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President and Executive Director's Report

Submitted by Shailja Verma and Louise Aerts

Since the Spring Bulletin the TESL Canada office has been very active. Attempting this in chronological order, I, Louise, had the opportunity to attend the TESOL Conference in Seattle in the spring. There I presented on behalf of TESL Canada - TESL Canada's Evolution – A Moving Target. The presentation focused on the need to be responsive to membership needs and used examples of how this responsiveness has caused us to evolve. I also was available in the exhibit hall for all three days of the conference to answer questions about TESL Canada and therefore had an opportunity meet many interesting people.

Thanks to our Journal Advisory Committee and our hardworking Editor John Sivell, the Spring Journal Volume 24.2 was distributed to subscribers and members on time and on budget. It is an excellent journal that is getting great feedback. With the journal committee and John, I continue to work at moving the journal online. We are currently finalizing our decision of which provider to use and are pleased to report there is an excellent option available to us with all the functionality we were looking for. Please see the Journal Advisory Committee Report for more information. I would like to thank our outgoing Editorial Assistant Joan Birrell-Bertand for her dedication to our Journal and her assistance through the transition, and at the same time, welcome our new Editorial Assistant Erica Lee – Welcome to the team.

I have worked with the Standards Committee to revise the Teacher Training Program Recognition Guidelines and Policies. These have been expanded to include formal site visit regulations, appeals, and non-compliance policies. These revised guidelines were distributed to all recognized training program administrators.

Our Certification Adjudicator Jennifer Walsh Marr decided to leave the position after three years of adjudicating. We thank Jennifer for her hard work and dedication to her role and wish her great success at her future endeavors. The adjudicator's position was posted and we received numerous highly qualified applications. The new adjudicator Shawn Brake, TESL Canada Certificate Professional Standard Three [Permanent], has been chosen and is already an expert at certification.

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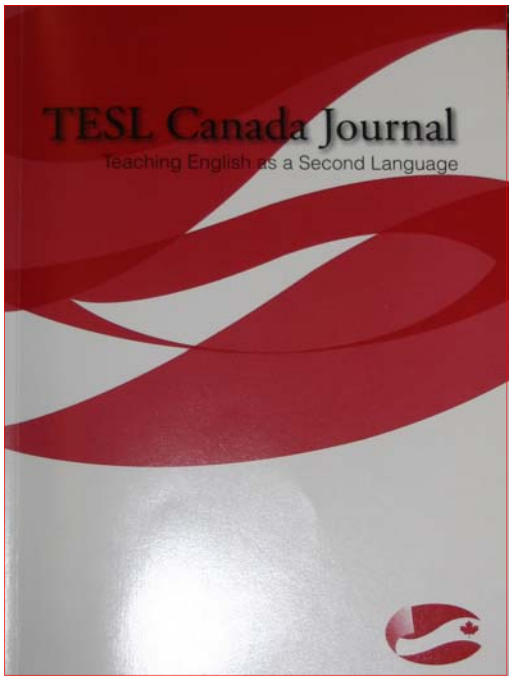

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President and Executive Director's Message (continued)

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Getting back to the timeline, in the Spring I also attended the IATEFL conference in Aberdeen as part of a reciprocal agreement with that organization. I was able to represent TESL Canada at the affiliates' day and promote TESL Canada at the conference. It was an excellent opportunity to network with other Executive Directors and Presidents and gain insight into how like-minded organizations are run around the world. I also saw a castle or two ..

In an attempt to further my education and increase my skill set without spending TESL Canada monies, I applied for and received a bursary from the Canadian Society of Association Executives. The CSAE Bursary program is designed to engage professionals in the not-for-profit sector and to reduce the initial cost of CSAE participation for those candidates who are not already members of CSAE. Over a three-year period, bursary recipients will receive discounts and credits for CSAE membership, meetings, publications and educational programs (a value of over $4,800). I also attended a one day seminar on Board Government, Meeting Leadership Effectiveness and Robert's Rules of Order.

TESL Canada issued a National Request for Proposals for our Prior Learning Assessment Recognition provider. I am pleased to announce that we will be continuing our existing relationship with the University of Saskatchewan as our PLAR provider.

Along with the president of BC TEAL, I met with the BC Minister of Advanced Education in Victoria regarding proposed regulations to the ESL industry. We presented on the work that BC TEAL and TESL Canada have done to date regarding teacher qualifications and standardization of the industry. We have been invited to participate and contribute to the provincial review process on these topics.

