

CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS

1977 - 2010

- March 18, 1977 several librarians meet to discuss “their collections and services, the work they do, goals they hope to achieve”.
- March 28, 1977 a notice is sent to Edmonton “law and law-related librarians” inviting them to attend a meeting at Milner & Steer to discuss forming a law library group.
- August 25, 1977 the group was called the Law Libraries Group. Their first meeting was called for September 13th 1977 and was held at Milner & Steer. Janet Darby of Milner & Steer was the Chairperson, Sandra Garvie of the Legal Resource Centre was in charge of Memberships and Arrangements and Chris Backhaus of the Legislature Library was the Programs person.
- First set of bylaws were created by end of 1979.
- First ELLA membership dues were \$5.00
- A motion was made and it was resolved that ELLA would donate to the Sandra Garvie Education Fund. ELLA continued to contribute to this fund until it dissolved in 1998.
- 1979/1980 – it is decided ELLA meetings would rotate monthly and be held in either the Law Courts Library, the U. of A. Law Library, Legal Resource Centre or Edmonton Public Library.
- 1979/1980 – ELLA applies for and receives \$500 from the Alberta Law Foundation to assist with start up costs for the association; presents a workshop on labour law.
- Submits a position paper to Legislative Counsel re the index to the upcoming RSA 1980.
- 1981 – ELLA members receive notice from QL they are offering high-speed terminals on a rental basis; to make installation possible in Edmonton, 4 customers are required.
- Revised bylaws are submitted. April 29, 1981 association receives Certificate of Incorporation under the name the Edmonton Law Librarians Association.
- 1980-1981 ends with 17 members.
- At an August 1983 executive meeting it was proposed that ELLA dissolve itself as an association and continue as an informal group. A special resolution to that effect was voted on and defeated September 22, 1983.
- 1985/1986 – Christmas luncheon at Steakboard on the Boardwalk, fee was \$5.95!!
- 1986/1987 – ELLA has 28 members.
- May 15 – 18, 1988 – ELLA presents the CALL Conference in Jasper, Alberta.
- 1988/1989 – ELLA responds to a CLIC proposal for feedback on designing a “...major project on the cost and financing of law library information service in Canada.”
- 1990/1991 - ELLA produces its' first membership directory with attached bylaws, in print. ELLA has 36 members.
- March 1, 1992 – proposed amendment to bylaw to allow executive to hold office for more than 1 term, passed

- 1991/1992 - A current awareness service for members was created on a trial basis. Members could receive the table of contents from various law library association newsletters and request full text articles from various law libraries.
- 1991/1992 - Law librarians join a mentorship program with library students at the U. of A. called Partners in Education. ELLA donates \$100 to this program and continues to contribute financially each year.
- February 2, 1993 – association name is re-registered as the Edmonton Law Libraries Association.
- Retirement reception held for Lillian MacPherson and Shih-Sheng Hu, January 17, 1996.
- 1995/1996 – Membership dues are increased to \$15 (from \$10).
- 1995/1996 – Bylaws revised to add an “Honorary Lifetime Member” category for long term, retiring members.
- 1996-1997 – umbrella: a highly irregular newsletter continues to be published.
- Fall 2011 ELLA celebrated it's 20th anniversary.
- 2001/2002 – a committee is formed to investigate creating a HeadStart program. Marla Sterritt is invited from Calgary to present the program model she used in Toronto. The first committee was called “Finding the Law: A Head-start Program” and was chaired by Jane Parkinson. Committee members were: Eve Poirier, Shaunna Mireau, Michael Storozuk, Kathy Fisher, Kim Nayyer, Gail Higham, Cathy Woodside, Beth Millard and Josette McEachern. The first program was held in 2004.
- 2001/2002 - Bylaws were revised to add the appointed position of Web-Master, to change the executive term to annual to bi-annual, to change the Member-At-Large position to an appointed position (instead of elected) and to remove the month of May as specific month for the AGM to be held.
- 2001/2002 - We have letterhead and a logo!
- 2003/2004 – 45 members strong!
- 2004/2005 – membership rates were raised to \$25 to accumulate a surplus needed to make a \$500 donation to the next CALL conference.
- 2005/2006 – membership votes to retain the \$25 membership fee; student membership rates are raised to \$10 but with only a \$5 lunch fee (instead of \$10 lunch fee for regular members).
- 2005/2006 – ELLA is the 2006 CALL Conference Committee, held in Edmonton; donates \$1,000 to support the conference.
- 2006/2007 – ELLA hires a graphic designer to redesign our logo.
- 2008/2009 – ELLA accumulates excess funds due to the success of the HeadStart program. Conducts a survey asking members how it should be spent.
- 2010/2011 – a committee is formed to create a historical record of ELLA's past. A party is held April 14, 2011 to celebrate ELLAs 30th anniversary, present the project results and reconnect with past members.