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Changes to the LibraryCo Board of Directors

LibraryCo held its Annual General Meeting on April 25 in Toronto. Following the meeting, Bruce Hutchison finished his term as chair of LibraryCo and stepped down from the Board. Bruce first joined the Board in 2007 as the Toronto Lawyers' Association representative, becoming chair in 2010. The Board wishes to thank Bruce for his dedication to the development of the county and district law library system and for his hard work over the past five years.

Alan Silverstein is the new chair of LibraryCo. He is a Bencher, a Law Society of Upper Canada representative to the Board of LibraryCo and practises real estate law in Thornhill. Frances Wood, a CDLPA representative to the Board and a past president of the Peel Law Association, is the new vice chair. The chair rotates between the three shareholders – the Law Society of Upper Canada, the County and District Law Presidents' Association and the Toronto Lawyers' Association. The term of office is two years.

We are pleased to welcome Jason Leung as the new TLA representative to the Board of Directors, succeeding Bruce Hutchison. Jason practises law at Ridout & Maybee where his practice focuses on the preparation and prosecution of patent applications and trade-mark applications. He is also the firm's Director of Knowledge Management.

Core Collections Lists

The 2012 revision of the core collections lists, *The Essential Law Library* and *Core Titles for an Ontario Courthouse Law Library* is now complete. The lists can be found on the LibraryCo web site at <http://www.libraryco.ca/Standards/collectionandhighlightsstandards.htm>. The core collections team did a stellar job of finding alternatives to looseleaf services from Carswell, which can no longer be bought as a set of annual contents.

LibraryCo thanks Anne Bowers, Northumberland Law Association, Marilyn Elkin, Roving Law Librarian, Law Society of Upper Canada, Kelly Elliott, Lincoln County Law Association and Vicki Westaway, Elgin Law Association, for their work this year and for their ongoing commitment to keeping the lists current and relevant.

CALL/ACBD Conference

Ten staff from the county and district law libraries attended this year's CALL/ACBD conference in Toronto with bursaries from LibraryCo. Many other staff from the courthouse libraries attended as well. It was good to see such positive support from the associations for continuing education.

This year's conference, "Towering Opportunities", was positively received by attendees. Highlights included the sessions "Helping your organization manage its reputation", with Rick Powers of the Rotman School of Management at the University of Toronto as the featured speaker; "Collection development in an era of shrinking budgets", which featured a panel of law firm, university and courthouse librarians; and "Professional Growth", presented by Professor Joe Janes of the University of Washington Information School.

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On May 7 I met with staff from the county and district law libraries to discuss LibraryCo's new business plan and to answer questions about LibraryCo.

CDLPA Plenary

Alan Silverstein and I attended the library session at the spring plenary in Kingston on May 11.

Law Society of Upper Canada CPD

Did you know?

Effective April 26, 2012:

Viewing archived webcasts, video replays or other recorded program formats without a colleague is now **an eligible education activity for the annual CPD Requirement for up to 6 CPD Hours** per calendar year.

New members may now apply any program or activity that contains **a minimum of 0.5 Professionalism Hours** toward the annual CPD requirement.

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Board General Manager's Travels

In the past few weeks I have visited the Oxford Law Association, County of Carleton Law Association, Prescott & Russell Law Association and the Frontenac Law Association. These visits enable me to update the associations about developments regarding LibraryCo (and the business plan in particular) as well as to learn about issues that affect the individual associations.

Roving Law Librarian - A Report from Marilyn Elkin

During the last month I visited the Huron Law Association library to work with Barb Alcock, getting the replacement materials on the shelves. I will be returning at the end of the month to continue this work.

I also attended the Canadian Association of Law Libraries conference where I participated in the pre-conference workshop on Advocacy as well as attending plenary sessions on Helping Your Organization Manage its Reputation, Information Makes us Human, and Future Trends in Legal Information and Law Libraries. I also participated in sessions such as Collection Development in an Era of Shrinking Budgets, Research Training for Foreign Trained Lawyers and Law Students, and Using Handheld Technology to Engage Library Users. The conference provided an opportunity to meet colleagues from across Canada and to discuss changes and common concerns. It was also the Annual General Meeting of CALL/ACBD and included vendors displaying and demonstrating new products as well as responding to customer concerns.

During the 1st week of June I will be traveling to the Renfrew Law Association library to meet with Laurie Stoddard, the new Library Assistant, to discuss collection issues.

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