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THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Susan Crysler, McCarthy Tetrault LLP

As Autumn rolls around that exciting and full-of-possibility "back to school" mood engages us. We start to ponder changes and challenges. We consider both personal and professional development. We turn our minds to forecasting, examining our collections and predicting costs for next year's budget and plan for what we want to accomplish over the next year.

The new VALL executive is also forecasting, preparing and planning for the next year – and for the years to come. It has been 9 years since my previous term on the Executive and many changes have come about since that time.

This year's Executive plans to undertake some strategic planning for the organization. By definition,

*"strategic planning requires broad-scale information gathering, an exploration of alternatives, and an emphasis on the future implications of present decisions. It can facilitate communication and participation, accommodate divergent interests and values, and foster orderly decision-making & successful implementation."**

In order to effectively work toward the goals of the planning process, the Executive will be asking many questions of the membership and actively seeking input on a variety of issues. In short, we want to know where we are heading, why, with what and how we plan to get there.

There were many good suggestions for programs from the Roundtable in June and many ideas from the Executive meeting. We plan to alternate speakers and topical discussions (moderated by a member with expertise in the topic) and we hope to have a workshop in February.

Here we are, launched into another year of action, activity and learning. Autumn is indeed a time of preparation and planning.

The Executive meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month. If you would like to attend, or have a concern you would like to bring before the Executive, please contact me at: scrysler@mccarthy.ca

* Bryson JM. *Strategic Planning for Public and Nonprofit Organizations*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 1989, p.5. Found at http://mapp.naccho.org/MAPP_Glossary.asp on September 30, 2005



FROM THE EDITORS

Liisa Tella & Christina Tribe, Harper Grey LLP

We would like to welcome our readers to a new fall season of VALL, and to a new issue of the VALL Review. Traditionally the October issue features reports by the Peter Bark Bursary recipients. This year we follow Lynda Roberts and Debbie Benson to the informative sessions of the CALL Conference - and get educational tips about the nightlife in St. John's, Newfoundland. Thank you for your reports and thank you to all others who contributed to this issue. In particular, thank you to Wendy Hunt and Marci Gibson for the chart on the publication and availability of WCB decisions.

In the spirit of strategic planning that the Executive is embarking on, we feel there is a need to examine the ways we communicate and share information as an organization. Does the VALL Review in its current format serve the readers? Do we need new features or new columns? To get some guidance, we will be conducting a quick online survey in the near future, so please take the time to respond when you get the email.

Meanwhile, we encourage you to send us your submissions, the tips and tricks column is a good place to share. The VALL Review is the voice of your organization, so please contribute. If you feel like sending a letter to the editors, please do so. Our contact information is: ltella@harpergrey.com or ctribe@harpergrey.com. The next deadline for submissions is January 13, 2006, for the February issue.



TIPS 'N TRICKS

Liisa Tella, Harper Grey LLP

Website Changed - But Need the Old Info? Try the Wayback Machine

The Wayback Machine makes it possible to surf pages stored in the Internet Archives. If you remember that a document was on a website but it has disappeared or changed, you can use the Wayback Machine. <http://www.archive.org/web/web.php> Enter the URL for your site, and a list will be generated which has links to the page as it appeared in a specific month/year.

What Did That Old Reg Look Like? Archived QP LegalEze Regulation Consolidations

Consolidation 66 — April 1, 2005
Consolidation 65 — December 3, 2004
Consolidation 64 — July 30, 2004
Consolidation 63 — April 2, 2004

Consolidation 62 — December 1, 2003
Consolidation 61 — August 1, 2003
Consolidation 60 — April 4, 2003

Christina Tribe, Harper Grey LLP

AustLII - "Point in Time" Legislation

The Australasian Legal Information Institute has released an experimental Point-in-Time legislation service. It covers most New South Wales Acts back to 2002; much of Queensland's legislation to 2003 and some South Australia Acts to 2004. To use the PiT service, go to any section in AustLII's NSW legislation, via <http://portsea.austlii.edu.au/pit/> and select the [History] link to go to the equivalent section in the PiT system. There are also examples, notes on limitations and a brief descriptive paper about this initiative on the PiT site.

LTAIG Canadian Library Support Staff Survey Results

The complete results of BCLA's Library Technicians & Assistants Interest Group (LTAIG) 2005 Canadian Library Support Staff Survey are now available. 783 people from all over Canada responded on topics ranging from level of education to job descriptions and salary. <http://www.bcla.bc.ca/memfiles/10093775>.

