

VALL Review

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The President's Desk

The new executive started working together in the summer, and includes the following new members: **Larisa Titova** – Vice President, **Rebecca Slaven** – Membership Secretary, **Alyssa Green** and **Kathryn Rose** – VALL Review, and **Emily Klomps** – Webmaster. It is exciting to have such a dynamic group of old and new faces to work with this year, and thank you to the departing board members – it was a great experience working with you.



Sarah Sutherland
VALL President
2013-2014

For our inaugural meeting, the board spent some time reviewing this year's survey results in order to draw inspiration about how to proceed this year. As there was a request for more communication from the board about some of the decisions that have been made, here is a summary of some of the decisions we made regarding strategic direction this year:

There were several mentions of a generational disconnect in the survey, and this is difficult to address. The board aims to develop programming that will meet the needs of senior and junior members of the profession and are discussing the introduction of some smaller programming opportunities for subsets of the membership who have different needs.

There were also requests for more focused and advanced programming on particular subjects such as budget constraints and the legal publishing environment in Canada. It is difficult to find presenters who can speak on some of these subjects to a room with the base level of knowledge the VALL membership has, so if there are any specific suggestions on presenters who are willing to speak on them, please feel free to communicate them to any member of the executive without waiting for the next survey, keeping in mind that there are very limited funds to pay speakers. Additionally, there was also a question about expanding programming to include Kelowna, but the board decided that as our mandate is to provide an association for Vancouver librarians, this not something we will take on this year. Should there be a group

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of people in Kelowna or other communities who want to explore legal information programming, we invite them to contact the board, and we would be happy to provide guidance on starting an association or developing programming locally.

Some respondents questioned the value of social media for VALL. This led to the decision to delete our Facebook account, which was not being properly utilized, but to keep LinkedIn and Twitter, which are still being used by VALL members.

There was also mention in the survey about the possibility of increasing advocacy efforts, and after discussing it we decided that we feel our efforts are most effective and relevant when they focus on local issues of direct pertinence to law libraries and legal publishing. If there are issues individual members are concerned about, please feel free to forward them to the board for consideration. Should any members wish to expand VALL's advocacy role beyond local issues, we are open to exploring that possibility with anyone who would like to volunteer to lead that initiative.

Finally, it was suggested that VALL explore publishing more authoritative content in such venues as *VALL Review* then repost them to other sites. This is an interesting possibility, and should anyone wish to write content of this nature for *VALL Review*, Kathryn and Alyssa would welcome submissions.

The *VALL Review* is the official newsletter of the Vancouver Association of Law Libraries. VALL is composed of members of the law library community interested in discussing issues and sharing ideas. Opinions expressed in the newsletter are those of the authors and do not necessarily represent VALL policy or position. Unsolicited submissions are welcome. VALL reserves the right to edit submissions.

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From the Editors

Alyssa Green, Vancouver Public Library
and Kathryn Rose

This September marked the 25th anniversary of VALL and the Review. For 25 years, Law Librarians and Library Technicians have been coming together to discuss issues in the field of Law Librarianship. Shockingly, even 25 years ago the impact of technology was top of mind for VALL members. The feature article of the inaugural VALL Review was "[The Librarian Saved or Victimised by the Computer](#)" by Shurkieh Merlet.

To celebrate our 25th anniversary, we've decided to focus this issue on technology. Our feature article from Sarah Sutherland looks back at Merlet's article and discusses how the evolution of technology continues to impact librarians, and what we can do to keep up with the quick pace of change.

We also have articles reporting on the Public Legal Education and Information Forum in October, an in-depth summary of the VALL 2012/2013 Annual Members Survey results, and a review of Fall Programming and a look ahead to what the Programming team has planned for winter and beyond.

And it seems only fitting to welcome Wilma MacFarlane as our newest Lifetime Member in the 25th anniversary issue. Wilma has been a member of VALL since 1989, and volunteered for many years on the Executive Committee.

VALL wants to encourage you to keep continuing education in mind by applying for the 2014 Peter Bark Bursary. Whether you want to attend a conference or register in a course, the Peter Bark Bursary is there to support you.

