

# In Session:

## CALL/ACBD's Newsletter

### November 2013

#### From the CALL/ACBD Board

To all CALL/ACBD Committees and SIGS:

This is your final 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 no later than **November 6, 2013** so that it can be included in the meeting agenda package. The report should be sent to [office@callacbd.ca](mailto: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](mailto:alicia.loo@scc-csc.gc.ca) or the CALL National Office at [office@callacbd.ca](mailto:office@callacbd.ca) by no later than November 6, 2013.

#### Committee and SIG News

##### **1. The Canadian Abridgment Editorial Advisory Board**

The Canadian Abridgment Editorial Advisory Board has added a new member: Ann Marie Melvie from the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal Library. Welcome aboard Ann Marie!

##### **2. 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**.

##### **3. Student SIG**

The Student SIG has started creating useful content for student members of CALL and has plans to cover topics such as legal research resources, job interview tips & tricks, and course selection and volunteerism during school. Have a look at our members-only site to see what we have been writing and blogging. In the coming months, we will be looking to our experienced CALL members for input and advice on topics related to professional practice through an online survey with the intention to pass on your wisdom to the student CALL members. Stay tuned! We are also looking for input from CALL's student members. If you have student-related concerns, ideas for how CALL can assist, or would like to be an active member of the Student SIG, we would love to hear from you.

[Joanna Kozakiewicz](#)

#### **4. 2014 Conference Planning Committee**

Progress continues in the planning of the 2014 conference in Winnipeg. The conference will be held at the beautiful Fort Garry Hotel from May 25 to May 28, 2014. Currently we are working with CALL/ACBD members, SIGs, and Committees to ensure a vibrant and stimulating conference programme based on our theme, The Confluence: Knowledge meets Inspiration/Au Confluent du savoir et l'inspiration. We are happy to report that two leading law and law library commentators, Mitch Kowalski and Greg Lambert, have come aboard as plenary speakers.

For continued updates about the conference, follow us on [Twitter](#) and like us on [Facebook](#).

#### **5. Vendor Liason Committee**

Coming soon - the annual pricing trends for 2014! Previous trends have been published on the [VLC page](#) on the CALL website.

### Member Update

#### **1. CALL/ACBD Job Postings**

If you have a job posting that you wish to circulate, remember to post it at the CALL/ACBD website [Job Postings](#) section by emailing your posting to: [office@callacbd.ca](mailto:office@callacbd.ca)

#### **2. Honoured Member Nominations – Now Open!**

Nominations are now open for the distinction of Honoured Member. Submit your nomination, including supporting documentation, to [Cyndi Murphy](#) before December 1, 2013. Full details of the criteria for honoured members, as well as a list of past recipients, are available on the [Association website](#). Nominations approved by the executive board will be voted on at the annual general meeting in Winnipeg.

#### **3. Special Shout Outs:**

**Sarah Richmond** accepted a position as Library Manager for the firm Alexander Holburn Beaudin + Lang LLP in Vancouver. Congratulations Sarah!

### CALL/ACBD Here and Abroad

#### **Here**

*Associations Day at the iSchool, University of Toronto*

On October 23, the iSchool hosted its third annual Associations Day, where members of various national and local associations can meet with students to impress upon them the importance of professional participation and development of professional networks. CALL/ACBD was represented this year by Erica Anderson, Co-Chair of the Membership Development Committee and Wendy Reynolds, Member-at-Large.

Forty information-profession-related groups were represented, including a variety of library-related groups, information management, museum and information technology associations. Student turnout was high (probably 200 or so), but began to dwindle as soon as the food was gone. The Dean opened the event, stressing again the importance of professional connections in the world of work, and encouraging students to take advantage of the opportunity afforded by the day.

Wendy: I spoke with about half a dozen students over the 90 minutes I was at the event. Most were interested in knowing how to leverage association membership in their job search, and I offered some specific examples in reply. I collected one business card, and distributed a few as well. I encouraged several students to consider writing for CLLR, and mentioned the prize for the best student paper. Susan Barker was also in attendance at the event, and I introduced her to several of the students.

Erica: I spoke with several students during the 90 minutes I was there, including at least three students that were specifically interested in law libraries. I mentioned to each of them the low membership rates for students, the volunteer opportunities that would help build a resume, writing opportunities for CLLR and scholarships. I also told them that CALL was interested in starting a U of T student SIG. I gave them my card and asked them to contact me for anything, and follow up if they are interested in getting the SIG started.

In all, it was an easy event for us to attend, and worthwhile. One issue of concern is that CALL/ACBD had not previously been invited to attend, possibly because of the confusion about whether or not TALL is the same group. We learned about the event because Julie Anderson, Past President of TALL, told Erica about it. Now that we're on the list, CALL/ACBD may choose to continue to participate, but it does raise the issue of our visibility with the career offices at the colleges and universities.

Wendy Reynolds and Erica Anderson

#### *CBA's Canadian Legal Conference*

2013 was the second year CALL/ACBC held a booth at the Canadian Bar Association's Canadian Legal Conference. This year the conference was held August 18 to 20 at Saskatoon's TCU Place. For a full report on CALL/ACBD's booth at CBA's Canadian Legal Conference, please [click here](#).

Ken Fox

### Important Dates

#### National Board Meeting:

**November 17-18, 2013**

Toronto

#### Committee Meeting:

Canadian Abridgment Editorial Advisory Board

**Monday, November 18, 2013**

Toronto

#### Webinar:

**Tuesday, November 26, 2013**

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. EST

Taking the Business Case Approach

#### [Hugh Lawford Award for Excellence in Legal Publishing Nominations](#)

**February 15, 2015**

#### [CALL 2014:](#)

**May 25-28, 2014**

Hotel Fort Garry, Winnipeg, Manitoba

