

# CALL/ACBD

## Courthouse and Law Society Libraries SIG

Annual Report 2019 - 2020

May 2020 – Virtual

**Committee Chair(s):** Co-Chairs, [Tanya Davis](#) and [Melissa Firth](#)

**Members: Attendance record May 2019 | Edmonton, Alberta | 25 members participated**

Barb Alcock, Dale Barrie, Maria Berezowski, Julie Boon, Lynda Cavanagh, Ronn Cheney, Tanya Davis, Laura Dobbie, Derek Drake, Anke Eastwood, Kelly Elliott, Melissa Firth, Michelle Gerrits, Jackie Hassefras, Krisandra Ivings, John Kerr, Denise Lortie, Janet Marchment, Alyssa McFadyen, Julie Rainey, Nick Rowlands, Sarah Sawatzky, Sophie Song, Jenny Thornhill, Lena Witzel.

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

- Updated the CLSL SIG information on the CALL website and provided an update in the 2019 December issue of *In Session* detailing the motion discussed during the May 2019 meeting at CALL and the outcome of that motion. *No formal minutes were recorded during the meeting aside from brief notes logged by T. Davis and M. Firth. In summary, the meeting focused on the discussion of dissolving the SIG committee – each side of the issue was presented during a lively debate. Ultimately, the decision to remain active was overwhelmingly favourable.*
- Contributed to subsequent issues of *In Session* outlining plans for the development of a questionnaire aiming to collect data, improve communications and generate renewed interest in the SIG.
- Drafted a survey designed to gather information relating to similar and unique services offered throughout courthouse libraries and law societies from across Canada. The objective is to create a report showcasing services and programs in order to reduce some of the physical distance between us – a “go to guide” filled with mutual services; inspirational ideas; promotional programs; and success stories as well as cautionary tales.

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

- Distribute the questionnaire/survey to CLSL SIG members in the fall of 2020 to gather information and highlight issues of importance to SIG members. (The objective is to promote a conversation and motivate members to consider possible strategic directions and goals for the SIG throughout the year. We plan to include a section touching upon post COVID-19 observations.)
- Analyze the collected data from SIG members and prepare a report revealing the similarities and distinguishing characteristics of the service models from all provinces and territories.
- Consider plans to develop a “member directory” of Courthouse and Law Society Library personnel to ensure SIG members receive future updates on a quarterly basis by email with a push toward the use of Basecamp.
- Continue to examine new projects to promote communications, inspire collaboration, resource sharing and improve courthouse services.