Anna Holeton, UBC Law Library

Federal Orders in Council [OICs] 1990 -

This site provides a listing of approved Federal Orders in Council from 1990 to the present. It also allows readers to see the full text of Orders in Council approved since November 1, 2002. This site is fully searchable. <http://www.pco-bcp.gc.ca/oic-ddc/>



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Teresa Gleave, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP

Welcome back to **Susannah Tredwell** who has returned to Lawson Lundell LLP after her maternity leave. Her replacement, **Suzanne Geba**, is pursuing further studies in multimedia design at UBC.

Congratulations to **Elena Barreiro** (formerly Timoshchouk) of McCarthy Tetrault on her recent marriage. Elena's email address is now: ebarreiro@mccarthy.ca

Welcome to new VALL member, **Paul Sewell**, who is the new Research Librarian at Borden Ladner Gervais LLP. He previously worked as a law librarian in Seattle area correctional facilities. Paul has a MLIS (San Jose State University) and LLB (UBC). He also has worked for many years as a registered nurse prior to law libraries.

Frances Wong has transferred to BLG's Toronto library where she is now head of Reference Services.

If you have recently switched employers, or if any of your contact information has changed, please drop a line to VALL Review Editors & Membership Secretary. We also welcome short biographies of new members.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

VALL Statement of Income and Expenses. August 1, 2004 to July 31, 2005

Jane Evans, Ogilvie Renault LLP

INCOME

Membership Fees	\$2,575.00	
Bank Interest	14.09	
Share Dividend	3.62	
Luncheon Fees	<u>12,540.00</u>	
		\$15,132.71

EXPENSES

Postage and Office Supplies	112.05	
Post Office Box	133.75	
Four Seasons Charges		
	<u>12,933.48</u>	
		<u>13,187.84</u>

NET INCOME

\$1,944.87

Chequing Account

Balance	As of July 31, 2005	\$5,803.73
VALL Education Program Development Fund	\$900.00 included in chequing account balance	
Shares		<u>80.37</u>

TOTAL

\$5,884.10

Peter Bark Memorial Term Deposit Fund

	Matures:	
	April 22, 2006	\$10,500.00
T-Bill Savings Account	As of July 31, 2005	3,267.45
Shares		<u>100.03</u>

TOTAL

\$13,867.48



FEATURE ARTICLES:

Workers' Compensation Decisions

Wendy Hunt & Marci Gibson, Assistant Librarians, WorkSafeBC Library

WorkSafeBC, the Workers' Compensation Board of B.C., administers the Workers' Compensation Act for the B.C. Ministry of Labour and Citizen Services. As a legislated agency, most decisions are made by appointees or staff at WorkSafeBC. In 2003, the B.C. government modified the administrative structure of workers' compensation in the province. One change was the creation of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Tribunal (WCAT); their decisions are accessed through the WCAT website. For detailed information, refer to the WorkSafeBC or WCAT websites.

The chart below explains the publication and availability of WCB decisions from 1973 to present.

If you have further questions, contact the WorkSafeBC Library:

Phone: 604-231-8450 E-mail: library@worksafebc.com

Note: The WorkSafeBC website will soon be upgraded. The links may no longer be current.

Years	Body	Publication/Webpage	Notes
1973 - 1991	Board of Commissioners (WorkSafeBC)	Workers' Compensation Reporter (WCR) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1973-1991 v.1-6 nos. 1-423 http://www.worksafebc.com/law_and_policy/published_policy/retired_decisions/default.asp v.1-5 in paper format only v. 6 is available online with v. 7-20 	Most of these decisions have been retired. "Retire" means that, as of the "retirement date", the decision is no longer current policy under the Board of Directors Bylaw. "Retiring" does not affect a decision's status as policy prior to the date it was "retired".
1991 - March 3, 2003	Board of Governors (WorkSafeBC) & Panel of Administrators (WorkSafeBC) & Appeal Division (WorkSafeBC)	Workers' Compensation Reporter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1991-2004 v. 7-20 http://www.worksafebc.com/publications/wc_reporter/default.asp WorkSafeBC.com <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decisions from the Panel (1998-2002) http://www.worksafebc.com/law_and_policy/policy_decision/panel_decisions/default.asp All Appeal decisions posted as of Jan. 1, 2000 can be searched online http://www.worksafebc.com/review_and_appeals/search_appeal_decisions/default.asp 	<p>Selected decisions are published in the WCR. Personal information has been severed from all published and posted decisions.</p> <p>Besides Governor and Appeal decisions, the WCR includes decisions from the Review Board, court decisions, and bylaws of the Board of Governors.</p> <p>Publication of the WCR has been suspended pending a decision as to whether or not it will be continued and in what format.</p>
2003 - present	Board of Directors (WorkSafeBC)	WorkSafeBC.com <ul style="list-style-type: none"> http://www.worksafebc.com/law_and_policy/policy_decision/board_decisions/default.asp 	Directors' decisions cover broad policy and regulation issues. For example, their decisions can affect the assessment rates or benefit levels.
March 3, 2003 - present	Review Division (WorkSafeBC)	WorkSafeBC.com <ul style="list-style-type: none"> http://www.worksafebc.com/review_search/advanced_search.asp 	Selected decisions are posted. Personal information has been severed.
March 3, 2003 - present	Workers' Compensation Appeals Tribunal (WCAT)	WCAT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> http://www.wcat.bc.ca/research/appeal-search.htm 	All decisions are posted, except for a handful. Personal information has been severed.



