

Report for the March 2026 BOD meeting

Report completed by Past-President: Dawn Trussell

1) Awards and Grants

The Awards and Grants Sub-Committee completed a thorough review of the Association's awards and recommended several updates. The following awards were revised:

- Marion Miller Award – funded through the association's Legacy Funds
- Bryan Smale Award for Outstanding Contributions to CALS
- Emerging Leisure Scholar Award – funded by Routledge through the association's agreement with the journal *Leisure/Loisir*
- Leisure Scholar Award

The Board unanimously voted in favour of the proposed changes through an online vote. The revised awards were released in mid-February, with applications due March 31. Board members are encouraged to share the call and encourage nominations and applications.

2) Connections Grant Application

Host Committee for CCLR (Vancouver Island University) submitted a Connections Grant application for the conference, with funding intended to support translation services. The application will be reviewed in the coming week. (Note: Unfortunately, the Federal Government Grant program is no longer offered.)

3) Leisure/Loisir Editor Search

A call for applications for the next *Leisure/Loisir* Editor was issued in December, and the association subsequently received applications. The search committee met last week to review the submissions and identified a very strong candidate and is excited about the proposed appointment. An offer will be extended in the coming week.

4) Board Elections – Upcoming

The association will need to run elections for the new Board (2026-2029). The process will begin in the coming month and will include online nominations followed by an online voting process. Stay tuned!