



CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF LEARNED JOURNALS

ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DES REVUES SAVANTES

**WHO WE ARE
AND
WHAT WE DO**

Founded in 1990:

- member-driven, non-profit, bilingual national organization

Our Goals: (from the By –Laws)

- To **represent, develop and support** the community of Canadian learned journals in disseminating original research and scholarly information
- To **promote intellectual culture** in Canada and internationally (By-Laws)



Six Categories of membership:

1. Canadian Journal Members
2. Canadian publishing and education organizations
3. Affiliate Member: foreign journals
4. Affiliate Member : International organizations
5. Individual member: industry professionals
6. Individuals member : students

Modest membership fees (approx \$130) pro-rated on basis of journal circulation visit our website at <http://www.calj-acrs.ca>



ACTIVITIES (from the By-Laws)

1. Organize a **regular forum** to discuss issues concerning the editing and publication of learned journals
2. **Gather and circulate information** on topics related to the publication of learned journals
3. **Convey the concerns of members** to the appropriate bodies(funding agencies, government departments, universities etc) and take whatever action members deem appropriate
4. **Provide assistance and guidance** to individuals intending to found a new journal



OUR MEMBERS

- More than **100** scholarly journals --until recently mainly SSH
- Major drive to now attract STM journals
- Brings together **collective strengths** of close to 200 scholarly journal personnel (SJP) including journal managers and **editors**



OUR LEADERSHIP:
CALJ Board of Directors

President: **Richard Smith**, Publisher, *The Canadian Journal of Communication*

President-Elect: **Frits Pannekoek**, President, Athabasca University

Secretary Treasurer: **Johanne Provencal**, former Executive Director, CALJ-ACRS



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MEMBERS AT LARGE

Francis Gingras, Professeur et Editor, *Études françaises*

Duncan Grant, Executive Director, Association of Canadian Archivists

Cameron Macdonald, Executive Director, Canadian Science Publishing

Dawne McCance, Editor, *Mosaic: A Journal for the Interdisciplinary Study of Literature*

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Ellen Henderson



Activities: **REGULAR FORUM TO DISCUSS COMMON ISSUES AND CONCERNS**

- 2-day meeting held every year at Congress organized by CFHSS: **THIS YEAR AT UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO MAY 27-28, 2012**
- Speakers on a variety of issues of common interest and practical hands-on workshops e.g. in OJS
- Hold our **Board Meeting and AGM** at which we elect new Board members as their 2-year terms expire
- **Book Fair:** Journals pay modest fee to display copies of Journals in exhibition hall for 2 week duration of Congress with all major Canadian publishers



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- **SJP Boot Camp:** a new initiative undertaken with the support of the Canadian Periodical Fund of Canadian Heritage
- To be delivered at Congress
- 2-day practical hands-on professional development and training modules delivered by experts in their respective fields from Canada and around the world
- Based on an intensive **training needs assessment** of Canada's SJP



Activities: **GATHER AND CIRCULATE INFORMATION**

- Each year we publish *Scholarly Journal Publishing in Canada: Annual Industry Report*
- Derived from data we collect when members complete their on-line membership application form
- A snapshot of the **state of health of the industry** as revealed by CALJ member Journals: shows **trends** in a rapidly changing landscape



Activities : **GATHER AND CIRCULATE INFORMATION**

- all members have access to our **list serve** allowing them to collaborate, exchange information and seek advice from colleagues on an on-going basis
- E.D. also disseminates information and advice gleaned from our membership in **ALPSP** (Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers UK) and **SSP** (Society for Scholarly Publishing (US) and through quarterly newsletter



Activities: **CONVEY THE CONCERNS OF MEMBERS**

Examples include:

- Consultation with SSHRC on the recent journals funding competition: ways to improve the process, lead times etc
- Consultation with SSHRC, CIHR and CFHSS and others on the cessation of funding for Journals with health-related content
- Consultation with Canadian Science Publishing on strategies to attract STM journals



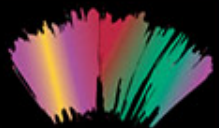
Activities: **PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND GUIDANCE**

- **Professional development**: Congress Meetings and SJP Boot Camp (national and regional)
- **Travel subsidies** offered to attend Congress
- Congress presentations available **on-line** to CALJ members
- Plans to move to **webinars** and video as well as distance delivery of Boot Camp training



Activities: **PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND GUIDANCE**

- The **Canadian Scholarly Journal Consortium**: a new initiative with the financial support of Canadian Heritage
- a **journal-controlled marketing and sales operation** to sell an aggregated package of the online version of Canadian SSH journals to library consortia such as CRKN (the Canadian Research Knowledge Network) and large library systems such as the University of California.
- **80% of the resulting revenue** to go back to the journals (as compared with 20% under the current (foreign-owned) commercial aggregation model : On-line by 2013





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