

Professional Development Committee

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Committee Members:

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Activities since Conference - A Reconstituted Committee

On September 15th, Jason and Ciara had an initial call to get the ball rolling on reinvigorating the PDC; Ciara contacted everyone who was listed on the CALL/ACBD website as previously part of the PDC and the Webinar Committee to see who was still interested in being part of the revamped committee. Jason spoke to Kim Clarke on behalf of the PDC and inquired if she would be interested in serving as Co-Chair on the committee. Kim (thankfully) agreed, and Jason set up a conference call for himself, Ciara and Kim to discuss next steps. The next step was to schedule a zoom meeting for those who were remaining on the PDC. The meeting was held on October 4th, and it was a very productive meeting.

New Operational Guidelines, and Potential Programming

At the first meeting, the remaining PDC agreed on a two-way approach to revitalization. The first part of this approach has included a review of past documents, minutes, guidelines, and basecamp tidbits available from both the PDC and the Webinar Committees. The committee has begun work on a new operation guidelines manual (an ongoing project and something to be updated annually by the PDC), to help lay out planning procedures and to ensure the committee will always have something to provide guidance to them.

The second part of the approach was to identify some potential workshops to arrange with the aim to begin offering them in 2024. Kim agreed to get the ball rolling on a Land Acknowledgement webinar, which was requested by a CALL member. Kim has been working hard corresponding with Vicki Leung who put her in touch with Jamie Kehego; they were able to have a meeting to discuss potential dates and compensation for this webinar.

While Kim was busy getting the ball rolling for our first webinar, Ciara reached out to all the Chairs of every CALL/ACBD SIG and Committee to indicate we are listening, and receptive of any and all programming suggestions. We have all found that sometimes topics of interest come up in discussions in other committees, but sometimes these topics don't always get brought forward and we would like to remedy this. Ciara also completed a brief submission for October's CALL/ACBD 'In Session' to make the membership aware of the activities of the PDC, and to invite any participation and suggestions CALL/ACBD members may have.

Ongoing activities/new special projects:

The Professional Development Committee is considering 3 to 4 events in the New Year, starting with a webinar about Land Acknowledgements, which was a suggestion someone came to the committee with after the CALL/ACBD conference. Sometimes there is too much great programming going on at the conference and members are forced to choose between two excellent programs. The PDC is grateful for any suggestions and we are so pleased to be able to bridge this gap for our colleagues.

We are also increasing efforts to conduct outreach to other Committees and SIGs for their suggestions for topics, and whether they would be interested in putting on webinars that may be of interest to CALL/ACBD members at large.

Any considerations/questions for the executive board:

Through conversations with other SIGs, and with potential speakers, it has become apparent that we are (obviously) living in a different world now, and in order to attract quality speakers it seems that it will be necessary for the PDC to submit a budget request for the first time in a long time. Given that a lot of professional development opportunities have been dormant since the pandemic, with many members feeling burned out and apathetic, a small budget would give the PDC the advantage (and option) of attracting speakers of higher profile (perhaps even non-CALL related speakers), to compliment past efforts of CALL members. While we have an incredible and talented pool of members to choose from, so many are suffering from burn out and may enjoy the chance to hear speakers from other areas.

The Professional Development Committee is requesting a budget of \$2,500 for honorariums to expand the potential topics and speakers for future webinars. We will only consider an honorarium if it is specifically requested by the speaker, and we believe the topic is of significant interest to our members. The possible need for this money arose at the committee's first meeting when discussing potential webinar topics. A member approached us about offering a webinar and is willing, and in fact, interested, in this opportunity, but is requesting an honorarium equivalent to what was received for the conference session.