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President's Message
From Shailja Verma

Fall not only brings with it the amazing foliage colours but new school and academic years which no doubt have kept everyone extremely busy. Since my last report, TESL Canada has been working steadily. We are happy to welcome Dr. Sheila Nicholas from TESL Ontario to the TESL Canada Standards Committee. Sheila has been actively involved in Ontario at many levels with the field of ESL and I am sure that her keen mind will be a great asset to TESL Canada.

The 2006 TESL Canada Conference is now in full swing and from all reports looks to be one filled with exciting information, inspirational workshops and speakers. I know that TEAL Manitoba and TEAM have worked very hard and we are hoping that you will not only find something new but will also take the time to meet with colleagues from across the country and renew friendships.

In addition TESL Canada has once again been approved and received funding from Citizenship and Immigration Canada for the Learners' Conference, which will run concurrent with the TESL Canada Conference in Winnipeg. While information was sent out to all provincial associations quite early on, confirmation of funding was late in coming. As a result I know that many waited and now feel the rush of finding learners. For the future and in order to avoid the mad dash at the last minute, I hope that you will identify learners and then confirm with them once you have heard from TESL Canada regarding the funding for this conference. We do appreciate all that you, as our provincial affiliates do, to support this avenue for the voice of the learner.

Louise has been as busy as ever and has stepped into the role of Executive Director with such ease that one would think she had been here all along. She has been working closely with the Certification and Standards Committee, visited Moncton to review information for the 2008 TESL Canada Conference, made her debut at TESOL and has kept me on my toes!!!

The Certification and Adjudication team has been inundated with applications and have been very busy for the last little while. We have now certified over 650 instructors and recognized 72 programs (applying, approved, currently renewing and/or interim). The Certification and Standards Committee will be meeting in Winnipeg to review and address any concerns for future direction.

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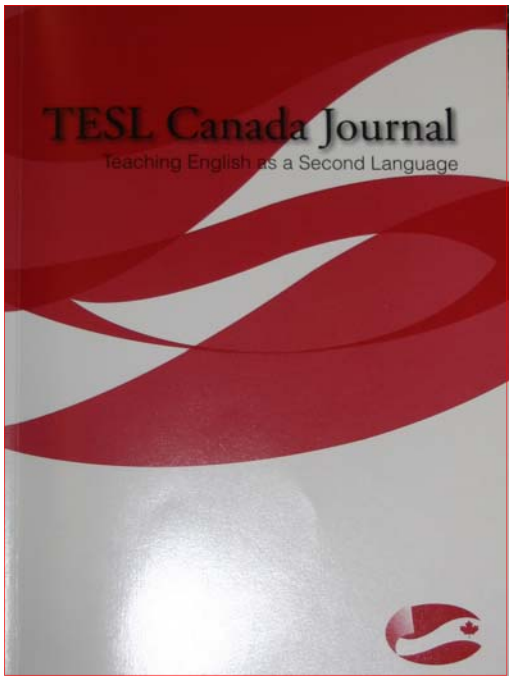

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TESL Canada was one of 200 invitees asked to participate in the *Immigration, Integration and Language: A Public Policy Conference on Living, Learning and Working in Canada,* hosted by the University of Calgary, October 11 and 12. Thank you to the TESL Canada Rep from Alberta, Phyllis Regier, for representing TESL Canada at this conference.

On a more private note you will be happy to know that Carol May is doing well. She did not have to undergo surgery and is now living life to its fullest, enjoying her retirement. She continues to provide support to Louise and TESL Canada when needed and we wish her all the best.

For those of you who will be attending the 2006 TESL Canada Conference in Winnipeg I hope that you have a wonderful experience. To all the Board members of TESL Canada and the membership in particular, thank you for your continuing support and work to the field of ESL.

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BC TEAL held a charitable golf tournament over the summer. TESL Canada created a team consisting of past Executive Director, Carol May, her husband Nick May, Board Member Bill McMichael and current Executive Director Louise Aerts. They had a great day on the links although they failed to bring home any prizes this year!

For your enjoyment .. here is an action shot of Louise and Carol looking for a ball—no word as to who's ball was lost!

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Teachers of English as a Second Language of New Brunswick

TESL NB Report Rep: Paula Kristmanson

TESL NB started as a very small, specific group of concerned ESL teachers and has grown into a diverse and eclectic organization. Our teachers represent a variety of ESL environments, from adult EAP to LINC to ESL in francophone schools. This past year has been a busy one for TESL NB and its members.

In addition to holding our own annual spring conference in Dieppe, TESL NB also agreed to collaborate with TESL NS to host the next TESL Canada conference in Moncton in 2008. In April 2006 Sandra Foreman and colleagues from the Moncton area coordinated an excellent mini-conference at the community college in Dieppe which included a learners' panel, several stimulating workshops and a keynote address from the Lieutenant Governor. Sandra has also kindly agreed to use her organizational skills as site coordinator at the Delta Beauséjour in Moncton for the national conference in November 2008. Of course, the TESL NB team will be working along side Sandra and the TESL NB president to take care of the logistical component of the joint conference.

Another one of our projects for the past year involved a partnership with the NB public libraries. Together with a lead provincial librarian, TESL NB has officially launched a resource collection which is housed in four library locations across the province. All ESL teachers will have access to materials in the collection through interlibrary loan and TESL NB has committed to augmenting the collection each year. We also received a donation from the *Ministère de l'éducation* to kick start our first acquisitions purchase.

A final significant project for the past year is our participation in and partial sponsorship of the first annual ESL public speaking competition held in Bathurst, NB. Coordinated by a TESL NB member and ESL monitor for District scolaire 5, Annie Roy, the inaugural event was a big success. Judges included members of the TESL NB team and cash prizes were provided by a TESL NB donation.

At the spring conference, we voted in a new executive whose members include:

- Barbara Clayden (Saint John College- UNBSJ)- past president/acting president
- Gail Graham (Saint John College- UNB SJ)-Secretary
- Mary Ann Harrington (English LanguageProgramme- UNB Fredericton)- Treasurer
- Paula Kristmanson (Second Language Research Institute of Canada- UNB Fredericton)- TESL Canada representative
- Nicole Poirier (New Brunswick Community College, Bathurst NB)- Member at large
- Kim Knacksteadt (Atlantic Baptist University, Moncton, NB)- Member at large

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TESL Ontario Report — Rep: Barb Krukowski

Plans for the 34th annual TESL Ontario Conference, November 17th to 19th at the Holiday Inn on King have been finalized and the conference brochure has been distributed; registration begins October 9th. We are pleased that CIC has reinstated the subsidy for 600 LINC teachers to attend! This year we have introduced the First Annual Panel on ESL entitled "*Talking Together: Challenges and Solutions in English as a Second Language Delivery*." Panel participants include representatives from federal and provincial ministries and key stakeholder groups in the province.

Several of our Ontario affiliates have approached their local communities and a number of municipalities will formally declare the week of November 12th to 18th "*ESL Week*". One affiliate held a contest for a student designed poster in recognition of ESL week. The winning entry has been distributed to all affiliates and plans are underway for a variety of special classroom activities to highlight the week.

TESL Ontario continues to participate in a number of consultations with the province as MCI develops a framework for the delivery of adult ESL under their jurisdiction.

At MCI's request, TESL Ontario has developed a Citizenship Curriculum with an Ontario focus which is currently being field tested. When finalized, it will be available for use in language classes as well as citizenship classes. Each unit is stand-alone.