And as always, we welcome your content ideas and articles for future issues of the VALL Review, so please get in touch with us at vallreview@gmail.com. We'd love to hear from you!

Member Announcements

Debbie Millward is McMillan LLP's new Manager, Library Services in the Vancouver office. Debbie joined McMillan on September 3rd and brings extensive research experience in business, news and competitive intelligence to the firm. She was Manager, News Research for Pacific Newspaper Group for 17 years, building expertise in corporate library administration, training and project management. Debbie has recently been consulting for clients in legal, academic and publishing sectors. This fall, Debbie also joined Langara College's Library and Information Technology program as a part-time instructor, and she is an adjunct professor at SLAIS, The iSchool@UBC. Debbie is active in SLA's Western Canada Chapter and the BC Library Trustees' Association, and looks forward to getting to know the VALL community better.

Lifetime Member Profile: Wilma Macfarlane

Wilma received her degree in Librarianship in 1965 from the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, Scotland. In 1974, she and her husband Bill relocated to Canada to work and raise their family. Wilma worked in a variety of library positions in Alberta before establishing her law library career in Vancouver, BC. From 1984 to 1985, she worked as an Information Specialist for the Calgary based company, Dome Petroleum. From 1985 to 1988 she worked as the Coordinator of Technical Services at Keyano College in Fort McMurray. The family relocated further west and settled once more in British Columbia. In 1989, Wilma accepted a Librarian position at Farris Vaughan Wills and Murphy LLP and in 1998 she was appointed as their new Manager of Library Services. For over 21 years, Wilma dedicated herself to providing exceptional library service to the firm while imparting her positive attitude, her charming Scottish humour and her unwavering professionalism throughout her career. Wilma has been a committed member of the Vancouver Association of Law Libraries since 1989 and has served several positions on the VALL Executive. Among them are, Programs Committee (2001-2002), Vice-President (2007-08), President in (2008-09), and Past President (2009 - 10). As a result, she has developed a strong network of longtime colleagues and friends. Wilma continues to attend VALL seminars and social events where you will often see her chatting with new members and never hesitating to share her knowledge and guidance. Wilma's dedication, hard work and trusted advice, are all characteristics of a VALL member that leads by example, and we are happy to count Wilma among our Lifetime Members!

The Ever-Receding Future of Library Technology

Sarah Sutherland, CanLII

When we were planning direction this year and considering last year's VALL survey results, the board was interested in exploring both the future and the past of VALL. One of the things we decided to do was consider some of the back content of the VALL Review to pull insights for the present. It was because of this that Kathryn Rose and Alyssa Green drew my attention to the first issue of VALL Review published in the autumn of 1988.

It was very interesting to see the continuities and disconnects between the law library world of today and 25 years ago – for instance, I think the most charming elements we don't have any more is a small used book section in the back with two advertisements for private sales and a phone number to call for British Columbia Library Association job postings, but it was the similarities rather than the differences that most struck me. Peter Bark held the position of manager of the library at Lawrence & Shaw, which over the years became McMillan LLP where I worked until last summer, and was in charge of programming, and there was discussion about what VALL's role should be: should VALL do professional development, lobbying, workshops, or hold joint meetings with other organizations?

And the first feature article by Shukrieh Merlet titled "The Librarian Saved or Victimized by the Computer" discussed the continuing relevance of librarians in the evolving technological landscape. She discussed the pressures experienced by librarians who found themselves displaced as their jobs were automatized and gave some very sensible, and still relevant, advice on how to proceed for those without the computer skills required to obtain the newly created positions that were opening up.

The thing that most resonated with me personally was her claim of computer programming, data input, and retrieval as the province of the librarian and her call for the development of those skills as essential to making use of the best aspects of the emerging tools. This was and continues to be important for the continued relevance of library staff. There have of course been some technological developments in the last 25 years, and hopefully there will be less manual data entry required in the future as functions such as cataloguing and serial tracking continue to be automated; and information retrieval, especially for simple queries, will continue to require less professional mediation.