Although I've mentioned this already, on behalf of Shailja and I, I would like to highlight a thank you to the TESL Canada Journal Editor John Sivell. In addition to the regular demands of editing the journal, John has been instrumental in ensuring a smooth transition during the move from the University of Manitoba to Brock University. He has also been the lead on researching the move to an online journal format. He is constantly looking at ways to improve the current systems, and all this while transitioning between Editorial Assistants as well. *Thank you John*.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome two new board members to the TESL Canada Board. We have a new representative from BC TEAL – Catherine Evashuk; and a new representative from Manitoba – Warren Hingley. Thank you very much for the volunteer hours you are about to embark on behalf of your profession, your provincial organization, and TESL Canada.

Treasurer's Report

TESL CANADA FEDERATION

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006
(with comparative figures for the year ended December 31, 2005)

	2006	2005
REVENUE		
Conference	$ 1,800	$(1,149)
Teacher Training Program Recognition	26,074	17,400
Certification	20,649	17,354
Interest and other income	3,744	7,460
Provincial memberships	52,915	51,295
National network	8,537	-
TESL Canada Journal - schedule	79,660	73,873
Learners 06	5,000	-
	198,379	166,233
EXPENSES		
Administration fees	30	829
Audit and legal fees	1,500	1,425
Bank charges	963	878
Certification expense	11,634	9,611
Conference	601	-
Insurance	1,831	1,522
Learners conference 06	10,616	-
Life members	384	614
Miscellaneous	306	1,000
National network	55	(567)
Office equipment (note 2)	5,372	4,259
Postage and courier	128	117
Rent	3,663	-
Salaries and benefits	32,654	32,856
Stationery and supplies	2,473	4,813
Teacher training program recognition	5,667	4,453
Telephone and fax	2,268	1,875
TESL Canada Bulletin	382	435
TESL Canada Journal - schedule	95,306	86,900
Travel - Board	6,348	14,991
Travel - international	2,591	5,533
	184,772	171,544
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	$ 13,607	$(5,311)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Treasurer's Report continued

TESL CANADA FEDERATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - DECEMBER 31, 2006
(with comparative figures at December 31, 2005)

ASSETS

	2006	2005
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and term deposits	$ 117,012	$ 101,591
Accrued interest receivable	1,719	702
GST recoverable	813	375
Conference deposit	-	5,000
Prepaid rent	644	1,308
Prepaid expense	45	-
Prepaid 2006 conference expense	-	35
	$ 120,233	$ 109,011

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	$ 1,500	$ 2,430
Employee payroll deductions payable	2,543	3,998
	4,043	6,428
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted funds	116,190	102,583
Approved by the Board	$ 120,233	$ 109,011

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

FROM COAST TO COAST ... TO COAST...

Teaching English as an Additional Language to Adults in Manitoba

TEAL MANITOBA
TEACHERS OF ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE IN MANITOBA

TEAL Manitoba and TEAM Report

Rep: Warren Hingley

After hosting the TESL Canada Conference in October 2008, TEAL Manitoba used the rest of the year to regroup and try a new approach or two to professional development and networking. One of TEAL Manitoba's goals is to facilitate opportunities for networking and professional development among EAL educators.

One unexpectedly popular PD activity this year was our EAL Café. We had decided to forgo our February Conference this year due to the National Conference, but we know that sometimes we really need a chance to sit down and chat informally with colleagues about our teaching beliefs, daily experiences, and learning from the field—or to discuss some new research or plan for change. Some of us have wonderful staff room opportunities, but many of us are working in fairly isolated situations.

As a result, the executive of TEAL Manitoba decided to try organizing the EAL Café, loosely modeled on the Philosopher's Café concept. A Philosopher's Café is open to anyone—academic, professional or lay person with an interest in the field. No lectures, overheads, PowerPoints, or handouts. We come with our experience and good will to discuss matters pertaining to EAL. A general topic or two are suggested for an evening, and several people will come prepared to get the discussion going, but after that—it goes where it goes. The Café is held at a local restaurant after work—people come when they can, order a drink or a meal, and leave when they need to. We tell people it's the mixture of food, drink, a social atmosphere and good minds in search of learning that make the evening a success.