ATESL Report — Rep: Rep: Phyllis Regier

The provincial ATESL board is currently undertaking a research project in collaboration with Alberta Human Resources and Employment to assess emerging immigrant language needs, to recommend best practices in the province of Alberta, and to provide a mechanism for bringing together the expertise in teaching of ESL to immigrants that exists in the province of Alberta. This project will provide opportunities for ESL teachers and program administrators to collaborate with government on key issues and challenges in language training in Alberta in order to further advance programs and practices in their fields. A further goal of the project is to develop instruments to gather information about the current trends in ESL within Alberta to identify strategies to support the development of the ESL profession in responding to government language training priorities. Finally, this project offers an opportunity to increase awareness and understanding of the expertise that exists in the province in the area of TESL and the role that language plays in the integration of immigrants through the dissemination of information through provincial newsletters and web sites. This project will be completed in November 2006.

The 27th annual ATESL Conference will be held in Edmonton October 13th and 14th. The keynote speakers are Ilona Leki of the University of Tennessee and Anna Maria Tremonti of CBC Radio's The Current.

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Report from Québec ***Rep: Jacquelyne Lord***

ESL teachers in Québec are gearing up for the annual SPEAQ convention which will be taking place this year at the Hilton Québec from November 2 – 4. The theme of the convention is *Making Sense* because with all the changes brought about by the reform in education and the speed with which everything is moving, teachers sometimes need the time to get together to try to make sense of it all. The preliminary program is available for consultation on the SPEAQ website, *speaq.qc.ca* and gives a good idea of the variety of information and resources available to teachers during the convention.

Since September of this year, students in elementary schools have an hour and a half more school time each week. Part of this extra time has been given to ESL and English is now taught starting in grade one, for an hour a week. As mentioned in the last report from Québec in the spring, this meant that more ESL teachers were needed. There is still a shortage of teachers because you cannot find an extra three or four hundred specialists from one day to the next. However, there seems to be an increased interest in ESL teaching and an increase in university enrolment in this area. However, those who are starting their ESL teacher diploma this year will still not be available to schools for another few years because it is a four-year program. But it does bode well for the future.

SPEAQ, with backing from Canadian Heritage, has produced *A Special Event for ESL: A Handbook*. This handbook will be made available to teachers throughout Québec to help them plan special events ranging from short projects to activities lasting for several days or more. A workshop to present and explain the handbook will be part of the convention and those attending the workshop will receive a copy.

TESL Newfoundland Labrador Report
Rep: Marcia Spence

No doubt similar to many other provincial memberships, this summer witnessed many of our longstanding ESL teachers busily putting together their applications for TESL certification, spurred on by the Sept. 1st deadline. At the same time, TESL NL was pleased to welcome several new members who have recently returned to the island.

Our members were also involved as presenters at our bi-monthly meetings, which included such topics as a lively discussion on "Culture and Identity" and the sharing of highlights and resources from the TESOL Conference in Florida. A special mid summer talk was also offered, entitled "Contributions and Barriers of Minority Immigrant Teachers in Relation to the Needs of Immigrant Families and the Canadian School System."

Our first meeting of the fall semester will take place in late October when our provincial rep. will report on the "Landmarks and Landscapes" Conference.

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SCENES Report ***Rep: J.B. Vandall***

The year 2005-2006 has been another year of great achievements for SCENES. The board members have been striving hard to serve their members while promoting the organization regionally, provincially and nationally. We have increased our membership in the Associate Membership category by nine. SCENES is growing, it has 127 paid up members. This is double the number in 1992. The Accreditation Sub-Committee has been busy last year. Five candidates have received accreditation in 2005-2006.

Learning events continue to be very popular. Events were held in Saskatoon and Regina and were very well attended. SCENES is gaining profile in the province and we are looked upon as a resource. We were able to provide a small amount of funding to support activities around March 21, (International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination). There has been an increase in the number of requests for funding to celebrate this event. We also supported a fundraising event at Walter Murray Secondary School in Saskatoon to sponsor a couple of refugee children so they could be reunited with their siblings in Saskatoon. In Regina, at F.W. Johnson Collegiate, SCENES sponsored a roundtable discussion for high school ESL learners bringing together many stakeholders in this area. This was the first time for such an endeavour.

Last year, we lost a dear friend, Wayne Eger, one of our executive directors. Our scholarship has been named after Wayne in recognition of his contribution to the scholarship program. We are very thankful to Wayne's family and friends for their generous contribution of $1,000.00 towards the scholarship fund. This year, the scholarship recipient is Monica Kerbs, a nursing student at SIAST Wascana campus. She is from Argentina.

The demand for English as a Second Language (ESL) is increasing in the Province of Saskatchewan due to the increase in the number of skilled and unskilled foreign workers coming to meet the labour shortage. Furthermore, the Saskatchewan Nominee Program will also make it easier to sponsor family members to Canada and more people will be immigrating to our province in the Family Reunification Category.

As the demand for ESL increases, we will need to expand our existing programs at all levels and categories to provide quality service. SCENES will need to play a leadership role in lobbying both provincial and federal governments to provide adequate and timely ESL service to facilitate the integration process of newcomers in our province. The task ahead is challenging, however, as instructors and administrators of ESL programs we can make every challenge an opportunity for those whom we serve.

We are fortunate to have Sask Culture and MCOS (Multicultural Council of Sask.) as our supporters. We would not have been able to serve the ESL community and our members without their support.

SCENES is sending two learners to the TESL Canada Conference in Winnipeg. They are Leng Thang and Ling Zhang. Both are learners at SIAST Wascana Institute.

The SCENES board will be holding its annual planning retreat, October 27, and 28th.at St. Michael's Retreat Centre. We are looking forward to another busy season.

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BC TEAL Report ***Rep: Sarah ter Keurs***

Summer on the west coast is traditionally a quiet time for BC TEAL. People who work in our public institutions take a much needed and deserved break from their teaching and administration duties. On the other hand, those working in private institutions are generally bombarded with short-term intensive summer programs, and it is all they can do to keep their heads above water until September when all the international students return home. The past few months have been no exception and it is only now that TEAL is back in full swing for the fall and winter.

Plans are well underway for our annual spring conference. The conference chair, Rozsika den Haan, is working incredibly hard to finalize conference details before the Call for Presentations goes out in November. Please check our website www.bcteal.org for updated conference information. Last year we piloted accepting electronic versions of the Calls, and it worked so well that we are going to implement that system again this year. May is a fantastic time to visit Vancouver and I do hope that language professionals across Canada will consider submitting a proposal and attending the conference. The details are:

Location: Vancouver Community College, Downtown Campus
Dates: May 3-5, 2007
Theme: ESL in a Global and Changing World

At our next AGM in April 2007, there will be quite a large turn-over of board members. As chair of the Nominations committee, I am busy twisting arms and persuading my BC colleagues of the benefits of becoming more involved with one's professional association. If you have any colleagues in BC whom you think would consider a board position, please pass along their names so that they can be approached. A Call for Nominations is being sent out in our October newsletter or you can contact me directly for a copy (sarah.terkeurs@ubc.ca) .

We are also looking for a new BC representative for the TESL Canada board as I am going on a maternity leave in December. I have enjoyed my time as the BC representative and look forward to the new life challenges that I will face in January! At this time, I don't have a name to give you yet, but a couple of people have already expressed interest.

