

CALL/ACBD Scholarships & Awards Committee

Annual Report 2019 - 20

May 2020 – Virtual

Committee Chair(s): Dolores Noga

Members: Alisa Lazear, Anne Matthewman, Donna Sikorsky, Greg Wurzer, Josée Veil, Kristin Hodgins (Executive Liaison)

Activities and initiatives that the committee has completed during this past year:

The Committee requested modifications to specific scholarships and awards on the CALL/ACBD website to reflect that applications are always open. Applications received up to the posted deadline are considered for that year, but the award remains open for the following year. The Committee discussed ways to encourage more applications. A minor modification was made to the Gisèle Laprise Prize to expand the criteria.

The Committee met by teleconference throughout the year and awarded the James D. Lang Memorial Scholarship as well as the Diana M. Priestly Memorial Scholarship. The James D. Lang Memorial Scholarship was awarded to support attendance at the New Law Librarians' Institute planned for June 2020. As this event was subsequently cancelled, the Committee is seeking the advice of the Executive on whether it can be deferred to 2021. A tentative winner of the Education Reserve Fund money also intended to attend NLLI.

The Diana M. Priestly Memorial Scholarship was awarded. This prize is typically announced at the CALL/ACBD annual conference. The Committee is waiting for further news from the Executive regarding this event.

Deadlines for the Denis Marshall Memorial Award, the Gisèle Laprise Prize, and the Michael Silverstein Prize were also extended and to date, winners have not been determined.

Activities and initiatives that the committee hopes to tackle for the next business year:

1. Conclude the awards for the 2019-20 year.
2. Continue to explore new avenues to promote the availability of the awards/scholarships.