



# CAPAL Connections

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## Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee is pleased to announce the results of CAPAL's online election. Three members put their names forward and were elected as a slate. The nomination period was open from January 28 through to February 28, 2020. The election ran from April 23, 2020 to April 30, 2020. 54% of eligible CAPAL members cast a vote.

The following members were elected to the Board of Directors for the term 2020-2023:

1. Nicole Eva (University of Lethbridge)
2. Laura Koltutsky (University of Calgary)
3. Helen Power (University of Saskatchewan)

We would like to thank those Board members whose terms ended this year for lending their time and expertise to the Association.

The Nominations Committee is looking for new members to help with running future elections! If you are interested in this opportunity to participate in CAPAL's important work please reach out to [capal.nominating.committee@gmail.com](mailto:capal.nominating.committee@gmail.com).

Lori Giles-Smith, Nominations Committee Chair ([lori.giles-smith@umanitoba.ca](mailto:lori.giles-smith@umanitoba.ca))

## Communications Committee

The Communications Committee has had a busy year, with one new project launched, and another new project on the horizon.

In January of 2020 we introduced our first Monthly Digest. The Monthly Digest comes out in the first week of the month, and provides members information about news, and upcoming events and opportunities for the month.

For the coming year, we expect to see another new project to fruition. Alongside the Education and Professional Development Committee, we have been working to develop a calendar which will highlight upcoming EPD events of interest to academic librarians in Canada. Watch for the calendar to be released this upcoming year.

Our members have also been working hard on our continuing projects, including our Member Profiles and social media presences.

If you are interested in joining the Communications Committee, contact Janice Winkler at [Janice.Winkler @ umanitoba.ca](mailto:Janice.Winkler@umanitoba.ca)

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## Research & Scholarship Committee

This past year the [Research and Scholarship Committee \(RSC\)](#) has enjoyed promoting [Volume 5 \(2019\)](#) of the Canadian Journal of Academic Librarianship, which was published in late May, 2019, and included a special focus on research and scholarship. Working with the CJAL Editorial Team to guest edit this special issue was a wonderful opportunity and an excellent experience for the RSC.

The 2020 edition of our Online Lecture Series, which was scheduled for this spring, was unfortunately cancelled this year. The Online Lecture is one of our key initiatives for 2020-2021 and we look forward to hosting an inspiring talk in the coming year!

The RSC is currently looking for new members! Please email Roger Chabot or Jenaya Webb with your interest. The RSC also welcomes input from CAPAL membership. You can read more about us [here](#).

Roger Chabot, Research and Scholarship Committee Co-Chair ([rchabot2@uwo.ca](mailto:rchabot2@uwo.ca))  
Jenaya Webb, Research and Scholarship Committee Co-Chair ([jenaya.webb@utoronto.ca](mailto:jenaya.webb@utoronto.ca))

## Education & Professional Development Committee

The past year has seen two positive developments for the EPD Committee, as we continue to create learning opportunities for CAPAL/ABCES members. We are always open to suggestions and input so don't hesitate to get in touch!

Our Community of Practice program has significantly expanded from two to five. These communities meet virtually to share ideas and conversations based around these themes:

- Information Literacy
- Web Content Accessibility Guidelines
- Research and Writing
- Displays and Exhibits
- Game based Learning

Reach out to a facilitator if interested in joining one of these communities at <https://capalibrarians.org/communities-of-practice/>. Or if you have a topic you'd be interested in exploring with colleagues through a new Community of Practice let us know!

We're also working in collaboration with the Communications Committee on a new online calendar of educational and PD events – stay tuned! Many thanks to the EPD Committee for their work over the past year: Martha Attridge Bufton, Deniz Cevik, Rhiannon Jones, Lorisia MacLoed, Christena McKillop, Diane Michaud, Helen Power, and Mark Weiler.

James Murphy, EPD Committee Chair ([james.murphy2@ucalgary.ca](mailto:james.murphy2@ucalgary.ca))



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### **Canadian Journal of Academic Librarianship**

The co-editors, guest editors, editorial board, and CAPAL Publications committee are still hard at work (remotely) for the *Canadian Journal of Academic Librarianship*. While we are well underway with our upcoming special (and timely) issue, “Academic Libraries and the Irrational,” we are always accepting proposals and submissions for [book reviews](#) and **articles that fit our [Focus and Scope](#)**. Given the current climate, CJAL is committed to being as flexible and supportive as possible with readers and reviewers. For more information on what we’ve been working on, and our most recent statistics, you can see our latest CAPAL blog post [here](#).

### **Membership Committee**

The Membership Committee has been hard at work these past few months implementing the new tiered membership fee structure. As you might have noticed, we now have three tiers for membership, based on salary. You also may have noticed that when you received your renewal email, the system asked everyone to renew at the lowest salary level. We are operating on the honour system, so please if your renewal notification is not in the correct tier, contact Cody Fullerton and he will resend your renewal with the updated cost. The committee would like to thank everyone who has already notified us to change their membership tier.

If you have any questions on why we implemented this or anything at all regarding membership, please reach out.

We hope you’re staying healthy and safe.

Cody Fullerton, Membership Committee Chair ([cody.fullerton@umanitoba.ca](mailto:cody.fullerton@umanitoba.ca))

## Diversity & Equity Committee

The Diversity and Equity Committee underwent some changes last year. Michael Dudley stepped down as the co-chair, and an update of the rest of the membership left the committee with eight standing members including the Chair, Maha Kumaran. Members have been very busy with various activities. As the Chair of this committee, the chair initiated and compiled the letter to the Congress condemning racial profiling of Shelby McPhee.

Committee members were enthusiastically engaged in the discussion of offering webinars on various diversity topics. A few members from the committee formed a working group to offer one eligible student a bursary to attend the CAPAL conference 2020. First, this working group wrote letters to vendors and secured funding. Then the group created an online application, sought applicants, analyzed data, and chose one eligible applicant. Due to COVID-19 and the cancellation of this year's conference, the results of this process will be announced during CAPAL 2021.

The committee will aim to meet again in summer to discuss projects and proposals.

Maha Kumaran, Diversity and Equity Committee Chair (maha.kumaran@usask.ca)

## Publications Committee

The Publications Committee has been pleased to welcome Maren Goodman and Richard Hayman to the team. Over the past few months our committee has helped contribute to the team updating the CAPAL website and we are promoting tips and tricks for members to take advantage of the CAPAL Member Directory.

Currently, we are focused on reviewing the applicants for the Call for Editor search for the Canadian Journal of Academic Libraries. As the oversight committee for the journal, we will be putting forward the successful candidate to the Board of Directors this spring for appointment to the journal. In the Fall of 2019, CJAL accepted an offer to have the journal be included in Erudit. This new venture will provide great exposure for the journal and we look forward to encouraging article submissions from our communities.

Amanda Wheatley, Publications Committee Chair (amanda.wheatley@mcgill.ca)

## Keep in touch with CAPAL/ACBAP!



Submissions not received from the Advocacy Committee or the Student Committee.

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