TEAL's efforts to actively recruit new members are paying off, and we are pleased to see that our numbers are steadily increasing. Among other things, one initiative that we implemented was to revise our category of Institutional Membership. In the past, it was felt that TEAL Institutional Members were not gaining much by joining TEAL other than receiving recognition that they belong. We wanted to provide increased benefits to schools in order to attract more interest among schools who hadn't been traditionally been involved with TEAL. One of the most important benefits includes a discount on conference registration for BC TEAL teachers at member schools. While we haven't yet done a formal evaluation of the success of this initiative, our institutional member numbers have more than doubled, and many teachers at those schools also became TEAL members in order to take advantage of the reduced conference rates. There are many ways that BC TEAL benefits from having Institutional Members including: Increased profile of the professional association in schools, a wider network of ESL professionals, and an increase in the revenue brought in through membership fees. For more information about what benefits are included in membership, please

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visit our website and go to Member Services, Benefits Overview (www.bcteal.org).
I was recently speaking with the BC TEAL Administrative Assistant, Gwen Attard, and we both agreed that TEAL would love to know more about what is going on in other TESL Canada affiliates across the country. The TESL Canada Bulletin twice a year provides a snapshot into what is happening across the country, but it seems that there is much more that could be done in terms of information exchange between the affiliates. Ideally, the Administrative support personnel should have more contact as they deal with similar issues on a daily basis and would probably appreciate knowing who their counterparts are in other provinces and how they deal with various problems. Additionally, TEAL sends out its newsletter to the affiliates yet we only receive a single newsletter from another province. We would love to engage in more Newsletter article exchanges, reprints, etc. as well as advertise upcoming conferences in each province for our members who might be traveling. Perhaps this is something that can be arranged more informally between individual affiliates, but I felt it was important to raise the issue in my report.

TESL Yukon ***Rep: Esther Chassé, President***

Greetings from TESL Yukon. We have just held our AGM, and the only change in the executive was an exchange of duties between the vice-president and the treasurer. Mitch Miyagawa is now vice-president and Brent Langbakk, who will represent us at the 2006 Conference, is our new treasurer.

Our delegate for the Learner's Conference, Kim Laight, came to the AGM to meet the membership. She looks forward to meeting her counterparts from other parts of Canada.
Thanks are due to Dev Hurlburt of Hurlburt Enterprises, TESL Canada and Karen Walker, Kim's teacher.

Our Advocacy Committee has been busy making contacts with other agencies interested in ESL, and a fall meeting is planned. L'Association Franco Yukonnaise and Yukon Learn have expressed particular interest in meeting with TESL Yukon again.

We are happy to announce that our nominee for the Life Membership Award, Grace Mossop, has been successful. Unfortunately, she cannot attend the conference, so Brent or Karen will receive the award for her.

PEI Report ***Rep: Paula Clark***

TESL PEI, with a handful of members, has not met for the past few months. This is not to say that the ESL industry is not alive and viable in Prince Edward Island. Recently, there has been a surge in new Canadians moving to the province, and international students continue to visit for both short and long-term study periods.

New members are welcome to join TESL PEI at any time!

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TESL Nova Scotia Report
Rep: Ellen Pilon

In the spring and early fall, TESL NS was busy planning its conference which will take place October 13 and 14th at the Westin Hotel in Halifax. We are grateful that the Westin Hotel is willing to accommodate us without requiring that we book bedrooms. All other hotels in the city require that we occupy a large number of bedrooms, which isn't possible with 90% of our membership living in Halifax.

Our fall conference features speaker Jim Howden, a teacher, author and professional development consultant who specializes in teaching cooperation in the classroom. In past years he has given hilarious and informative workshops at TESL NB. In honour of Jim's vibrant personality, the theme of our conference is *Laughing and Learning*. The conference includes more than an hour with Jim on Friday, followed by a delicious buffet dinner at the Westin. The next day offers 3 sets of workshops and another hour of Jim at the end of the conference.

As we move into our 2006-2007 year, we will have a few new faces on the executive. Sandee Thompson steps down as President, having given us two wonderful years of leadership. Beth Vye, Vice President, and Jill MacLean, Recording Secretary, are also stepping down. We enter our new year with Emily Amos of Saint Mary's TESL Centre as our President. Others in the executive are continuing in their offices for another year. Ellen Pilon will continue as TESL NS representative on the TESL Canada Board to facilitate communication while she co-chairs the TESL Canada 2008 Conference with Sandra Foreman and Barbara Clayden of TESL NB.

This year TESL NS is sending two members to the TESL Canada 2006 Conference in Winnipeg, Sandee Thompson and Ellen Pilon. After a very hasty selection process, we are sending one learner to the Learners Conference.

TESL NS and TESL NB have been working on the 2008 conference. Thanks to Louise we have a beautiful colourful poster to display at the Winnipeg conference and in mailings of the TESL Canada Journal. The theme is *Uncovering Discourse* and guest speakers are Scott Thornbury and Jeremy Harmer. The co-chairs have held several meetings at the Delta Beausejour Hotel in Moncton. Louise also met with us there to approve our location and enjoy Maritime hospitality. We have found chairs for many of the responsibilities and plans are moving along well. It's an exciting undertaking.

Our membership has increased to 97 this year. The increase is, to some extent, due to the attraction of TESL Canada certification. Unfortunately, however, these members tend not to renew their membership and they aren't interested in our conferences.

On the subject of TESL Canada certification, two TESL NS Board members achieved their Professional Certification Standard 3 Permanent this year: Fe Baculi of Saint Mary's University TESL Centre and Ellen Pilon of the International Language Institute.

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Report TEAL Manitoba & TEAM ***Rep: Tim MacKay***

It's back to school in Manitoba, with folks settling into new programs and classes all over the province. As it is early in the new school year, the dust is still settling on a record breaking summer of sunny days and hot, hot, heat.

Updates at this time of year present a real contradiction – we're all crazy busy with start-ups and new programs yet there seems to be relatively little to report on. Committees are just beginning to dig into the year's new business and projects, and new members are just beginning to find their voice at meetings and in the undertakings of our provincial organizations.

A key change in Manitoba to update all on, however, is the name change, now official, for TESL Manitoba. We are now TEAL Manitoba – Teachers of English as an Additional Language in Manitoba. This name change follows an official change in terminology by the Province of Manitoba. English as an Additional Language (EAL) has been adopted as the current term in preference to the use of English as a Second language (ESL). Both Manitoba Education Citizenship and Youth (MECY) (the department responsible for public schools and education) and the Adult Language Training Branch (the department responsible for EAL/ESL in the adult and post-secondary system) have officially adopted the use of EAL and have begun to produce materials and correspondence making use of the new terminology. For TEAL Manitoba, our name change became official on September 1st, 2006. So for those of you coming to the TESL Canada conference in October, you will be welcomed by familiar colleagues and friends now organized under a new organizational name.

The coming school year will be bring many changes, as MECY pursues several initiatives in EAL programming in schools. Chief among these is the launching of EAL standards and programming guidelines. This is an important development for those involved in k-12 programs as it brings a province-wide system of standards and continuity that will serve to improve program quality and student learning. To this end, TEAL Manitoba is taking on an increased profile with the Manitoba Teachers Society, partnering on the delivery of workshops and training in support of the new standards.