That doesn't mean that the central message that controlling data and computer system design and implementation don't continue to be "the librarian's forte." I hope we will continue to learn the skills required for computer programming and data manipulation from the IT profession, because they have borrowed extensively from librarianship in developing their theoretical frameworks. For example, learning that there is such a thing as regular expressions and how fantastically useful they are for data manipulation earlier this year bridged a gap in my ability to fully use the data I inherit, create, or find in ways I didn't know were possible.

The advice Shukrieh gave to those who find themselves looking for a job I will let stand, as I

believe she said it very well and that it needs little updating. There are always developing threats and opportunities, many of which in the last 30 years or so have come from technological change. We are as far away from the autumn of 1988 as they were from 1963, and as far away as 1963 was from 1938. It seems that the pace of change will continue at the clip it has so far, and I look forward to what the world will look like in 2033.

Conference Report: PLEAC Vancouver 2013: A Public Legal Education and Information Forum, October 9-10, 2013

Sarah Sutherland, CanLII

The Public Legal Education Association of Canada held their 2013 conference in Vancouver on October 9 and 10, 2013. The first day was restricted to members only, but I was able to attend the second. It is always interesting to me to go to hear the insights from and issues affecting neighbouring disciplines, and this conference was another interesting opportunity to do that.

The morning keynote was delivered by Sarah McCoubrey, Executive Director of Ontario Justice Education Network, and she had good advice that can provide those of us in law libraries something to ponder. I was particularly interested to hear her suggest that divisions among organizations by jurisdictions and subject matter should be put aside for the time being, as too much time can be spent deciding who will do what before action is taken. This is especially important as the public seeking assistance don't tend to consider what area of law they are concerned with or what jurisdiction they are in, but just go to the organization they know.

The observations I felt were most pertinent to libraries were as follows: a suggestion to not consider new projects when tired, which leads one to argue to reduce the scope and vision of a project because one can't escape thinking: "when will I do all this work?" That it is a mistake to wait to be asked if one has an idea, but to be proactive in proposing the ideas one does have. She called on practitioners to consider local issues holistically to develop solutions that are not constrained by geography. Finally to take "noble risks" – as Sarah said good solutions may fail, having only successful projects means you are playing it too safe. We need to take risks to grow.

The next session was a panel on legal literacy. I was particularly interested in what Joh Kirby, the executive director of the Victoria Law Foundation in Australia, had to say about duplication of projects. In their funding exercises they identified good and bad reasons for duplication of material. Bad reasons for duplication include:

- Not knowing what's out there
- Self-promotion
- A desire to provide a suite of information (that all aspects of need be provided by one organization)

This led to a strategy to moderate the process:

- Development of guidelines for applicants
- Making resources easier to find
- Getting representatives from granting agencies on boards
- Developing guidelines for grants

Most interestingly for me, two of the guidelines were purely informational in nature: including the requirement to use a shared taxonomy for concepts and the publication of a glossary of terms.

Sean Muir of the [Healthy Aboriginal Network](#) was also very interesting. They develop relatable content in formats like comic books and videos to assist in providing health information to Aboriginal youth. He showed a very moving video they developed and discussed other formats. Of particular interest was “augmented reality,” which is facilitated using a downloadable app, which plays a pre-recorded video when the device is pointed at a specific image.

Public legal education providers also struggle with the lines between technological advances and the services that it is only feasible to provide in person. Which made it very interesting to have the opportunity to see a different side of legal information from what I usually do, and get a feel for the interesting projects happening in that sector.

VALL 2012/2013 Annual Membership Survey Results

Bronwyn Guiton, Lawson Lundell LLP

In June of this year, I was tasked with writing the annual online membership survey. Forty nine VALL members responded to the email invitation to fill out the survey. I would personally like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who responded.

Copies of the results of the survey were distributed to both outgoing and incoming VALL Executive members at the turnover meeting in late July 2013. While the survey results are not made available to the full membership, this article will summarize the results I observed.