We thought we would try the idea once, but the consensus of the participants was "When is the next one?" We held three Cafés this spring and have one scheduled for early October. We were pleased at the variety of teachers and TESL students who showed up and the networking that occurred. Topics that were considered in our spring Cafés included "Pursuing expertise: what constitutes expertise in our profession, how we grow, what we expect in students;" "Plagiarism, cheating and getting ahead;" "Portfolios: student and professional;" "Parental involvement;" and "Struggling Learners."

This is a low cost, low hassle activity that has met with enthusiastic response—other provincial groups may want to try something similar.
In the coming academic year, we are planning our conference for K-12 teachers on the province-wide professional development day on Friday, Nov. 23, at Shaftsbury High School in Winnipeg. The Conference theme is "Hands Together: Collaboration in the Classroom," and we are very pleased that Dr. Hetty Roessingh of the University of Calgary has agreed to deliver our keynote session as well as a workshop on "Learning by Design." We have a great variety of sessions related to K-12 EAL and newcomer students. The conference co-chairs are Roberta Mitchell and Kim Hewlett. Further information is available on our website.

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Plans for the February conference are well underway. Due to the increasing numbers attending our annual conferences, the location has been changed to the University of Winnipeg. Katie Cherniack and Desa Cazic-Kalem are co-chairing this conference. Further information will be available on our website soon.

Other members of the executive include: Roberta Mitchell, Sean Brown, Kim Hewlett, Sandra Melo, Richard Iwabuchi, Kamy Mansumy, June Shymko, Gorette Bento –Teves, Desa Cazic-Kalem, Denisce Davis, and Diana Turner

Our executive committee contains a blend of experienced and new members this year—we particularly look forward to the enthusiasm and fresh ideas that our younger colleagues bring to the table. The table executive for 2007-2008 consists of Chris Bertram, President; Katie Cherniack, Vice-President; Joanna Koulouriotis, Secretary; and June Shymko, Treasurer/Membership. Warren Hingley takes on the TESL Canada representative position for both TEAM and TEAL. Rachael Fecyck-Lamb will continue her excellent work on our Journal.

PLEASE VISIT WWW.TESL.CA FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF TESL CANADA RECOGNIZED PROGRAMS

TESL Ontario Report Rep: Barb Krukowski

TESL Ontario's numbers continue to reflect the growth of the profession in our province. Membership stands at 3838, the vast majority of which hold TESL Ontario Certification. There are currently 19 teacher training programmes recognized by TESL Ontario.

Last year's conference attracted 1236 participants, 600 of whom were recipients of LINC conference subsidies. Our public relations initiatives to increase the profile of our profession and our organization resulted in television and radio interviews and an opportunity to highlight some of the issues related to our field. As well, the conference featured its first annual panel of experts from ministries at the federal and provincial levels who shared their views of ESL in Ontario. This year's conference, "Making Connections" promises to be bigger and better than ever. CIC will again be providing conference assistance to 600 LINC teachers and for the very first time, Ministry of Citizenship of Ontario will be subsidizing 200 ESL teachers to attend the conference.

ESL professionals in our province and across the country were saddened by the recent passing of Elizabeth Gryte, Director of Settlement for CIC in Ontario. Elizabeth will be truly missed, but her vision and her dedication to settlement issues in our province are a legacy which will continue.

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TEAL
THE ASSOCIATION OF B.C. TEACHERS OF ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE

BC TEAL Report — Rep: Catherine Evashuk

BC TEAL's 39th Annual Conference was a success and the Board is now busy planning the 40th Conference which will take place in Spring 2008. Robin Russell, the Conference Chair, is already busy organizing.

BC TEAL recently welcomed Michael Galli has the new BC TEAL President. He has recently met government officials and is in contact with them on a regular basis regarding TEAL's involvement in the re-regularization of the ESL industry in BC. We'll keep you posted with what is happening in this area.

TESL NB Teachers of English as a Second Language of New Brunswick

TESL NB Report — Rep: Paula Kristmanson

Unbelievably another summer has come and gone and ESL/EAL educators around the province are primed for another busy fall. TESL NB last met formally on June 13th, a meeting focusing mainly on planning for the TESL Canada conference.