Of course, the TESL Canada conference has consumed a great deal of people's time and attention. We are looking forward to a successful conference and to welcoming familiar faces in Winnipeg.
Information about TEAL Manitoba can be found at: www.teslmanitoba.ca
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- **CLB can do checklists for CLB and NCLC levels 9 and 10** (English and French) to add to existing can do checklists for levels 1 to 8, funded by the Government of Ontario.
- Informational booklets about the Canadian Language Benchmarks for practitioners and learners in higher level language training programs and lower level language training programs, funded by the Government of Ontario and Citizenship and Immigration Canada:

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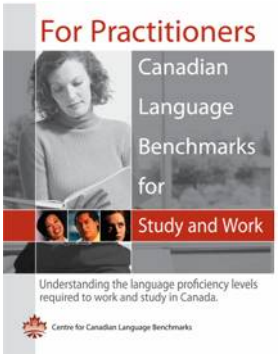

Fall Conferences and Events where the CCLB will be participating:

- International Metropolis Conference – October 2-5
- ATESL – October 13-14
- CAPLA Conference – October 15-18
- TESL Canada – October 19-21 & Executive Council Meeting of the Board – October 22-23
- National Settlement Conference – November 6-8
- TESL Ontario – November 16-18
- ACCC Event – "Colleges and Institutes Supporting Immigrant Integration into the Labour Market" November 27-29
- Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators – "Integrating Internationally Educated Physiotherapists – Consensus Building Workshop" November 30 – December 1.

TESL Canada Conference 2006 Committee Report

Landmarks and Landscapes: October 19-21, 2006 Delta Winnipeg Hotel

TESL Canada 2006 Conference Co-chairs: June Shymko and Chris Bertram

Theme

The conference theme of "*Landmarks and Landscapes"* challenges us to reflect on how the landmarks and landscapes within the EAL profession impact our learners. We hope the sessions and special events provide opportunities for conference goers to broaden their professional landmarks and landscapes and to be mindful of the physical landmarks and landscapes that learners encounter as they build new lives in new surroundings.

Committee Structure

The TESL Canada 2006 Planning Committee is comprised of approximately 20 members of the Adult EAL community from throughout Manitoba. The goal was to strike a committee of teachers, funders, administrators and professional associations [TEAL Manitoba and TEAM] representing both K-12 and adult programs. June Shymko and Chris Bertram are the co-chairs for the main conference and Sandra Kouritzin and Diana Turner are co-chairing the Learners' Conference.

Sub-committees were formed with a co-chair named for each committee. The position of treasurer/ registrar was identified as a paid position. Regular committee meetings were held throughout the 2 years leading up to the conference with sub-committees meeting as often as needed. The Learners Conference Committee met separately, but the co-chairs attended whole committee meetings. Several meeting were held at the Delta Winnipeg Hotel, so the committee could assess how best to use the various facilities.

Facilities

The Delta Winnipeg was chosen as the conference site for all but a few of the conference events. It has proven to be an excellent choice throughout the planning of the conference. The facility has approximately 400 guestrooms with a good selection of meeting rooms and food services. It is centrally located in downtown Winnipeg with an indoor skywalk to the Winnipeg Convention Centre, where additional conference rooms have been booked. A block of guestrooms was blocked at the Delta Winnipeg at a conference rate of $108 plus tax for single or double occupancy.

Program

The Program Committee selected and scheduled approximately 150 presentations for Friday and Saturday. Presenters are from all over Canada and beyond with sessions on a wide range of topics.

Educational visits are scheduled for 7 programs throughout the city. Registration includes transportation and lunch for each visit.

The schedule for the first day of the conference also includes 7 symposium sessions featuring a wide range of topics.

Our keynote speaker on Friday is Dr. Anne Burns from Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia. Her topic is *Exploring Spoken English: New Perspectives on Teaching Speaking.*

Saturday's keynote is Dr. Hetty Roessingh from the University of Calgary. She will be speaking on *Developing Growth Models for Cognitive Academic Language Proficiency: The Horse Race.*

The Conference will be officially opened with a Presidents' Reception on Thursday night hosted by the presidents of TESL Canada, TEAM and TEAL Manitoba. A classical guitarist will provide entertainment.

Ticketed events for the conference include *Breakfast with the Stars* on Friday and *Themed Discussion Lunch* on Saturday. The Friday night banquet will feature the TESL Canadian Educational Foundation silent auction as well as TESL Canada and CCLB presentations. Manitoba style entertainment for the

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evening will be Les Danseurs de la Riviere Rouge.

Registration
On-line registration has been set up through Pay Pal with an early bird deadline of Sept. 15, 2006. There were very few inquiries regarding the registration process, so we can assume that the web-site and the registration form worked well for the most part. The registrar will also be doing registrations on-site. Conference goers will be able to pick up their conference kits in the Lower Concourse of the hotel next to the publishers' display. The tote bags for the conference kits were generously donated by The CCLB.

Publishers' Display
There are 45 tables of resources in the Publishers' Display and it promises to be an exciting part of the conference experience. Publishers are coming from all across Canada and beyond. A list of the publishers and their contact information has been included in the conference handbook. Prospective publishers were sent information on advertising opportunities, storage, delivery and security. Security has been arranged for both the publishers' display and the exhibitors' display.

Exhibitors' Display
The exhibitors' display will include about 8-10 exhibits featuring both non-profit and "for profit" groups within the EAL/ ESL community.

Publicity and Promotion
Calls for Presentation were sent out in March 2005 and Nov. 2005 as part of the TESL Canada Journal mailing. The registration form was sent out with the Journal mailing in April 2006. This represents approximately 15,000 pieces of advertising in hard copy alone. The same information has also been available on-line through various web-sites at the provincial and national level. Posters have been distributed to programs throughout the province and published in the TESL Canada, TEAL Manitoba and TEAM journals, newsletters, bulletins etc.
A promotional display was also set up at the TESL Canada 2005 Conference in Ottawa.

Hospitality and Special Events
There will be an information booth where conference goers can find brochures and pamphlets on things to see and do in Winnipeg. Various restaurants and businesses have donated vouchers and coupons to use in downtown Winnipeg. Conference registrants are invited to go on a *Sunrise Walk* on Saturday morning. Walkers will tour Winnipeg's famous river walk.
Information on *The Phantom of the Opera* was included in the registration form package, so that people could book tickets in advance should they choose.
Presenters will be given a special "Manitoba" token of appreciation for their part in making the conference a success.

Volunteers
Our volunteer coordinator has compiled a list of potential volunteers and will co-ordinate their placement as the various committees finalize their volunteer needs. Once again, it couldn't happen without volunteers!

At this time, we would like to acknowledge the work that the planning committee has done over the past 2 years. It has been our pleasure to work with them as the wonderful team that they are! We would also like to recognize the contributions of The Adult Language Training Branch, Manitoba Education Citizenship and Youth and The CCLB for their very generous financial contributions to the conference. A special thank you to Louise Aerts at TESL Canada for her leadership and support.

National Network for LINC/ELSA/MIIP-ESL Providers

Mission Statement
(The original mission statement was revised following consultation with CIC)

Goals of the National Network for LINC/ELSA/MIIP – ESL Providers
(Originally drafted when the project began under the direction of Brenda Lohrenz)

- To empower stakeholders (LINC/ELSA/MIIP-ESL Providers, program administrators and managers, instructors, frontline settlement workers, child-minding staff and learners) by providing access to a broader audience.
- To provide opportunities for LINC/ELSA/MIIP-ESL providers, program administrators and managers, instructors, assessors, child-minding staff and learners to share information and make recommendations relating to nationally comparable services, resources, research and best practices.
- To provide timely access to resources, methodologies and other areas of research through the National Network website accessible on the TESL Canada site at http://www.tesl.ca/Link-NationalNetworkforLINC/ELSA/MIIP-ESLProviders.