The results of the past member surveys have been invaluable to me in my work as a VALL Programs Committee member. As I detailed in my article for the volume 25, number 3 of the VALL Review, "VALL Programming – 2012-2013 in review," the survey results helped the Programs Committee choose speakers and initiate a series of more casual social events. As a continuing member of the Programs Committee, the 2012/2013 Membership Survey has already helped make decisions about which speakers to invite to our lunchtime seminars this season.

Seminar Feedback

Thirty nine of the forty nine survey respondents (or 80%) attended at least one VALL seminar during the 2012/2013 year. The three most-cited reasons for not attending all four seminars were: a scheduling conflict or timing, budget limitations, and the topic not being of interest.

We received generally positive ratings on the 2012/2013 seminars, with particularly high praise for our October speaker, lawyer John-Paul Boyd. Boyd talked about the new BC Family Law rules. Although that seminar was attended relatively lightly (presumably because not as many of our members assist family lawyers) the content of the seminar was also the highest rated of the year.

Free form feedback about VALL Programming was decidedly mixed. Reviewing the various responses, I selected the following piece to share because it touched on both the negative and the positive feedback we received.

Q: If you wish to say more about the value of the seminar, please do so here.

Sample response: This is difficult to answer as the sessions are for everyone, so as I am not necessarily a typical attendee. I find that the seminars tend not to have enough depth to feel like they really help me with my work, and the social aspect of the lunch is limited by the seminar aspect of the event. I enjoyed the coffee and drinks meetings. I recognize that it is difficult to program for so many people with different needs at once, and just because they don't always meet my needs doesn't mean they aren't good programming.

In general this free form feedback conveyed that VALL members wanted seminar programming that would give them tools and knowledge that they could take back to their office and start applying right away. The feedback also emphasized that networking at VALL events was just as important as the topics being discussed. To that end, the morning and evening socials were particularly welcome.

As a member of both the 2012/2013 and the 2013/2014 VALL Programs Committee, I will certainly be taking all of this feedback to heart as we continue to arrange programming for the 2013/2014 season.

Membership Benefits

Members cited the following as the top 3 most important benefits to their VALL membership:

1. General networking
2. The membership directory
3. Seminars

Joint VALL/BCLMA workshop

VALL's "fifth seminar" was a joint workshop with the British Columbia Legal Management Association titled "The Case for Making a Business Case." Attendees rated the speaker, topic, venue, and food and beverages highly. Those who did not attend the joint workshop cited the following reasons most often:

1. Scheduling conflict or timing
2. Budget limitations
3. The topic was of no interest

In turning to joint workshop topics for the future, respondents were asked to select sample topics that they would be most interested in hearing about. The top 3 topics were:

1. Supervisory and leadership skills training
2. Measuring successes and marketing yourself and your library
3. Negotiating with vendors

Future Directions

Renewing and reevaluating is of critical importance to any organization and the 2012/2013 Membership Survey sought to understand if or how we should be expanding or changing direction.

Respondents were asked whether VALL should pursue new activities or not pursue anything new and just focus on existing activities. Responses were almost evenly distributed across the following options:

1. More tours (27%)
- 2 (tie). Do not pursue new activities and focus on the existing activities (23%)
- 2 (tie). More workshops (e.g. like our existing joint workshop with BCLMA) (23%)
3. More seminars (e.g. like our existing quarterly seminars) (19%)
4. Other (8%)

Given the option to offer free form advice on the future direction of VALL, our members were very forthcoming with a variety of feedback. As with the rest of the survey, these responses were shared with the outgoing and the incoming Executive at the turnover meeting earlier in July 2013.

I want to reiterate my sincere thank you to everyone who responded to the 2012/2013 Membership Survey. I look forward to incorporating the results from this survey into my work this year and I hope it will result in relevant, enjoyable programming for the 2013/2014 season.