During this all day meeting we had the opportunity to meet as a full group and to divide into subcommittees to establish a few objectives for the summer months. Despite the 2-month "break", many people have been doing their part to continue various aspect of the work of the TESL NB and the TESL Canada 2008 conference organizing committee. Sponsorship letters have been written and sent, publishers have been contacted, publicity has begun and logistical arrangements with the hotel are firmly in place. As stated in the previous report, the priority for TESL NB in the coming months will be the national conference in May with our first fall meeting slated for October 13th. In the meantime, my co-president, Nicole Poirier, and I along with our great executive committee will do our best to support the work of the many ESL/EAL educators in the province of New Brunswick. With EAL populations growing in our anglophone public schools, innovative new ESL programs being piloted in our francophone districts, a continual increase in newcomers to this region, new flight colleges opening in the province, and a variety of other English language training institutions operating in this area, the work of TESL NB is continually evolving and developing. We look forward to another great year of collaboration and cooperation!

TESL CANADA

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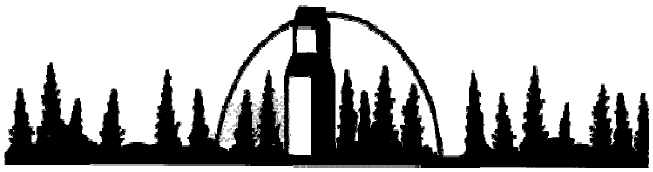

SCENES Report ***Rep: J.B. Vandall***

The total number of SCENES members for the year 2006-2007 is 151, with 21 associate members. We have our own scholarship i.e. the Wayne Eger Scholarship which is given to recognize ESL learners for their effort, accomplishments, need and academic plan. This year the winner is Shakiba Shakouri. She came from Afganistan to Canada. Shakiba is planning to study Engineering at University of Regina.
We are doing well financially. We have been able to obtain funds from Sask Culture for administration cost and special programs. This has enabled us to support March 21 programs and various learning events.

We continue to advocate for maintaining high standards in teaching ESL. This can be only achieved if teachers, school divisions and other training providers are committed in working together and providing quality service. Without adequate resources, trained instructors and stability in the programs we will not be able to provide quality service. Historically, ESL programs have been under funded, particularly in rural areas. Due to the increase in the number of immigrant families and foreign workers, the demand on ESL programs has increased. The strain is being felt by many ESL service providing organizations. This strain is a positive one. As the population of Saskatchewan grows with the influx of foreign workers and immigrants through the Saskatchewan Nominee Program, we know there will be more children with ESL needs admitted to our schools, more adults seeking ESL services and a greater need for workplace ESL. The demand for trained ESL teachers and tutors will increase. Our organization will need to take a leadership role in advocating nothing but the best for our learners -- trained ESL instructors and adequate resources and opportunities.

Last year, we did publish and circulate a checklist for service providing institutions and organizations to assess themselves to see how well they are doing in providing ESL service. This is a tool for organizations to do self-assessment and reflect on the quality of the service that they are providing.
SCENES is focusing on advocacy for our members and learners this year. We have met with LEADS (Leaders of Educational Administration and Directors Society) to voice our concerns about the future of ESL in our province. Joyce Vandall made a presentation at the Saskatchewan Research Unit at the University of Regina, early in the year on "The Future of ESL in Canada".

One of our present challenges is finding some one to take up Jake Kutarna's position as Executive Director. Jake has been with SCENES for many years. He has worked very diligently through the years to support the members in different ways. He provided service with a smile and most of the time volunteering his time. A paid administrator's position is one of the reasons why SCENES continues to do so many wonderful things in this province.

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TESL NS

TESL Nova Scotia Report ***Rep: Ellen Pilon***

The spring and summer are not busy periods for TESL Nova Scotia. Only two meetings have been held since the last report to TESL Canada.

This year the annual conference is later than usual, November 24th, due to early bookings of hotel conference rooms. The November conference will be one day rather than the usual day and a half in the hopes of encouraging members to save their time and resources for attending the TESL Canada 2008 Conference in Moncton next spring.

TESL NS is contributing towards the national conference fees for 9 members. Details are yet to be refined concerning how to select successful applicants. We have chosen to nominate Maureen Sargent as a TESL Canada life member and she will be attending the national conference.

Membership remains high at around 100 members. A significant factor is the interest in TESL Canada certification. The core membership is about 60, of which approximately 10 are interested in active volunteering.

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

Greetings from TESL Yukon! Our AGM is scheduled for October 1st. There will likely be more news of activities then, but I'll do my best to bring you all up to date.

The LINC program at Association Franco Yukonnaise (AFY) is underway for the fall term. Welcome to two new instructors; Nancy Turner will teach the morning class, and Spence Hill will work with more advanced students in the evening.