General Project Outcomes
(Originally drafted when the project began under the direction of Brenda Lohrenz)

- Provide a resource for determining priorities and addressing common issues relating to LINC/ELSA/MIIP-ESL providers such as nationally comparable services, increasing number of clients with high needs relating to literacy, social, family and employment issues as well as use of Canadian Language Benchmarks as a common language across Canada.

To provide a resource for determining priorities and addressing common issues to Settlement Language Providers (LINC/ELSA/MIIP-ESL) through communication and sharing.

- Increased opportunities for LINC/ELSA/MIIP-ESL providers, administrators, instructors and learners to share information relating to nationally comparable services, language issues, resources, research, and best practices, thereby contributing to the objective of 'building sector capacity'.
- Identification of priority items for settlement language providers nationally to better inform policy and decision-makers and to provide an informed focus at national gatherings and conferences.
- To extend participation and consultation at the provincial level through members of the National Advisory group without having to have large numbers of individuals having to participate or be consulted at each single stage: National Advisory representatives gather feedback from local providers, administrators, instructors and learners.

A proposal for funding was submitted to CIC in March 2006 by TESL Canada to support:

- The continuation of the National Network for LINC/ELSA/ALT Providers;
- The attendance and participation of 7 NN Provincial Representatives from across Canada (1 BC, 1 SK, 1 AB, 1 ON, 1 NS, 1 NB, 1 NFLD) and 2 Members of the Project Team (Project Manager & TESL Canada ED), a total of 9 individuals, to participate in the National Network *"Information Sharing & Communication Sessions"* at the TESL Canada Conference, Winnipeg, Manitoba (October 17-22, 2006). Participation in the Conference will include a one-day, face-to-face meeting (National Network *"Information Sharing & Communication Sessions")* with Members of the Advisory Committee and Representatives from local language providers (instructors, administrators, child minding staff and learners - depending upon availability at the time of the meeting); the Project Team will prepare and conduct a National Network Poster Session at the Conference (dates and times will be announced in June 2006). In addition, the Project Team will attend the TESL Canada Board meetings to report on

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the progress of the project, outcomes of the one-day, face-to-face meetings with Advisory Committee and to discuss next steps and application for funding for 2007.

- The attendance and participation of the TESL Canada Executive Director and the Project Manager, both members of the Project Team, in two National Network regional face-to-face meetings with representatives from local LINC programs in Eastern Canada to be held in Moncton, New Brunswick, and Halifax, Nova Scotia (May 29 – June 1, 2006).

- The scheduling of a one-hour teleconference in June 2006 (date will be announced early in June) between the Project Team (TESL Canada ED, Project Manager, & Webmaster) and 15 Members of the National Network Advisory Committee to review Terms of Reference, action items to date (overview of project and funding) and discuss plans for participation in the National Network *"Information Sharing & Communication Sessions"* at the TESL Canada Conference, Winnipeg, Manitoba (October 17-22, 2006).

- The hiring of a professional Webmaster (paid position) to design and update the National Network website (www.tesl.ca, please follow the links to National Network) – a centralized location with information on LINC/ELSA/MIIP-ESL initiatives and resources. The Project Manager will conduct an environmental scan to identify research gaps and successes in language and settlement issues and other pertinent links/content to be added by the Webmaster. The Webmaster will participate in the National Network Teleconference in June 2006.

Unfortunately, TESL Canada did not receive the above requested funding. As a result, we were unable to fund the attendance and participation of 7 NN Provincial Representatives from across Canada (1 BC, 1 SK, 1 AB, 1 ON, 1 NS, 1 NB, 1 NFLD) and 2 Members of the Project Team (Project Manager & TESL Canada ED), a total of 9 individuals, to participate in the National Network *"Information Sharing & Communication Sessions"* at the TESL Canada Conference, Winnipeg, Manitoba (October 17-22, 2006).

We were able, however, to hold a 45-minute teleconference in September to discuss the current funding situation and other funding possibilities, suggestions, ideas and concerns. Sharon Rajabi, Brenda Lohrenz, Dawn Michael, Jennifer Walsh Marr and I participated in the teleconference call. Some of the suggestions, recommendations and ideas discussed are as follows:

- Sharon was going to discuss the NN initiative at the next ORLAC meeting and was going to provide us with feedback. A couple of days ago, Sharon forwarded Brenda and me the SPOs (Service Providers of Ontario/LINC) list so that we can start networking.

- Brenda suggested applying for funding to BC TEAL (deadline: Feb 2007?) to update the website/NN link.

- Suggestions were made by Jennifer to include other stakeholders such as instructors teaching in other programs, look at what works in the classroom Best Practices, materials, and so on.

- It was suggested that there should be a series of Email meetings and perhaps a follow-up teleconference call to discuss next steps (revisit mission statement, project long- and short-term objectives, and draft content for the website NN link).

Please note that our
CCLB Representatives
for the upcoming term will be:

Christine Bertram
Jim Jones
and
Christina Stechishin

Thank you for your dedication to this board on behalf of TESL Canada.

TESL Canada Educational Foundation Report

Chris Bertram, Ellen Pilon, Phyllis Regier, Angela Schinas, Deborah Yeager – Woodhouse

History

The TCEF was registered as a charity effective January 1, 1992. The fiscal period is October 1st to September 30th. The official registration number is 0916148-12. The business number is 89107 0245 RR0001. An annual Registered Charity Information Return is filed with Revenue Canada.

Constitution
The purposes of the Foundation are:

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 on 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 purpose of the society as presently set out and for such other organizations as are "qualified donors" 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 such things as are incidental and ancillary to the attainment of the purposes and the exercises of the powers of the Society.

Fund-Raising to Date:

1996	$285
1997	$1666
1999	$1230
2000	$600
2002	$700
2003	$1760
2005	$1475

Expenditures to Date:

Grant to bring learners' to conference	$715
1999 Certification	$2000
1999 Learners Conference	$1075
2001 Canadian Red Cross Donation	$500
2003 Learners' Conference	3380
2005 Learners' Conference	$1726

Advertising and Promotion

- A poster advertising the Foundation is available for posting in the TESL Canada Bulletin and the TESL Canada Journal. Provincial and territorial associations have agreed to advertise the Foundation in their journals and newsletters
- The Foundation will be promoted at the TESL Canada 2006 Conference with promotional material being available at the TESL Canada table
- Information about the TCEF will be distributed at TESL Canada Learners' Conferences. At the last Learners' Conference in Ottawa, information was distributed to the learners, questions were fielded and learners were invited to give their input. A survey was also taken asking learners about the kind of funding that they needed.

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- The Foundation encourages provincial and territorial associations to publicize learners attending the Learners Conference in local newspapers, journals, bulletins etc. Reference can be made to any support provided by the Foundation and the articles forwarded to TESL Canada for promotional material in support of both the Learners Conference and the Foundation.
- The TCEF Board has been working on an application process to apply for Foundation funding. Ellen Pilon has been chairing the initiative with the assistance of Angela Schinas. The target launch date of the 2006 Conference has been met and application materials will be available at the Conference in Winnipeg.

Fund-Raising

A TCEF Silent Auction will be hosted at the TESL Canada 2006Conference in Winnipeg during the Friday night banquet. Provincial and territorial associations have been invited to donate items and donations have also been solicited from throughout the community. A profit of $1475 was realized at the last silent auction. The planning committee for the 2006 Conference has made provisions for the silent auction organizers to make announcements throughout the evening at the banquet. The Auction will be open at 5:30 and throughout the dinner.

Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting of the TESL Canadian Educational Foundation will be held on October 18th from 1:00 – 1:30 at the Delta Winnipeg in the Colbourne Room. As the incoming secretary of TESL Canada, Sandra Kouritzin will assume the position of chair of the TCEF Board for the upcoming term. This will take place at the TESL Canada AGM on Friday, Oct. 20th , 2006.

Please consider a tax deductible donation to the TESL Canadian Educational Foundation.

As we near the end of the year, you may want to look at ways to minimize your taxes payable next year—such as charitable giving.

When making charitable donations you receive a tax credit from both the provincial and federal governments. The rates vary depending on the amount given, but generally a donation of $500 results in a tax credit of $119. Your charity benefits from the donation and you pay less tax. It's a win/win situation. The TCEF is an active charity seeking to support research, training, culture, and learners in the ESL arena. The TCEF will benefit from a donation from $10—$100!

Donors will be recognized in the bulletin and also at the upcoming Conference. In addition to a tax receive for the full value of your donation, donors will be spotlighted at the conference. Many thanks for your generous donation.

Please call Louise Aerts, Executive Director, at 1-800-393-9199 to make a donation via telephone. Email donation and payment information to admin@tesl.ca. Or mail donation and payment information/cheque to:
408—4370 Dominion Street. Burnaby. BC. V5G 4L7.

You will receive a tax-receipt for the full amount of your donation.

Journal Advisory Committee Report

Submitted by: Virginia Christopher

Members: Virginia Christopher (Chair), Debby Yeager-Woodhouse, Angela Shinas, Ron Thompson, Ellen Pilon, John Sivell, Sandie Kouritzin (ex-officio), Louise Aerts (ex-officio).

1. Online Journal

The committee is in agreement that the Journal should be published on-line. The impetus for this decision is financial, but TESL Canada would not be a pioneer in this area. Several organisations' publications are available on-line. The committee is in the process of investigating issues that will impact the Board's decision on this issue, including standards, policies, procedures, costs, implementation, timing, etc. It is expected that a report will be ready for the Boards' consideration at the next meeting.

2. **Journal Reviewers**

The committee will discuss whether the reviewers should be sent letters thanking them for their service and asking if they would like to continue, or if we should let things stand the way they are.

3. Refereeing Procedures

At its meeting at the 2006 Conference, the committee will discuss international refereeing standards and ways in which TESL Canada may consider establishing a league of similar journals with shared refereeing principles. The results of this discussion will be announced in a subsequent report.

4. Canadian Heritage Funding / Questionnaire

We have received confirmation that we will be receiving the $30,000 grant for which we applied. These monies make it possible for TESL Canada to produce the Journal. One of the conditions of the grant was that we conduct a reader satisfaction questionnaire. The Committee has developed a questionnaire which will be included with the fall Journal to ensure that there is time to compile the data and create a report before the end of the grant cycle. Members may mail in the completed form or respond on-line. This report will give us direction on ways the Journal may better meet the needs and expectations of the membership.

5. Editor's Report

I'm glad to report that my beginning as editor has gone reasonably smoothly, no doubt in very large measure because of Sandie's help. I would like to thank Sandie – 'on the record' – for the highly cooperative way in which she managed the change-over. There is still a lot for me to learn about this job, but Sandra had an exceptionally accurate sense of what I needed to know first and of how much I could assimilate at a given moment. As we went through the transition, Sandra gradually passed responsibility to me: all of the articles for the present issue were in fact received, reviewed and approved for publication under her editorship, with the final copy-editing shared between Sandra and myself.

Moreover, my comfort-level has also been promoted by the fact that Joan Birrell-Bertrand, who developed admirable skills as Sandra's editorial assistant, agreed to continue with me, too, which I very much appreciate.

The up-coming issue is now in the hands of our layout editor, Naomi Stinson. It will be a little longer than usual (about 164 pp), which will allow us to address some of the backlog of excellent articles that have been approved but not yet published: seven articles, one 'In the Classroom', and two book reviews.

Finally, I am enthusiastic about the probable move to online delivery of the journal (even more since having attended sessions of the Canadian Association of Learned Journals) at the Learneds at York University this spring. Indeed, Naomi reports that the actual process of preparing manuscripts for online presentation would be a simple task that, in her words (recent email) "is now more feasible than before. With the last volume we went digital, and the printer now produces PDF files from the PostScript files I give them; they put in the graphics and then print digitally from the PDF files. They would be happy to provide these to Louise for a small cost."

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Additionally, I believe there are interesting possibilities along the lines of reviewing our refereeing procedures and perhaps leading an initiative to establish joint procedural guidelines for a consortium of journals with interests generally similar to those of *TCJ*; in that connection, I attended and gave a joint paper (with Debby Yeager-Woodhouse) in the peer-reviewing sub-section of this summer's 3rd International Conference on Cybernetics and Information Technologies, Systems and Applications ('*An Alternative Model for Appropriate Assurance of Informed Consent?*') in Orlando.

TESL Canada Conference 2008 Report

Ellen Pilon, TESL NS

TESL NB and TESL NS are co-hosting the TESL Canada 2008 Conference which will be in Moncton, New Brunswick, May 29-31, 2008, at the Delta Beausejour Hotel.

Ellen Pilon is the co-chair from TESL NS; Sandra Foreman and Barbara Clayden are the co-chairs from TESL NB. Several meetings have taken place to date at the hotel in Moncton. In September TESL Canada's Executive Director, Louise Aerts joined us to visit the Maritimes and become familiar with the hotel and the area. New Brunswick showed her wonderful Maritime hospitality.

The DELTA Beausejour is a beautiful remodeled hotel in the heart of Moncton. TESL Canada will occupy all the conference space and hopefully all the guest rooms, so the building will be ours.

We are very excited to announce that our keynote speakers are Scott Thornbury and Jeremy Harmer, both authorities in discourse, which is the theme of the conference. We obtained Scott's permission to call the conference *Uncovering Discourse*, loosely modeled after the title of his famous grammar book, *Uncovering Grammar.* Scott is well-known for innumerable readable and entertaining books on different aspects of ESL/EFL teaching; one of his recent books on discourse is *Beyond the Sentence*.

Louise helped prepare a colourful poster to advertise the conference and it will appear (in black and white) as an insert in the fall TESL Canada Journal mailing. Please see last page of this bulletin for the flyer.

We are slowly finding members to chair the different aspects of conference planning. Fortunately TESL NB's excellent treasurer, Bev Tupper, has agreed to take on that responsibility. TESL NS is expecting to organize the off-site responsibilities, including registration, information, conference speakers and the program. Soon the TESL NS webpage will include information about the conference (www.teslns.ca). TESL NB is working closely with the hotel and organizing all the on-site responsibilities.

We are looking forward to the 18 months of organization preparing this conference to offer delegates some real downhome Maritime hospitality and a stimulating and entertaining program.

Executive Director's Report

With my one year anniversary on the job quickly approaching, my false sense of security that I was actually getting a hang of this job quickly vanished in the face of my first National Conference. I am extremely confident it will be an amazing conference because it has been arranged by an amazing group of devoted volunteers including – Christine Bertram and June Shumko co-chairing the TESL Canada Conference and Sandra Kouritzin and Diana Turner co-chairing the Learners' Conference. A great big thank you to you ladies for walking me through this process and showing me how its done.

