennifer Walker
Head Librarian, County of Carleton Law Association
CALL/ACBD Education Committee Chair

Important Dates

Program Submissions Deadline:
Wednesday, October 18

Webinar:
Wednesday, October 23
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. EST
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February 15, 2014

CALL 2014:
May 25-28, 2014
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