June was an exciting month at AFY, highlighted by a visit from Her Excellency Michaelle Jean, who opened the cultural Drop-in Centre at AFY and greeted members of the morning class as well as many people from the Francophone community.
The second event was a multicultural day in Shipyards Park where students displayed pictures, information and artefacts from their own countries. Both events were organized by Mme.Yvette Bourque.

Yukon College has begun classes for the new season. In addition to the full time ELT class, there is also a full time class where foreign students and New Canadians work together to learn English in Developmental Studies. The College offered a Nova course during the summer. Students in Professional Studies and Arts and Science are also offered English support when English is not their first language.

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ATESL Report — Rep: Phyllis Regier

In May, the Federal Provincial Agreement on Immigration was announced in Calgary. This agreement lays out the Alberta Government's new priorities for immigration and articulates a desire to increase the number of new immigrants arriving in Alberta. Information and feedback related to building sufficient levels of support for new immigrants in settlement, language training and workplace integration initiatives were generated by ATESL's recent project with Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry. This project, Connecting ESL Communities and Professionals, ran from March 2006 to April 2007. It included: a series of workshops for stakeholders from all over the province; an Enhanced Language Training Conference; a demographic survey of members to determine the state of the profession; and a website feasibility study exploring the potential development of a stand-alone website that lists all ESL, settlement and employment related programming for immigrants in Alberta. This project revealed the wealth of expertise and experience among members of the TESL community in Alberta and provided an opportunity for sharing knowledge and expertise. A full report is available on the ATESL website (www.atesl.ca).

Plans are well underway for the ATESL Fall Conference to be held in Calgary on October 19 & 20, 2007. The theme of the conference, Enriching Our Environment, is intended to promote awareness of the environment in two ways: an affirmation and examination of the physical environment in which we live, and an investigation of the educational environment in which teachers, coordinators and administrators deliver opportunities for language skills to students. The keynote speakers will be Dr. Thomas Recento, Ph.D., English as an Additional Language Chair at the University of Calgary and Brian Keating, Head of Conservation Outreach at the Calgary Zoological Society and Adjunct Assistant Professor of Anthropology at the University of Calgary.

TESL NL — Rep: Marcia Spence

TESL NL continued to experience high member turnout to our monthly meetings, which are hosted on a rotating basis by our four constituent institutions: LINC, the K-12 school system, The College of the North Atlantic and Memorial University. All of our members welcomed the release of the province's new Immigration Policy in early spring and are pleased to see that one of its key recommendations with respect to ESL is currently being fulfilled with the hiring of an ESL Program Development Specialist at the province's Department of Education. Another positive development for those involved in the ESL learning experience has been the hiring of three settlement workers for the K-12 system in St. John's. A coup for international students which has come into effect this Fall has been their eligibility for coverage under the provincial health care plan. As all of us begin another academic year, we look forward to the continuation of this momentum in the growth and development of all facets of ESL in our province.

TESL Canada Conference 2008 Committee Report

Uncovering Discourse: May 29-31, 2008 Delta Beausejour Hotel

Submitted by Ellen Pilon, liaison with the TESL Canada Board

Co-Chairs

Co-chairs Barbara Clayden and Sandra Foreman of TESL New Brunswick and Ellen Pilon of TESL Nova Scotia have been meeting regularly, face-to-face or by phone or email, to coordinate conference planning. At the end of August we met in Halifax to plan the symposia program and the registration brochure and to discuss other issues. The co-chairs have also been coordinating sponsorship appeals and have secured some promises of assistance.

We have designed and drafted the Registration Brochure which is awaiting a few further details before we send it to Louise at TESL Canada for photocopying and inclusion with the fall mailing of the *TESL Canada Journal*.

Treasurer: Bev Tupper

The bank account has been set up and the signing officer's designated. We have arranged it so that all checks **must** be signed by **any two** of the three allowed signers. The signers are two of the co-chairs (Barbara Clayden and Ellen Pilon) and the treasurer (Beverley Tupper). We have received our GST number.

We have received and deposited set-up money from TESL Canada, TESL NB and TESL NS.

We have paid a deposit of $5000.00 to the Delta Beausejour. The only other expenses to date have been the bank fees. We have received registration fees from two publishers to date and those have been deposited to our account.

As treasurer I have decided to do the accounting in a ledger because I do not have QuickBooks software and I am not a professional accountant. This book will be available at any time for any of the committee to review.

