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A Bulletin for Community Legal Clinic Board Members

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BSWG Announces the Winner of the *Bright Ideas* Contest

BSWG co-chairs Beth Bellaire and Hugh Tye are pleased to announce that the **Community Advocacy & Legal Centre is the winner** of this year's *Bright Ideas* contest – the clinic will soon take possession of their new Dell digital laptop projector. The winning entry focused on board assessment – a 'hot topic' of many not-for-profit boards these days. The co-chairs would also like to thank the **volunteer panel** who reviewed all the ideas submitted:

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

Bright Ideas are best practices submitted to the BSWG by clinic boards across the province for posting on the BSWG website. In all, ten great ideas were submitted for review and all will be posted on the website over the summer. So take a look to see what ideas your board and clinic might benefit from!

BSWG Webcasts are a Hit!

The three new BSWG board training webcasts launched earlier in the year continue to attract board members and senior staff alike. Evaluation results give high marks to the content and presentation of the sessions and participants enjoy the opportunity to discuss important board issues and to share ideas and suggestions with each other. The webcasts are designed to appeal to both the experienced board member and the newest addition to the board. Enrolment is as easy as sending an email - but please enrol early as the maximum number of participants for each session has been capped at twelve! Check the calendar to find a webcast that fits with your schedule:

Financial Reporting		Board Recruitment		Performance Measurement	
<i>Participate in this overview of LAO's financial planning cycle & review the various financial reports (sent as a handout ahead of the webcast). The webcast features David Field, LAO's Director General of Strategic & Corporate Planning.</i>		<i>Finding volunteers to sit on the Board is an important board responsibility. This webcast provides you with all the tools, tips and templates your board needs to run an effective nomination, recruitment and appointment process.</i>		<i>This webcast provides the board member with information covering LAO's approach to its Performance Measurement project & its connection to clinics and clinic board members. The webcast features Susanne Hunter of LAO's Quality Service Office</i>	
Aug. 13/09	7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	July 23/09	7:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.	July 20/09	7:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.
Sept. 14/09	11:30a.m.– 12:30 p.m.	Sept. 22/09	11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Sept. 25/09	11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Oct. 23/09	11:30a.m.– 12:30 p.m.	Oct. 15/09	11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Oct. 21/09	11:30a.m.– 12:30 p.m.
Nov. 17/09	7:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.	Nov. 26/09	7:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.	Nov. 5/09	7:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.
Dec. 7/09	11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Dec. 15/09	11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Dec. 10/09	11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

To register for one or more of these webcasts, send an email to: 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 12 participants per session so early registration is advised!

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