Vendors' Corner

QUICKLAW

Since June 2013, here are the sources that were added in Quicklaw:

New Sources:

- Canadian Environmental Law (Natural Resources Module and Library)
- IFC Performance Standards on Environmental & Social Sustainability (Natural Resources Module and Library)
- Ontario Energy Law: Electricity (Natural Resources Module and Library)
- Aviation Liability Law, 2nd edition (Library, Insurance Law Module and Litigation Practice)
- Intellectual Property Management: Best Practices (Library and IP&IT Practice)
- Le devoir de coopération durant l'exécution du contrat (Quicklaw Québec and Doctrine du Québec Practice)
- La vente internationale dans la pratique (Quicklaw Québec and Doctrine du Québec Practice)
- Ramsay on Technology Transfers, 3rd Edition (Library and IP&IT Practice)
- Procedural Strategies for Litigators in Alberta (Litigation Practice and Library)
- Supreme Court Law Review * Because of the special relationship we have developed over the years with Osgoode Hall Law School, an important contributor to the Supreme Court Law review, we have decided to provide these volumes on Quicklaw. The SCLR source currently available on Quicklaw contains a selection of Supreme Court Law Review volumes, providing unique, thought-provoking coverage of Canadian constitutional law authored by a collection of leading scholars from Osgoode Hall Law School. Osgoode Hall Law School has been at the forefront of critical analysis and review of Constitutional Law developments in Canada. So far, volumes 58, 57, 51 and 47 are available with two or three more volumes to come by the end of the year. This source will be updated with further Osgoode volumes on an ongoing basis.
- Security Exchange Commission Sources were added to Full Service International menus.
- Browse Current SEC No-Action, Exemptive & Interpretive Letters
- SEC Filings - Full Text Only
- SEC Filings - Abstracts Only*
- SEC Filings - Full-Text & Abstracts
- SEC Williams Act Filings - Abstracts
- SEC Proxy Statements
- SEC Registration Statements - Abstracts
- SEC Form 10-K
- SEC Form 10-Q
- SEC Annual Reports to Shareholders
- SEC Cases, No Action Letters, Releases, Decisions, CFTC Orders and CFR
- SEC Releases/Decisions and CFR Titles 12 and 17
- SEC Decisions, Orders & Releases
- SEC News Digest
- SEC Litigation Releases
- SEC Form 8-K
- SEC Registration Statements
- SEC Prospectuses
- SEC Williams Act Filings
- SEC Exhibits
- SEC Staff Comment Letters
- NE SEC Cases & Administrative Decs, and Interpretative Opinions
- NY SEC Cases and Administrative Decisions and No-Action Letters
- Combined SEC No-Action Letters and Releases
- Employment Contracts from SEC Filings*

- Federal Securities Cases, SEC Releases and CFTC Decisions and Letters
- Federal Register, Including SEC and CFTC Proposed Rules and Regs
- EDGAR-Online Real Time SEC Filings
- The Ultimate Accountants' Reference: Including GAAP, IRS & SEC Regulations, Leases, and More (formerly Accounting Reference Desktop)
- CFR - Titles 12(Banks & Banking) & 17(SEC & CFTC Rules & Regs)

New Editions and Halsbury Laws of Canada re-issues :

- Palmer & Snyder: Collective Agreement Arbitration in Canada, 5th (Labour Practice and Library)
- Canada Business Corporations Act & Commentary (2013/2014) (Library)
- Annotated Ontario Building Code Act, 2013 Edition (Construction Law Module and Library)
- Canadian Extradition Law Practice, 2012 Edition (Immigration Practice, Criminal Practice, and Library)
- Canadian Federal Courts Practice (2013 Edition) (Immigration Practice, Litigation Practice, IT&IP Practice and Library)
- Impaired Driving in Canada, 2012/2013 Edition (Criminal Practice and Library)
- Practitioner's Criminal Precedents, 3rd Edition (Criminal Practice and Library)
- HLOC - Interim Preservation of Property Rights (Litigation Practice, Full Service, Full Service International and Library)
- HLOC - Inquests, Coroners and Medical Examiners (Criminal Practice, Full Service, Full Service International and Library)
- HLOC - Medicine and Health (Insurance Law Module, Full Service, Full Service International and Library)
- HLOC - Media and Postal Communications (Full Service, Full Service International and Library)
- HLOC - Business Corporations I & II (Full Service, Full Service International and Library)

Platform and Service enhancements:

Quicklaw Live Chat:

The icon will be seen in the top-right of the sign-in page and all English pages within Quicklaw, as well as the top-left of all English online help files. It will only appear and be clickable when bilingual customer support representatives are online and available. When clicked, the button will open a LiveChat session for users to engage CS with any questions or feedback on Quicklaw. This is also available from the QL product pages.