With the 2006 conference just around the corner, I decided to focus on the 2008 Conference and make a trip to Moncton, NB. Meeting with the chairs of the 2008 Conference – Sandra Foreman, Barbara Clayden, and Ellen Pilon – I got to enjoy the hospitality of the Maritimes during its picturesque September. The four of us were armed with conference binders and lots of great ideas and are ready to ensure the 2008 Conference in Moncton will be worth the trip. And, if you're anything like me, you'll take a couple extra days vacation to rent a car and explore. Did you know it's only a two and a half hour drive to Halifax? And only three hours from Halifax to Charlottetown?

Here are some pictures from my trip: Left: Me sticking my foot in the Atlantic Ocean for the first time; Middle: Overlooking Peggy's Cove; Right: Promoting TESL Canada at TESOL last March in Tampa Bay.

In March, I made a trip to Tampa, FL to promote TESL Canada and the TESL Canada Journal at the TESOL Conference. It was amazing to see thousands of ESL professionals gathered together to share their knowledge. The Canadian Flag displayed at my booth brought lots of interest and stories.

The office continues to buzz with certification and teacher training program quires and applications. We saw an increase in the number of certification applications with the retirement of the grandparenting provision and I'd like to thank the adjudicators and the EA for stepping up during a busy time. If you have any questions about certification or teacher training program recognition, please do not hesitate to call me.

I am pleased to introduce our new Executive Assistant Ozren Jungic, a university student who is in the office the two days a week he's not on campus. Oz has quickly come up to speed and is a great asset in the office.

We have seen some changes on the board. I would like to thank Mary Chapuis for her time with TESL Canada and re-welcome Joyce Vandall as our rep from SCENES. Yasmin Ojah also finished her term as rep to TESL Canada from TESL NB. TESL NB is now being represented by Paula Kristmanson. Thank you to BC TEAL's rep Sarah ter Keurs who is moving on to exciting new bundles. We also have two long term executive members of the board stepping down after many years of service. A heartfelt thank you to Christine Bertram and Bill McMichael for all they have done for TESL Canada.

- Louise

Nominations Report

Submitted by: Virginia Christopher

Announcement
The following announcement was disseminated in March of 2006 in order to solicit nominations:

TESL Canada Board Nominations
Term: October, 2006 – April, 2008

The TESL Canada Nominations Committee is seeking candidates for six (6) Board positions for the term of October, 2006 to April, 2006. Elected officers may let their names stand for subsequent terms. 1 Secretary, 5 Directors

Duties:

- Active participation on the TESL Canada Board at meetings and throughout the year
- Attendance at two(2) face-to-face Board meetings per eighteen-month term
- Participation in e-mail meetings, teleconference calls as required
- Chairing of a Board Committee as per the following table (next page)
- Active leadership of the Board Committee including three (3) written reports for Board meetings and the TESL Canada Bulletin

The Board Committee responsibilities and mandates are on the opposite page:

Master's Program in TESL

Mount Saint Vincent University, in co-operation with Saint Mary's University, offers the **Master of Education in Curriculum Studies: TESL** program. Students can complete the full-time degree in eight months, or on a part-time basis.

Program information and admission requirements are available online at **www.msvu.ca/education** under **Curriculum Studies**.

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POSITION	COMMITTEE	COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP	MANDATE
Secretary	TESL Canada Educational Foundation	a) Secretary b) TESL Canada members	To provide a link to the Board for information. To ensure that the needs of the Foundation are met and addressed within the confines of its mandate.
Director	CCLB	a) Elected Director b) 2 TESL Canada-appointed representatives	TESL Canada has three representatives on the Board of Directors of the Centre for Canadian Language Benchmarks (CCLB), a national, not-for-profit organization, primarily serving the adult English as a Second Language community in Canada. Through their participation on the CCLB Board of Directors, TESL Canada representatives act as resource people and liaisons between TESL Canadians and both provincial and federal levels of government.
Director	Public Relations Sub-Committees: TESL Canada Bulletin Website	a) Elected Director b) Chairs of Sub-Committees (appointed Provincial Representatives) c) 1 representative each from 3 Committees: Linkages; National Networking; Policy and Action	To ensure that information regarding TESL Canada activities is available to the membership and the public in a timely manner. To ensure that all public relations activities are in accordance with the mandate of TESL Canada.
Director	Awards	a) Elected Director b) 2 Provincial Representatives	To seek out potential nominations for TESL Canada Awards. To communicate with the Board final selection. To communicate with Award recipients in a timely manner. To work with the Conference organizers to ensure that appropriate time is allotted for recognition of those receiving Life Member Awards
Director	a) Linkages b) Testing	a) Elected Director b) Vice-President c) 1 Provincial Representative	To maintain a relationship with organizations such as TESOL, IATEFL and SPEAQ for the purpose of sharing information and representation as well as investigating the possibility of expanding links with like organizations. To advise the Board on relevant issues in testing and work on projects as they arise
Director	National Networking	a) Elected Director b) 3 Provincial Representatives	To work with ELSA and LINC providers across the country To identify issues and share information.

Nominations Report Continued

Following is the slate of nominees for the available positions to be voted on at the AGM in Winnipeg on Friday, October 20, 2006.

TESL CANADA BOARD NOMINATIONS 2006			
POSITION	**COMMITTEE**	**NOMINEES**	**PROVINCE**
Secretary	TESL Canada Educational Foundation	1. Sandie Kouritzin	Manitoba
Director (This position is appointed by the TESL Canada Board)	CCLB Liaison	1. Christina Stechishin	British Columbia
Director	Public Relations Sub-Committees: TESL Canada Bulletin Website Linkages	1. Ron Thompson	Alberta
Director	Awards	1. Prudence Swaan	Saskatchewan
Director	Testing	1. Joy Lin Salzberg	British Columbia
Director	National Networking	1. Angela Schinas 2. Carmen Boulter	Ontario Alberta

Did you know?

That you can post employment positions on the TESL Canada website? Provided that the qualifications for the posting are equivalent to our minimum standards - an undergraduate degree and approved TESL/TEFL training, TESL Canada will post any position for up to three months on our site - free of charge. This is a service we provide to ensure you are able to find a qualified candidate for your openings. Please email your job posting, including the relevant qualifications, to admin@tesl.ca. The positions will be posted as sent within one week for a maximum of three months. The positions are sorted by their location. Positions within Canada are separated from international postings to highlight local and foreign opportunities.

Likewise, if you are searching for a job, please check our website **www.tesl.ca** under *Jobs Search* to find positions that will fit your qualifications.

Learners' Conference 2006

The Learners Conference committee has been hard at work. The conference planning committee consists of Diana Turner and Sandra Kouritzin, the co-chairs, and Jayesh Maniar, Helen Baergen, Joan Birrell-Bertrand, Rita Hildahl, Luisa Igne, Bernadette McCann, Katie Cherniak, and Deyanira Muller. We also remember the late John Lawler, member of our committee, who died last November.

We think that we have an exciting program planned. The program has been sent to Louise Aerts, and is also attached to this report. There are five themes in the conference: social services, health, justice, employment, and education. Participants will engage in a variety of presentation formats followed by facilitated group discussions. We have received funding from the Centre for Canadian Language Benchmarks ($5000), Citizenship and Immigration Canada ($10,500), and the local organizations, TEAL Manitoba and TEAM, have agreed to sponsor part of the conference as well.

To date, there are about 30 learners who have committed to coming to the conference, including 11 from other provinces and the Yukon. We have a slate of volunteers for both days. One member of the committee will meet all out of town guests and help them into taxis. At this point, we are working hard on last minute details to ensure that the conference delegates have a productive and enjoyable experience. We look forward to seeing you in Winnipeg. Sandie Kouritzin and Diana Turner.

