

Education Committee Report to the CALL/ACBD Executive

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During the past year, the Education Committee has met twice over the phone – in the fall and again early in 2012. The major work of the Committee has been carried out through subcommittees, to great success. There have also been administrative changes which have moved a previous Education Committee initiative into another portfolio.

Webinar Subcommittee

The Webinars Subcommittee is chaired by Liana Giovanado. She will be stepping down from this role this year, and a replacement will be chosen from either within the Subcommittee, or drawn from the wider community of those interested and engaged with developing webinars content.

This past year's webinars series featured five sessions, including one which was a sponsorship tie-in from LexisNexis. This Subcommittee will be submitting a separate report to the CALL/ACBD Executive.

New Law Librarians Institute

A major, successful initiative of the committee was the inaugural New Law Librarians' Institute held last June at Western University in London, Ontario. The week long, intensive program attracted some 22 attendees from across the country, including librarians, lawyers and court administrators. Making of laws by legislatures and the courts, the nature of legal publishing, how to find and update legislation, cases and commentaries on the law were key aspects of the law librarianship topics explored. Following introductory presentations by librarian experts, all members of CALL, students had an opportunity to reinforce newly acquired knowledge with hands-on practice in an academic library locating the law in books and databases. Underpinning the instruction in law librarianship tools and techniques were high level introductions to substantive law topics – constitutional law, criminal law, torts, contracts and property law – delivered by professors at Western University's Faculty of Law.

Preparations are well advanced for the 2012 version of the New Law Librarians' Institute which will be held once again at Western University. Speakers are lined up and the program is set. Dates are May 27 to June 1. At the time of writing a number of registrations had been received but spaces remained available. Enrollment is to be capped at 25 students. Details about the Institute can be found on the CALL website. John Sadler, Director of Western's Law Library, who chaired last year's event will be doing so again this year. Logistical support from Donna Dennison, CALL's National Officer is gratefully acknowledged, which resulted in the smooth running of the 2011

Institute. In the same vein, the administrative efforts are recognized of Andrea Davidson, then library science student, now private law firm librarian in Toronto.

Plans for the next NLLI have started to take form. Grant Kayler and Kathryn Arbuckle, both of the University of Alberta, are exploring the possibility of hosting the NLLI in 2014 in Edmonton.

Educational Visits

This initiative of the Education Committee was lead this year by Daniel Perlin. There were 20 visits carried out, in a variety of formats: brown bag lunches, panel discussions, and formal lectures. Institutions that missed being visited were three CEGEP schools in Quebec and Memorial in Newfoundland. Feedback indicated that the visits went well, and the students enjoyed it. Effective February 2012, this project has moved to the Membership Committee. The Education Committee is most grateful of the work that Daniel put into this project while it was under our jurisdiction.

With Education Committee initiatives aligned as they are, we are looking forward to developing new ideas in the coming year. We are eager to continue to strengthen the Association through our work.

Respectfully submitted,

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