Program Committee: Chair Ellen Pilon

We expect to have five symposia, two in the morning and three in the afternoon. We are expecting CCLB to present one of the afternoon symposia although we are still waiting for final details. About 15 workshop proposals have been received to date. We need about 90 - 96 workshops in total for Friday and Saturday. The deadline for submission of the Call for Presentations has been changed to the end of January 2008. Presenters need to register before the Early Bird fee deadline of April 25th in order for their workshop to be included in the conference. Ellen has started preparing a draft of the Conference Program Book, following Winnipeg's excellent model.

Keynote Speakers:

Jeremy Harmer and Scott Thornbury are the keynote speakers. Letters outlining expectations and payment to the two keynote speakers were sent to them by the Treasurer and returned to us acknowledging that they accept our terms. Sandee Thompson of TESL NS is looking after arrangements with the keynote speakers.

TESL Canada 2008 Conference Committee Report continued

Facilities: Chair Sandra Foreman
Sandra Foreman regularly communicates with the Hotel Delta Beausejour to make and revise arrangements. She has secured the excellent rate of $149 + 14% HST for hotel rooms at the Beausejour for conference delegates who register before April 29, 2008.

Banquet: Plans are underway to engage Maritime entertainment for diners' enjoyment.

Registration: Chair Ellen Pilon
Ellen is preparing online registration on the conference website (www.teslns.ca/conference.html) . Delegates will be able to pay through the website using PayPal, by mailing in the registration form with cheque, or by including a credit card number with the registration form. Details will be in the Registration Brochure that will be mailed with the fall *TESL Canada Journal* and will be on the conference website in early October. Ellen is maintaining records of delegates, symposia speakers and presenters.

On-Site Registration Committee: Chair Mary Ann Harrington
The committee has identified both personnel and space requirements for on-site registration during the Conference. We have also compiled a list of required supplies.

Work yet to be done also includes coordinating with other committees to determine schedules, signage, volunteer availability, hospitality services and security issues around payment collection.

A sub-committee is planning conference bags. Choices for bags are being considered, and materials to put into the bags have been identified. Coupons for local restaurants will be included in the bags. Name tag holders will be the same as those used in Winnipeg, and contact with the supplier has been made.

Publicity: Chair Patricia Balcom
Patricia and her committee have compiled a list of contacts to whom they will send information about the conference. They have identified three key times for releasing the publicity. As part of TESL NS's contribution to the conference, Ellen is maintaining the conference website www.teslns.ca/conference.html and keeping it reliably up-to-date. The conference email conference@teslns.ca also goes to Ellen who is able to answer questions quickly.

The Publicity Committee has accomplished the following:

- The CMLJ published an announcement in their Calendar of Forthcoming Events
- CAAL will publish an announcement under Conference on their web-site.
- A letter was sent for distribution to members of Can Coalition for Immigrant Youth.
- Letters, emails and notices were sent to all provincial TESL organizations.
- Emails were sent to many Education Departments of NS Universities.
- Letters will be sent to school boards and colleges in NB (and Maine) at the end of September.

Hospitality and Special Events: Chairs Margo Cochrane and Penny Carruthers.
Information will be available about things to do in Moncton and in the Maritime provinces. The table will be near the Registration Desk is a highly visible area.

TESL Canada 2008 Conference Committee Report continued

Publishers Committee: Chair Paula Kristmanson

- Met with Mark Campbell of Global Conference Services to discuss details of Publisher Display aspect of the conference. This meeting included a tour of the site and a discussion of potential publisher requirements and projected costs. Sandra Foreman, co-chair of logistics committee, also attended this meeting.
- Received a draft quote from Mark Campbell and a schematic of the Ballroom C and foyer, the original planned location of the Publisher Display
- Received information from Mark Campbell regarding handling and storage needs which we could sent to Publishers
- Received new schematic for room designation, due to a change in venue (there were concerns about limited space and lack of security in the foyer)
- Prepared and sent a formal letter of invitation and registration form to 24 publishers
- Posted publisher registration form on TESL NB website
- Received informal replies from 6 publishers stating their intent to participate- ERPI/Pearson, Oxford, Cambridge, NAS software, Rosetta Stone, New Reader's Bookstore.
- Received 4 official exhibit registration forms and cheques from Rosetta Stone, Oxford, Cambridge and ERPI/ Pearson
- Created a spreadsheet of Publisher requirements for later reference
- Sent all cheques to TESL Canada 2008 Treasurer, Bev Tupper
- Sent a thank you email and handling information from Global to all confirmed Publishers

Visits and Tours:
We are planning an educational tour to different schools in Moncton on Thursday May 29th in the morning. There will be a tour to the famous Le Pays de la Sagouine, as pictured on the conference poster, and possibly to the famous Hopewell Rocks.