Thursday, October 19th

7:30 pm President's Reception (cash bar)

Friday, October 20th

- ***9:00 am Welcome***
- ***9:30 – 11:30 Workshop: Employment***

Using the technique of Stop Theatre, learners will have the opportunity to work through situations involving workplace safety, harassment, violence, and workplace dynamics. Two of the presenters are **Ellen Olfert**, Executive Director of Workers of Tomorrow and **Beatrice Watson**, Outreach Liaison Officer of The Manitoba Human Rights Commission. They will be using young actors during the Stop Theatre.

- ***11:30 – 12:30 Lunch***
- ***12:30 – 2:30 CCLB Session***

"*Learner Management of Language Learning*" by **Pauline McNaughton**, and **Maryanne Kayed**, Canadian Centre for Language Benchmarks. This session will discuss learners' experiences with language learning, how they were introduced to the Canadian Language Benchmarks, and what helped them most to learn English. The presenters will introduce some resources that will help learners to understand their language levels and to set their language learning goals.

- ***3:00 – 5:00 Workshop: Education***

Hetty Roessingh from the University of Calgary in Calgary, Alberta, will lead a discussion of the Canadian public school system on the topic of how to facilitate the education of yourself and your children in Canada, including recognition of experiences that they have already had, identity development, unrealistic expectations from parents, problems in communicating with schools and become familiar with the Canadian school culture.

- ***5:00 pm Cash bar, Banquet***
- ***6:30 pm Semi-formal dinner***

Saturday, October 21st

- ***9:30 – 11:30 Workshop: Justice***

PowerPoint presentation on the topic of gangs with a Question and Answer session by the Winnipeg Police Department Diversity Relations Officers, **Joanna Quail** and **Cecil Sveinson**.

- ***11:30 – 12:30 Lunch***
- ***12:30 – 2:30 Workshop:Social Services***

Esther Blum, University of Manitoba, Faculty of Social Work will present on the topic of women's shelters using case studies.

- ***2:30 – 3:30 Wrap-up and evaluation***

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TESL CANADA FEDERATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - DECEMBER 31, 2005
(with comparative figures at December 31, 2004)

ASSETS

	2005	2004
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and term deposits	$101,591	$106,550
Accrued interest receivable	702	1,722
GST recoverable	375	1,064
Conference deposit	5,000	10,000
Prepaid rent	1,308	-
Prepaid 2006 conference expense	35	-
	$109,011	$119,336

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	$ 2,430	$ 9,425
Employee payroll deductions payable	3,998	2,017
	6,428	11,442
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted funds	102,583	107,894
Approved by the Board	$109,011	$119,336

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005
(with comparative figures for the year ended December 31, 2004)

	2005	2004
REVENUE		
Conference	$(1,149)	$ -
Teacher Training Program Recognition	17,400	11,007
Certification	17,354	10,905
Interest and other income	7,460	2,544
Provincial memberships	51,295	47,238
	92,360	71,694
EXPENSES		
Administration fees	829	575
Audit and legal fees	1,425	1,475
Bank charges	878	1,196
Certification expense	9,611	4,142
Insurance	1,522	1,522
Life members	614	452
Miscellaneous	1,000	205
National network	(567)	329
Office equipment (note 2)	4,259	4,163
Postage and courier	117	369
Salaries and benefits	32,856	26,630
Stationery and supplies	4,813	3,079
Teacher training program recognition	4,453	2,882
Telephone and fax	1,875	2,548
TESL Canada Bulletin	435	(180)
TESL Canada Journal - schedule	13,027	7,828
Travel - Board	14,991	3,035
Travel - international	5,533	4,587
	97,671	64,837
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	$(5,311)	$ 6,857

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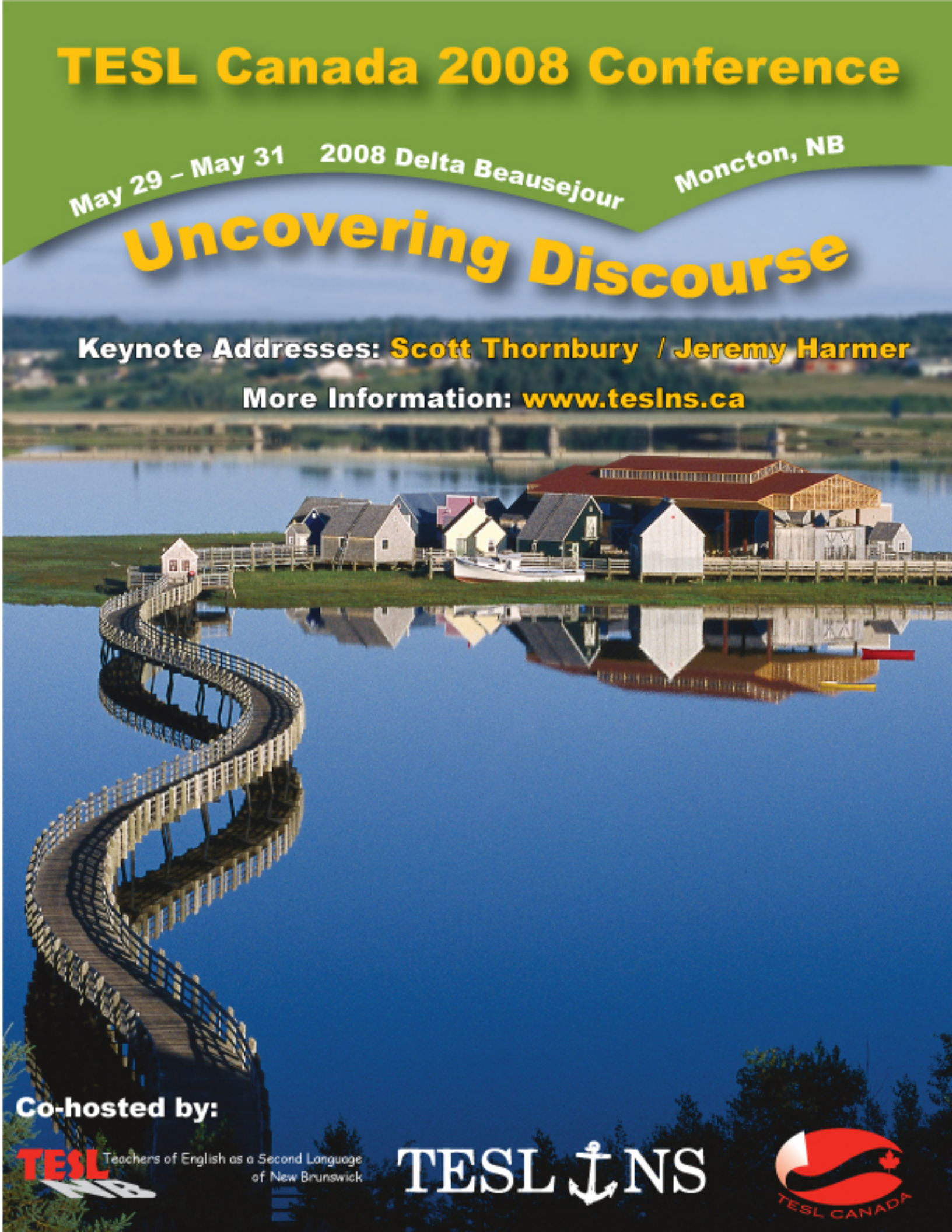

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