CALL Conference - St. John's

Debbie Benson, Clark Wilson LLP

Thank you again to VALL for awarding me the Peter Bark Bursary in 2005. I attended the CALL Conference in St. John's Newfoundland from May 15-18, 2005. I had been to St. John's the last time CALL was held there in 1986. I remembered the weather being somewhat "unpredictable" and fortunately took warm clothes. I hadn't been to CALL since the Victoria conference and it was nice to renew old acquaintances. I was also able to spend some time with a first cousin I hadn't seen for some time who is married to a CALL member.

Here are a few of the highlights from the sessions I attended:

1. CanLII Open Forum for Members

Representatives from CanLII gave an overview of the status of the project and some of their plans for future developments. They wanted to hear what improvements the audience felt were needed. There was discussion concerning the layout of the pages and how to make them more printer friendly. There was also discussion about the citation CanLII assigns where a neutral citation isn't available. Ontario still doesn't assign neutral citations. The REFEX citation system was also explained. It is a system that automatically processes citations to case law and legislation. The note-up function was also discussed; many people didn't realize it was available.

2. Cool Things I Am Doing In My Law Library

There are several "cool things" being done in Law Libraries. Connie Crosby talked about blogs and Iain Sinclair discussed his firm's webtracker cost recovery software. The most interesting for me was the Edmonton Law Libraries Association two day research event. Three years ago Edmonton Law Libraries Association members decided to try to improve articling students research skills by joining forces for a 2-day event at the University of Alberta. A combination of lectures, vendor demos and hands-on library exercises were used to ensure students had some knowledge and experience with the basic tools of secondary, legislative and case law research before they joined their law firms for articles. This seems like a very "cool" idea and one which many of us from Vancouver would like to see happen here.

3. Electronic Access to Court Records

There were 3 speakers at this session. The first was a family lawyer from Ontario who raised several questions with regard to privacy issues and electronic access to court records. Justice B.T. Granger from the Ontario Superior Court of Justice talked about using electronic documents in a court room setting. Catherine LaForce, Director, Information Management and Strategic Planning, Supreme Court of Canada talked about the SCC's e-filing project. She mentioned one of the main problems they have had is the reluctance of court staff to have the process scrutinized. That was also a major issue that was identified by BC's Court Services Online when they spoke to a VALL meeting last year.

4. Generations in the Workplace

This was an interesting session on how to manage the different age groups in the workplace. All groups have different work ethics and values: how you recruit, motivate and retain these employees is a difficult issue.

5. Negotiating for Law Librarians

This session was presented by a lawyer who specializes in negotiating. He had just been involved in resolving the lobster fishery dispute that was going on while we were in Newfoundland.

As usual, the social events were great. The opening reception was held at the Geo Centre which is mostly underground inside the 550 million-year-old exposed rocks of Signal Hill. A cocktail reception was held at The Rooms which is the new home of the Provincial Museum, the Provincial Archives and the Art Gallery of Newfoundland. Unfortunately, the exhibits had not yet opened but the interior of the building is fantastic. The highlight of the evening had to be the potato martinis accompanied by champagne. These were scoops of mashed potatoes in a martini glass which you then topped with various gravies, melted cheese or lobster. They were delicious! The closing banquet which was held at the conference hotel came complete with local musicians and a fine time was had by all. A trip to Washington, D.C. and New York City completed a great trip to the east coast.