Case Citator signals added to results lists:

For the upcoming release (October) we have added QuickCITE Case Citator treatment signals to appear on results lists from case and tribunal searches. The results will display from caselaw searches run from the Home page (Find a document and Explore box) as well as from the Cases and Tribunals search forms. The signal will appear just to the left of the Case name, and just after the Duplicate symbol if duplicate versions exist and that feature is turned on. We will aim to link the signal directly to the QuickCITE Case record in a future release.

Lexis Practice Advisor:

Lexis Practice Advisor Canada is a new online service with tools and practical materials specifically built for transactional matters and more, covering the substantive and procedural aspects in a given practice area. The service contains step-by-step, 'how to' information, checklists, precedents, forms and practice notes from leading practitioners, covering business

transactions from beginning to end. It is the first and only practical guidance service dedicated to Canadian law and created by leading Canadian legal practitioners. Contact Jennifer Epp for more information.

Butterworth's Print releases:

NEW: British Columbia Courtroom Procedure. by Justice Keith Bracken & Monique Dull

Written from both a Judicial and Practitioner perspective, providing comprehensive coverage for judges and lawyers

Developments at CanLII

Colin Lachance, CanLII

Throughout 2013, CanLII has been focused on three priorities:

- Growing the CanLII collection
- Improving the search experience
- Expanding the utility of CanLII resources

Growing the collection

Through efforts geared toward satisfying the interest of users for a comprehensive collection, CanLII has studied pursued a variety of projects. For example, we commissioned a [citation analysis](#) to identify priority areas for case law expansion and more recently, we have made major additions to our collection of reported [Ontario](#) and Newfoundland cases. Active projects underway include efforts to make leaps of similar magnitude with our B.C. and prairie case law collections.

Improving the search experience

Following 4 months of public testing, this September CanLII completed its first [major overhaul to the search experience](#) since 2007. CanLII conducted direct user testing and solicited a great deal of feedback to ensure all concerns, large and small, were considered as we prepared for the leap from the "CanLII classic" to the new experience. Thank you to those who responded to our calls through the CALL-ACBD list for testing and feedback. Now nearly two months since launch, the reception is overwhelmingly positive. In addition, CanLII has experienced a 20% post-launch increase in site visits relative to the same period last year.

Expanding the utility of CanLII resources

CanLII presently houses over 1.2 million decisions and tens of thousands of pages of current and historical statutes and regulations. A valuable resource in its own right, CanLII offers tools and is pursuing opportunities to work with others to drive even greater benefits. Major activities in this area include the roll-out of [CanLII APIs](#), technology community development through a "[hackathon](#)", and a planned [spring 2014 roll-out](#) of an interactive website that will affiliate professionally-generated case commentary directly with CanLII case content.

CanLII has been privileged to have VALL president Sarah Sutherland on staff to support these efforts as well as our future plans. [Sarah joined CanLII in June of 2013](#) as our Manager of Content and Partnerships.

Fall Programming Review & A Look Ahead to 2014

Bronwyn Guiton, Lawson Lundell LLP

This Fall got off to a social start on Thursday, September 26th with a coffee morning social at the Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP library. All VALL members were invited to enjoy coffee, tea, and pastries while chatting with new and returning colleagues. There is nothing quite like seeing the early morning sun over Vancouver from a view like the one Fasken Martineau offers. Our gracious hostesses for the morning were Teresa Gleave, Library Manager at Faskens, and Gabriella Barsoum, Library & Information Services Technician at Faskens. My own surreptitious count of the empty glasses by the conclusion of the morning showed that we had 15-20 people stop by.

