

Copyright Committee

Mandate

This committee was set up in response to the tabling of draft copyright amendment legislation in 1988. Its primary mandate is to present the concerns of law libraries on copyright issues to the government and parliament of Canada. It prepares briefs to represent the views of the Association, presents these to the government and circulates them as widely as appropriate. The committee has provided input to advisory bodies and liaises with other organizations in order to promote the views of the Association and to share information. Its reports and briefs are published in *Canadian Law Libraries*. The committee also provides articles and information bulletins on copyright issues to Association members.

On-Going Work/Concerns

CALL/ACBD has presented briefs on issues relating to phase I of the copyright amendment (Bill C-32) and the Association views have been represented at parliamentary hearings, consultation panels and conferences. A special joint group on photocopying was set up with the major legal publishers in 1995/6. CALL/ACBD has also been asked to present its views on the matter of CanCopy licencing for law firms and law associations and the committee has provided input to the deliberations of the Federation of Law Societies of Canada in this matter.

The committee has recently prepared briefs on fair dealing, crown copyright and digital rights management (DRM). Members of the committee will be promoting the views of the association in the ongoing discussions on these issues in the consultation process on Bill C-32 which is currently in progress.