

# onBOARD

## A Bulletin for Community Legal Clinic Board Members

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### Three New Board Webcasts!

Recently the BSWG announced the decision to provide three new webcasts to clinic board members in place of in-person regional provincial board training events. This decision was prompted by the low registration for regional provincial board training coupled with the continuing interest in using webcasts as an easy learning method.

The first three webcasts will be held the last week in March and each will run for one hour from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The dates and topics are as follows:

**Tuesday, March 24, 2009 - *The Board & Performance Measurement*** including information covering LAO's approach to Performance measurement with material provided by the Quality Service Office.

**Wednesday, March 25, 2009 - *Board Recruitment Strategies*** including tools, tips and templates your board can use when recruiting new members.

**Friday, March 27, 2009 - *Board Member Legal & Financial Obligations*** including a refresher on clinic board member legal responsibilities and a fresh look at the clinic financial planning cycle and oversight responsibilities

To register for one or more of these webcasts, send an email to: [contact@onboardlegalclinics.org](mailto:contact@onboardlegalclinics.org) and provide your name, the name of your clinic and the date/name of the webcast(s) you would like to join. Space is limited to 20 participants per session so early registration is suggested, however these webcasts will be offered again in 2009 so the March dates will not be your last chance!

### Bright Ideas Contest Update

A number of entries have been received for the BSWG's Bright Ideas contest (the closing date was last week). A three-person panel will review the entries and the winner will be announced later in March. The panel members who will be reviewing the applications are:

- Mel Gill***, author of *Governing for Results a Director's Guide to Good Governance*
- Ruth Lawson***, former General Counsel and advisor to the Board of Legal Aid Ontario
- Richard Lynn***, Chair of the Board, Chatham Kent Clinic & member of ACLCO executive

### New Board Member Orientation

Space is still available for the April 17, 2009 new board member orientation webcast scheduled to start at 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The agenda will cover:

- A short history of clinic law in Ontario
- What it means to be a clinic board member
- 1-2-3 of board governance – a basic governance primer
- A quick overview of the BSWG website including an understanding of the learning tools available

This is the last new board member orientation session planned to take place before September and space is limited to 20 participants. To register, send an email to: [contactus@onboardlegalclinics.org](mailto:contactus@onboardlegalclinics.org) and provide your name, email address and the name of your clinic.

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