CALL Conference - St. John's

Lynda Roberts, Bull, Housser & Tupper LLP



Introduction

The CALL/ACBD Conference this year in St. John's was excellent. I was able to attend the Conference, in part, because of funds I received from VALL through the *Peter Bark Professional Development Bursary*. I am exceedingly grateful for the financial assistance and made the most of this opportunity. As a recipient of the PBPDB this year, I am happy to submit my report on the Conference to the members of VALL.

Before I summarize the Conference I want to recommend that every VALL member make an effort to visit Newfoundland and Labrador at some point in their life. It is such a unique part of Canada that it must not be missed. There is something for everyone -- the geography is stunning and accessible, the people are very friendly and the history is rich. The socioeconomic changes resonate on many levels with the demise of the fishing industry and the rise of offshore oil exploration and tourism: spending time there is quite an education.

Pre-Conference

As is done at other CALL conferences, tours are organized for visitors the day before the official opening. With the Conference being in St. John's, virtually all the delegates were from "away," and very few had ever been to Newfoundland and Labrador -- so everyone was keen to tour. There were two tours offered: one was a boat trip from Bay Bulls, just south of St. John's, out to the sea to catch up with the whales and puffins and another was a bus tour to various historic sights in and around St. John's.

I choose the bus tour to Signal Hill, Petty Harbour, Quidi Vidi and Cape Spear. Cape Spear, the eastern most point in North America, is a dramatic place with crashing waves and a steep rocky shore, where everything but the lighthouse has been levelled by the extreme elements. And the weather did not fail, it was classic - fog, driving rain with a cold wind blowing off the Atlantic. Petty Harbour was my first glimpse of a typical picturesque Atlantic fishing village. It looked exactly as I had imagined. I later learned that it has been the setting for at least two Hollywood films, so there is little wonder it looked "typical" to me!

That night our hosts continued to "pour on" the Newfoundland charm. They organized a pub crawl to show off a few of their ninety or so pubs. Most of the pubs are located on the infamous George Street where you can dance the night away to live music almost everywhere. At one establishment we were all invited to be "screeched in." The cod we kissed was frozen, the screech not as vile as I feared, and the oath was practically indecipherable -- I can only remember the last line, "Long may your big jib draw!" -- but it was good fun. The LexisNexis Canada folks, great sports that they are, had to kiss the backside of a plastic puffin when it was their turn. I have no idea what difference that makes in the big picture.

Just before midnight I decided to call it quits. On the street, I could hear music drifting out from all the bars and it was as thick with people outside as it was inside. Leaving the party scene behind, I noticed that I was walking against a current of people heading the other way -- toward George Street. I later discovered that the pubs only start to get going *after* midnight -- what a place!

Conference Sessions -- Day One

It was just as well that I left the pub when I did as the next day was all business - starting with the Business meetings of the various SIGs and Committees first thing in the morning. At the *Private Law Libraries SIG* we discussed the program for next year. Partially as a result of the positive feedback to the pre-conference workshop, *training* was the program topic the group favoured exploring.

The *Vendor Liaison Committee* meeting was uncharacteristically quiet but questions and concerns about the old Factiva databases were raised and directed to LexisNexis, the new purveyors of that information. Users hoped that Lexis could "bundle" the old Factiva databases into a "folder" as an alternative to simply integrating them within the LexisNexis matrix of databases. Questions were directed to Lexis with respect to their pricing as well. The specific issue being that more and more databases are not included in their "flat rate" service. Patrick McNeill, of LexisNexis in Toronto, promised to look into both issues. I have since heard that they made some changes to the organization of the old Factiva databases.

The *Knowledge Management SIG* is new this year and the meeting was well attended. The discussion revolved primarily around finding an acceptable but broad enough mandate for the SIG. In addition, many suggestions were put forward for a program for next year.

At the *Introductory Address* in the early afternoon, Dale Jarvis, a researcher and writer from St. John 's delivered a very interesting historical overview of the city and of Newfoundland and Labrador. He included much of the colourful Newfoundland lore, and it was a very entertaining session.

Later that afternoon the vendors were all given an opportunity to present their latest and greatest resources and to brief us on what was in store.

LexisNexis promoted their training portal for Law Schools – www.lexisnexis.ca/lawschools, a new law school section which includes info for librarians, and their "Court Link" service, a search tool for due diligence undertakings.

