



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022–2023 REPORT TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Hybrid Meeting Thursday, June 1 at 12:00pm (EDT)

Register in advance for this meeting:

### Voting Directors

- Marian Davies (University of Waterloo)
- Nicole Eva (University of Lethbridge), Secretary
- Justin Fuhr (University of Manitoba)
- Laura Koltutsky (University of Calgary), Treasurer
- Aneta Kwak (University of Toronto)
- Carol Leibiger (University of South Dakota)
- Helen Power (University of Saskatchewan)
- Christopher Thomas (Mount Royal University)
- Amanda Wheatley (McGill University), Chair

### Update on Standing Committees

Welcome new (co-)chairs this past year:

- Carol Leibiger (University of South Dakota), Communications
- Megan McMeekin (University of Ottawa), Diversity and Equity Committee
- Maren Goodman (Western University), Publications
- Maureen Babb (University of Manitoba), Research and Scholarship

### Update on Partnerships with Other Associations

- **Canadian Federation of Library Associations (CFLA):** Based upon the direction of the AGM 2016, CAPAL/ACBES joined the CFLA-FCAB for a period of three years (to be reviewed on a three-year cycle), for the membership cost of \$300 per year. This cost was and will be applied as a levy in addition to your CAPAL/ACBES membership dues.
- **Canadian Association of Learned Journals:** We have an annual membership with this organization in support of our journal, the *Canadian Journal of Academic Librarianship / Revue canadienne de bibliothéconomie universitaire*.

- **International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA):** We have been associated with IFLA since ~2013. Mary Greenshields (European University Institute) was appointed as our member representative to IFLA in 2020.

### **Update on Student Chapters & Student Support**

- We are currently seeking committee chairs for the National Student Committee.
  - Student chapters promote CAPAL through local chapter events. To this end, chapters may apply for a grant of \$50 per chapter per year to support these activities.

### **Update on the *Canadian Journal of Academic Librarianship***

Volume 9 of the Canadian Journal of Academic Librarianship / Revue Canadienne de bibliothéconomie universitaire, Special Issue on The Place of Teaching in Academic Librarians' Work was published this year. The issue was edited by Eveline Houtman (University of Toronto), Lindsay McNiff (Dalhousie University), Cal Murgu (Brock University), Karen Nicholson (University of Guelph), and Silvia Vong (Toronto Metropolitan University). Thank you to them, to our authors, and to our peer reviewers for turning out another high-quality issue.

### **Projects Completed**

- Developed a Fund Request Policy for committees and communities of practice to apply for money to be used for activities and events.
- Conference committee organized CAPAL23 on Seeds of Change, return to in-person conference held in association with Congress.
- A survey to members of CAPAL's involvement with Congress was concluded, a final report was made to the Board in Fall 2022. The Board made the decision to alternate between in-person conferences with Congress and an online conference held individually each year.
  - Thank you to Bart Lenart (University of Calgary), Cal Murgu (Brock), and Lydia Zvyagintseva (University of Lethbridge) for leading this project.
- Continue to work towards a financially healthy CAPAL, by increasing revenues, membership and reviewing costs, as well as creating investments.
- Will continue to develop better experiences for membership by responding to issues as they arise.

### **Projects in Progress**

- The remote work and hybrid working conditions strategic mission seeks to help better understand how our members have been affected by new remote and hybrid work policies. It has come to the attention of the Board that the working conditions of our colleagues varies drastically across the country. The Board aims to collect more information on this topic and better understand how we can address this issue for our members moving forward.
- After being prompted for a donation on behalf of CAPAL/ACBES this year, the Board has been developing a CAPAL Gift and Donation Policy to help guide us on future solicitations.
- With the legal French name change of CAPAL/ACBES in 2019, our by-laws and other documents have yet to be fully updated and translated, the board will be drafting these changes to present at the 2024 AGM. In addition, Ontario's Not-for-profit Corporation Act demands a legal change to all association bylaws by October 2024. The board will also take this opportunity to address any changes to the bylaws at the 2024 AGM.
- The CAPAL/ACBES Administrative Committee was approved at the 2020 AGM but is currently inactive. The Board is aiming to rejuvenate this committee to assist in the managing of the business of the Association, as is mandated in their Terms of Reference. The Board seeks to bring on a chair and new members to the committee as soon as possible.

## **CAPAL23 Conference**

### **Conference theme: SOWING SEEDS OF CHANGE**

A huge thank you to the CAPAL23 Conference Organizing Committee for their leadership and efforts:

#### **Conference Organizing Committee:**

Jennifer Dekker (University of Ottawa), Budget Officer  
 Caitlin Keenan (Royal Roads University), Program Subcommittee  
 Ariel Stables-Kennedy (McMaster University), Program Chair  
 Carol Leibiger (University of South Dakota), Program Subcommittee  
 Helen Power (University of Saskatchewan), Conference Manager  
 Jaquelyn Sundberg (McGill University), Communications Coordinator  
 Alexandra Wong (York University), Local Arrangements Coordinator  
 Stephanie Quail (York University), Local Arrangements Coordinator

I would like to take a moment to thank all the Board members, all the Committee Chairs, and all the Committee and Community of Practice members who have served this year. CAPAL has done a wonderful job weathering the past few years thanks to the hard work and dedication of its volunteers, board members, committee members, and members at large. Thank you so much for all you do and for allowing me the privilege of working with you all.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amanda Wheatley, Chair  
On behalf of CAPAL/ACBES Board of Directors, 2022-2023