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Executive Director (ED) Report by Claude Lloyd – January 2017

A new year greets us filled with potential.

As we strive to build bridges and tear down walls, we know there is strength in membership. I ask you the members to encourage those who have yet to join TESL Canada, to do so, so that our numbers continue to grow and your voice becomes stronger.

Many hands make for a light load, and the heavy lifting by our many volunteers and dedicated staff are testament to this adage. There is much to do and together we will make TESL Canada stronger with time, giving our members a stronger voice on the national stage.

I wish everyone all the best for 2017!

The following is a summary of the key activities regarding the Executive Director (Claude Lloyd) and TESL Canada for the month of January 2017.

TESL Canada 2017 Conference

Registration for the TESL Canada 2017 conference, Celebrating Canada's 150th, is open for those of you who want to plan ahead and get your 2017 professional development organized. The link to register is at www.teslcanadaconference.ca/registration. Make sure you take advantage of the *Early Bird Full Conference Registration and Accommodation Package* or the *Early Bird Registration*. *The deadline for all Early Bird registrations is April 30th, 2017.*

If you have any questions about the conference contact us at conference@tesl.ca.

The conference has attracted a record number of abstract submissions, indicating that the TESL Canada conference promises to be a very successful event.



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Feedback on TESL Canada

Stakeholder feedback is extremely valuable and always appreciated. The following feedback was received in January 2017 and I wanted to share this with you.

“ Hello Judy and Claude:

As a past (very past - sometime back in the early 80s) president of TESL Canada, the organization has always been very close to my heart. Not to sound like a Father of Confederation, but I oversaw the meeting in Manitoba that founded the organization, participated in by many committed provincial representatives. Working with colleagues, and TESL Canada committees over the years, lobbying on such issues as the *TESL Canada Six Principles of Immigrant/Refugee Settlement*, the *Draft Report and Recommendations of the Symposium on Language Development for Native Peoples* (with Barbara Burnaby), and chairing the TESL Canada Policy and Action Committee, I saw how TESL Canada could speak with an informed and respected voice to government representatives from the provinces and the federal government - and actually make a difference.

All that preamble is simple to say that I wanted to congratulate you and encourage you in the work that you are doing. There is a real sense of vigorous new life in what can be a very powerful and effective organization, and I am enormously encouraged and proud of the new vision taking shape. I wish you all the best in carrying the new mandate and vision forward.

Warm regards,

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Member value delivery

This month's ED report focuses on two value offerings TESL Canada delivers to its' members, Professional Development and the TESL Canada Educational Foundation.

Professional development (PD) – Ideas for Member PD are being discussed. The PD Committee is focused on this key deliverable and meetings / discussions are underway!

TESL Canadian Educational Foundation

The TESL Canadian Educational Foundation was registered as a charity in 1992.

Purposes of the Foundation

1. to fund, facilitate, promote and carry on activities, research and teaching which will advance education and in particular, without restricting the foregoing, will promote and facilitate the learning of English as an additional language and an understanding of the impact of the learner's cultural environment of the ability to learn additional languages, and
2. to receive bequests, trusts, funds and property, and to hold, invest, administer and distribute funds and property for the purposes of the society as presently set out and for such other organizations as are "qualified donors" under the provisions of the Income Tax Act and for such other purposes and activities which are authorized for registered charities under the provisions of the Income Tax Act. The directors in their sole and absolute discretion may refuse to accept any bequests, trusts, funds or property; and
3. to do all such things as are incidental and ancillary to the attainment of the purposes and the exercise of the powers of the Society.

Did you know?

You can direct your United Way Donation to the TESL Canadian Educational Foundation by indicating our charitable tax number on your donation form.

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For further information on the TESL Canadian Educational Foundation contact the TESL Canada office at info@tesl.ca.

The TESL Canadian Educational Foundation is now funding three types of awards:

- 5 Travel Grants valued at \$500 each.
- 2 TESL Certificate Trainee Scholarships valued at \$500 each.
- 5 TESL Teacher Complimentary Registration Awards.

Head Office (HO)

A key project of the TESL Canada HO team is the relocation of Calgary Head Office to Ottawa.

The plan is to have a physical office in Ottawa, Ontario, to assist with National operations as well as build stronger ties with various Federal government departments. A virtual office will be formed in Calgary Alberta. This will ensure closer ties to stakeholders both East & West and support our efforts for a strengthened Federation.

The plans are to keep the Calgary office open until end of March or April, 2017. The new Ottawa location will be leased for early March or April. This approach gives us the time required to put a well thought out plan in place and target having a month of overlap between the two physical locations, so as to ensure a smooth transition for employees, members and all stakeholders served by TESL Canada. One of our key goals is to ensure TESL Canada members experience sustained quality services during this transition period.



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ED Meetings

- TESL Canada Board
- TESL Canada Executive
- Professional Development Committee

Productive meetings were held with the Board and Executive. These were an opportunity to increase internal communications, discuss operations and strategic initiatives, details of which will be included in the ED monthly reports as well as additional communications.

Professional Development (PD) Committee

With the approval of the 2017 Budget, funding was designated to re-start the Professional Development (PD) efforts of TESL Canada for our members across Canada. A PD Committee has been formed and Jenn Foote has graciously volunteered to Chair this Committee.

TESL Canada can now focus on providing members value in terms of their PD. Jenn and her team of volunteer Committee members are assessing the needs of the membership and determining the plan forward for 2017, along with the Board and Executive. This Committee meeting was a key step towards delivering tangible benefits to our members.

Thank you to all the volunteers who support TESL Canada!

External meetings were held including face to face meetings with ;

- Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada.
- Employment and Social Development Canada

The external meetings were an opportunity to demonstrate TESL Canada's commitment to building stronger bridges with the Federal government, and to ensure our membership have a voice in regards to Federal government activities related to ESL training. Additionally, the potential for synergies between our organizations were part of the conversations. Discussions are continuing.



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Development Opportunities

TESL Canada is actively searching for additional funding as a means of providing greater value to the membership. If you are aware of funding opportunities (grants etc.) or have ideas for TESL Canada on revenue generating opportunities, send them to officemanager@tesl.ca.

I hope to see everyone at the conference June 8th to 10th, 2017. The webpage is updated regularly so be sure to check it often. Thank you to everyone who has supported TESL Canada. I look forward to serving you the members and enjoying the great things we can do together!

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