Later, on Thursday, October 10th, our first lunchtime seminar of the 2013/2014 season took place at the Shangri La hotel. Our guest speaker was Ludmila Herbst, a partner at Farris, Vaughan, Wills, & Murphy LLP. Our topic was the new BC Limitation Act. On June 1, 2013 the new BC Limitation Act, SBC 2012, c 13 came into effect, replacing the old RSBC 1996, c 266. The VALL programs committee asked Ludmila to explain how this new Act will affect the work of lawyers and library professionals.

Ludmila is also the library partner at Farris and she was recommended to the VALL Programs Committee by Katherine Melville, Library Manager at Farris. Ludmila co-chaired the CLE course *Limitation Act 2013* earlier this year and those libraries who have a subscription to the CLE course material can read the material she prepared for that course.

While Ludmila spoke without a PowerPoint presentation, she did distribute extensive detailed notes to those in attendance. Those notes have been posted to the VALL website (login required) but I wanted to highlight some of the *Limitation Act* resources that were noted during the presentation.

- The 2010 White Paper leading to the reform
 - <http://www.ag.gov.bc.ca/legislation/limitation-act/pdf/LimitationActWhitePaperFINAL.pdf>
- BC ministry of Justice
 - <http://www.ag.gov.bc.ca/legislation/limitation-act/2012.htm>
 - Old-new and new-old concordances
 - transitional flow-chart
 - section-by-section explanation guide
- Law society of BC
 - <http://www.lawsociety.bc.ca/page.cfm?cid=3744&t=Ten-tips-to-beat-the-reset-clock>
- The Law of Limitations by Graeme Mew
 - Look out for a new 3rd edition in 2014 or 2015.

Ms. Herbst is a co-author of *Commercial Arbitration in Canada: A Guide to Domestic and International Arbitrations* and continues to author updates to this title.

The second lunchtime seminar of the season will be on Thursday, November 28th at the Shangri La hotel. Our speaker will be Steve Matthews of Stem Legal. Steve will address the trends and current innovations he is seeing in legal settings. Our second seminar has traditionally had a festive atmosphere and we hope you will join us.

VALL Review Newsletter Article Content Submission Guidelines

Please take a look at the guidelines below and contact the *VALL Review* Editors if you have any further questions. You do not have to be a VALL member to write for us. Anyone is welcome to contribute to the *VALL Review* as long as you meet the guidelines below. Thanks for your support and interest!

Purpose of VALL Review

- To provide short news and articles on library information and knowledge management developments of interest to VALL members with a priority focus on legal information and related issues concerning the legal sector.
- To highlight resources of interest to VALL which would be useful to the legal community and for professional library staff development.

Authors are advised to submit their draft articles that meet the minimal criteria:

- 1) In Microsoft Word, plain text or RTF.
- 2) Maximum of up to 800 words for full articles.
- 3) Single spaced with paragraphs.
- 4) Functional URLs and corresponding footnote bibliographic information for further reading.
- 5) Identification of author, their official position title and parent organization.

Publishers and vendors should only highlight for submission any new product developments that the vendor has not yet publicly released or that the vendor would like feedback from its customers. (Note: If a vendor has already released public marketing information to all customers on its corporate web site, *VALL Review* editors will exercise rights to determine if there is sufficient space to include the submitted information, in light of other VALL content publishing priorities.)

**VANCOUVER ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES
AUGUST 1, 2012 – JULY 31 2013**

Balance as of	July 31, 2013			
INCOME				
	Membership Fees	3,470.00		
	Bank Interest	4.55		
	March Workshop	1,260.00		
	Seminar Fees	6,914.00		
			11,648.55	
EXPENSES				
	March Workshop	1,431.08		
	PBMF Recipients	1,000.00		
	Post Office Box	192.64		
	Seminar Venues	7,288.81		
	Speakers Gifts	183.93		
	Miscellaneous	256.00	10,352.46	
NET INCOME				1,296.09
Chequing Account				
Balance as of	July 31, 2013			9,802.63
	Shares		110.34	
Total:				9,912.56
Peter Bark Memorial Fund	Term Deposit	Matures April 22, 2015	\$10,500.00	
	T-Bill Savings Account		2,175.09	
	Shares		137.38	
Total:				12,812.47

Stephanie Karnosh, VALL Treasurer
2012-2013