Butterworths described their initiative to "re-develop" their US products for Canadian users. They also announced a new agreement with Condor Books, Jewel Publications and now distribute all the Lazar Sarna books.

Quicklaw announced that *LawNet* now includes cases from 150 media sources and that their legislation coverage is complete for all jurisdictions. They have also expanded their collection of Administrative Tribunal decisions and they have developed a new citation for these decisions. Summaries have been added to full text cases in the CJ database so that a single search retrieves both the full text and the summary.

Carswell introduced 11 new Canadian Abridgment weekly edigests [now 19 in all] and reported that all edigests are delivered within one email every Tuesday. They have also added a new feature to **WestlaweCarswell** called *KeyCite Locate* in addition to enhancing their search page with drop down menus. KeyCite Locate provides the ability to search *within* KeyCite results.

CCH promoted their Professional Training and Development Centre portal - <http://www.training.cch.ca/index.asp>

The *Opening Reception* that night was sponsored by CCH, and as has become tradition, was a "gala gala do". It was held in the impressive Johnson GEO Centre, a structure built into the rock on the road to Signal Hill. The building is almost entirely underground and houses a large geological display and an exhibit on the Titanic. The geological exhibit was extraordinary and you quickly realize why they call Newfoundland "The Rock". The huge bounty of seafood hors d'oeuvres were local, delicious, and beautifully presented and the cocktail party was a great opportunity to move around and chat with folks from across the country, and not just folks from across the country, as CALL attracts many delegates from around the world. I met librarians and vendors visiting from the US, New Zealand, England and Australia.

Conference Sessions – Day Two

The next day began for me at 9:00am with Part I of the Annual General Meeting. This is always a very interesting part of the Conference. Not only do you get a chance to hear from the Executive and the various Committee and SIG Chairs on their activities for the past year, but you also discover the issues that are of concern to the other members. Everyone is given an opportunity to address the membership and Executive during the "Open Forum".

Between the AGM and lunch I attended the session entitled *Cool Things I am doing in my Law Library: A Reprise*. This is a very popular session and this year was no exception. I was particularly impressed by the Edmonton Law Libraries Association's legal research training initiative. The group pools their skills and their time and presents an annual two day legal research training program for articling students in a central location in lieu of developing and presenting individual programs in their respective firms. As a result, during their articling year, the students from the participating firms attend a two day session put on by ELLA at the University of Alberta and it is reported to be very successful. A copy of their presentation is available at: http://www.library.dal.ca/law/St-Johns/Pres/Mon16/S_Mireau_J_Parkinson_Presentation.PPT

I was also intrigued by Katie Thomas' s presentation. Katie, a law librarian at the Bank of Montreal in Toronto, discussed job sharing. She provided us with a list of Job Swap and Library Exchange resources and related tips for those in the audience interested in participating in organized programs.

Her materials and links can be found at:

http://www.library.dal.ca/law/St-Johns/Pres/Mon16/Job_Swaps_&_Library_Exchanges.doc

Iain Sinclair, Director, Information Services, Stewart McKelvey Stirling Scale, presented on his experience with a particular webtracker program. He discussed the technical limitations to the various products available but was very positive as to the usefulness of being able to track time spent on particular internet sites. The data can be used for a number of purposes and opens up a number of possibilities.

Research Manager, from Thomson Elite, is one of the products he mentioned:

<http://www.elite.com/solutions/products/research-manager.asp>

Research Agent, from Research Agent Corp., is another: <http://www.researchagent.com/>

Unfortunately several sessions overlap and I missed a session on using "chat reference" services and a session on forensic evidence both of which looking interesting. However presentations are posted on the CALL website - <http://www.library.dal.ca/law/St-Johns/Eng/Materials.html>

Following lunch I attended the first Plenary Session -- a presentation by the Honourable [and erudite] Gerard LaForest. He discussed his experience with maritime boundary arbitration - particularly in negotiating the boundary between Newfoundland, the French islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon and Nova Scotia, and negotiating their respective interests in the Grand Banks, an area rich in fish and now, perhaps, oil.

Later that afternoon I attended the session on *Electronic Access to Court Records and Privacy*. With our own courts moving quickly in this direction I thought it wise to learn the pros and cons from those with some experience.

Catherine La Force, Director of Information Management and Strategic Planning at the Supreme Court of Canada provided an overview of their e-filing project. She provided an interesting account of the problems they encountered setting up their system.

