

Education Committee Report to the CALL/ACBD Executive
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The Education Committee has had one teleconference since the CALL conference, with the rest of the work being carried out through email. The work of the Committee has been carried out through the Webinar Subcommittee, developing questions for the upcoming CALL member survey, and in planning conference sessions for the 2014 CALL conference in Winnipeg.

Current Projects

Webinar Subcommittee

The Webinars Subcommittee is chaired by Eve Leung. Eve will be preparing and submitting a report to the Executive.

New Law Librarians Institute

The New Law Librarians Institute will be held June 8 to 12, 2014 at the University of Ottawa. Margo Jeske of the University of Ottawa's Brian Dickson Law Library is the coordinator of this year's session, and has carried out the planning for this event in close conjunction with CALL head office. Registration for this session opened at the beginning of April, and is currently still accepting registrants. An emphasis has been put in the advertising for this year's session that it is open to all (despite the "New" in the title). The programming maintains the format from previous years, with an emphasis on substantive law.

CALL/ACBD 2014

The Education Committee submitted two proposals for this year's conference, with one being accepted. Major Curtis Smith will be speaking at a session titled "Research report: Information Seeking Behaviour of Lawyers," which discusses the findings of his research from his Masters library program at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee.

Law Librarians Competencies Working Group

The Core Competencies Working Group is in the process of getting materials ready for the CALL membership and a presentation at the CALL annual meeting in Winnipeg. Yasmin Khan has recently joined this working group, and will be helping with the work of organizing proposed

competencies in order to elicit feedback and drive the final composition of the competencies set. A conference call to further discuss this project and to make final preparations for the conference will be held mid-May.

Next Business Year

Law Librarians Competencies

Going forward, the Education Committee will be working to determine how best to liaise with the Conference Planning Committee and the restructuring of educational programming for CALL that is both centralized with the Education Committee, and is aligned with the core competencies. This is a very new concept for CALL, and will require a good amount of sorting out the logistics.

Also going forward will be all additional work with completing the competencies project. There will be next steps to this project, including rolling in member feedback, and potentially reaching out to external stakeholders for endorsement.

Liaison to External Partners Committee

In the next year, a liaison from the Education Committee to the External Partners Committee will have to be decided upon.

Results of Member Needs Survey

There was an expressed need in the survey for more training – this is something the Education Committee can play a role in, particularly through the Webinar Subcommittee.

With regard to competencies, there are several people who have expressed an interest in working on this – it would be to CALL's benefit to bring these people into the fold, especially if they can review competencies from the perspective of different legal environments.

Respectfully submitted,

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