Carole Curtis, a family lawyer in Ontario, provided a passionate account of the problems that can arise if the courts make all records accessible and fail to protect the privacy of individuals - "e-filing" vs. "e-access". In describing the e-filing situation in Canada, Ms. Curtis complained that the provinces are developing systems independently rather than cooperating on national standards. She raised many interesting questions: Should the files be entirely searchable, does a search require justification, should access be available remotely or on site only, should bulk commercial searching be allowed, should all pleadings be available, what is an acceptable fee for the service, and how will the court manage the security risks?

Mr. Justice B. T. Granger of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice emphasized the efficiency of using electronic documents in the court room particularly in a lengthy trial. However, with few standards in place there are always technical challenges. He suggested that parties make a real effort to come together to benefit from the advantages that technology offers. It was somewhat disconcerting that he appears to be acting alone in his promotion of technology and that he has no interest in working with a committee to set standards and train others.

Canada Law Book hosted a special reception to celebrate their 150th anniversary that evening in *The Rooms*. *The Rooms* is home to the Provincial archives, the Provincial Museum and the Art Gallery of Newfoundland and Labrador. Again we were treated to good food and a great space in which to socialize.

Conference Sessions – Day Three

The Plenary Session on Tuesday morning focused on diversity of ages in the workplace and how this affects everything from employee management to training. The presentation by Gayle Lynn-Nelson & Kit Hartnett, *Generations in the Workplace*, was a thought provoking session. Materials are posted on the CALL website.

Part II of the AGM was next and during this portion of the AGM, the President takes time to recognize certain members for past achievements and presents various awards. One of the highlights is always the *CALL/ACBD Award for Excellence in Legal Publishing*. The name of the award was changed this year and it is now called the *Hugh Lawford Award for Excellence in Legal Publishing* in honour of Hugh Lawford for his years of great work developing Quicklaw and his support of law librarians. This year it went to CanLII for which they were sincerely grateful. Also, I was lucky to be one of the five recipients of the *James D. Lang Memorial Scholarship* this year and am taking the Parliamentarian Procedure Course with the scholarship funds. A full list of awards and recipients will be published in the CALL/ACBD Annual Report distributed with the next issue of the Canadian Law Library Review.

That afternoon the regular sessions re-commenced and I attended the presentation entitled *Business Records Classification: Developing a Taxonomy for Information Management – Lessons Learned in Libraries*. Unfortunately, I found that the *Manulife Financial* experience, as presented by Frances McManus, was very well documented but not representative enough of my environment for it to be relevant to me.

Jane Parkinson's presentation was very entertaining but not really on developing a taxonomy per se.

Later that afternoon I attended the session hosted by the Private Law Libraries SIG, *Negotiating for Law Libraries*. The speaker, Denis Mahoney, a partner with McInnes Cooper in St. John's, was particularly enthusiastic when he arrived, since he had just reached a tentative agreement in his negotiations with the Newfoundland Crab Fishermen's Union. The crab fisherman had been on strike for some time and the situation was extremely political and topical. His success certainly added a ton of credibility to his presentation!

All too soon, it was time for the closing ceremony. The notorious Closing Banquet sponsored by LexisNexis Canada was as lively and enjoyable as ever. Two traditional Celtic style fiddling bands were on hand to entertain us and everyone was doing the jig before you knew it.

Conference Sessions – Day Four

Early the next morning, the third and final session of the AGM was held. The 2005 Conference Committee received a well deserved round of applause and we were given a preview of the 2006 Conference to be held May 7-10 in Edmonton, Alberta.

The theme for next year is "Four Strong Winds", representing *Leadership, Resources, Innovation, and Expectations*. The membership thanked Janine Miller for her leadership over the last two years and welcomed John Sadler as the new President of CALL.

The final presentation was the *Reference Tool Box*. Here is a link to Lindsay Glynn's [Public Services Librarian, Health Sciences Library, Memorial University] top ten non-legal websites - Google Scholar; PubMed; Canadian Research Index; Canadian Business & Current Affairs; Stats Can; Canadian Institute for Health Information; LexisNexis; Strategis; Iii.org; Internet archive] http://www.library.dal.ca/law/St-Johns/Pres/Wed18/Top_Ten_List.ppt

At noon it was time to say goodbye to everyone; however, with so many people staying on to travel around the province it wasn't quite the typical exodus.

I suggest to those in need of financial assistance to attend conferences like CALL to apply for the *Peter Bark Professional Development Bursary*. The experience is valuable in so many ways.

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