A/V: Chairs Kevin Houlihan and Neil Gardner
We are fortunate that a very experienced A/V volunteer is coordinating conference presenters' needs with the hotel A/V company.

Learner's Conference 2008 Committee Report

Chairs: Carolyn Gupta and Yasmin Ojah

The 2008 Learners' Committee has met regularly and will continue meeting monthly until the conference in May 2008. The title chosen is Community Connections through Discourse which links to the theme of the main TESL Canada conference. The objective of the conference is to build strong community connections by creating a network of learners thus providing further opportunities for all participants on a regional and national level. Presently we are focusing on budget details, writing fund raising letters and checking into flights from points west of the Atlantic. We've also done a draft program and are on the lookout for guest presenters. Location and accommodation details are already finalized.

Awards Committee Report

The deadline for nominations for the Life Member Award is January 31, 2008. The details and nomination forms will be distributed to the provincial offices, so please contact your provincial office if you have a nomination for the Life Member Award from your area. Please contact Louise at the TESL Canada office with any questions regarding the Life Member Awards. admin@tesl.ca 604-298-0312.

TESL Canada Educational Foundation

Submitted by: Sandie Kouritzin
Members: Sandie Kouritzin (Chair), Ellen Pilon, Phyllis Regier, Angela Schinas, Joyce Vandall, and Barb Krukowski

The TESL Canada Educational Foundation committee has not been active since the last report because the committee Chair has been in Japan on research leave, unexpectedly without computer access.

Since the October, 2006 meeting in Winnipeg, the committee, with the assistance of Executive Director, Louise Aerts, has actively advertised that donations to the TESL Canada Educational Foundation could be made through the United Way. Through this means, in the past year, $800 was donated to the Foundation. We would also like to thank these anonymous donors for their contributions to the TESL Canada Educational Foundation.

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

Did you pay too much tax? 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:
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Policy and Action Advisory Committee Report

Submitted by: Jennifer Pearson Terell

It has been a quiet time for the PAAC since our last Board Meeting. At our last Board meeting - five motions were submitted by PAAC and passed by the TESL Canada Board. The five motions resulted from a concern identified at the TESL Canada Board Meeting in Winnipeg in 2007. At the meetings in Winnipeg - it came to the attention of the Board that not all Board members have the financial support required to attend and represent their provinces at TESL Canada Board Meetings. PAAC was given the responsibility to explore how TESL Canada could better financially support Board Members' travel and accommodation to ensure representation from across Canada at the TESL Canada Board Meeting and further to ensure that Board members will no longer need to pay for travel and accommodation out of their own pockets when they are without institutional or affiliate financial support. It is hoped that the financial support that TESL Canada provides for the travel and accommodation of its Board Members will be greatly improved by the 2008 TESL Canada Conference in Moncton.

The following five motions were passed at the last TESL Canada Board Meeting and will come into effect in 2007, 2008 and 2009. The motions are reviewed here for your information.

Motion: That all Board Members be contacted by the ED prior to all TESL Canada Meetings and be asked to advise whether they will require full or partial or no funding for travel and accommodation. Using this information the ED can divide the funds in the Travel Budget and offer an equal portion to each Board Member needing funds to attend the upcoming TESL Canada Board Meeting

Motion: That the four adjudicators who administer the TESL Canada Professional Certification and Teacher Training Program Standards no longer be funded to attend TESL Canada Conferences. The funds saved be transferred to the Travel Budget for TESL Canada Board Members who require financial support to travel to TESL Canada Meetings.

Motion: That provincial affiliates be encouraged when financially possible to support the travel of their Board Members to TESL Canada Meetings.

Motion: That the Travel Budget for Members of the TESL Canada Board be increased from the current $6500 to $15000 in the fiscal year [2008 – 2009].

Motion: That the TESL Canada Conference in partnership with a provincial affiliate be held every twelve months in the fall beginning in 2009 at the ATESL/TESL Canada Conference.

Explanation: Most provincial associations hold their annual conferences every year in the fall. However TESL Canada unlike most national ESL teachers' organizations holds its conference every 18 months – this necessitates a TESL Canada Board Meeting at the 9 month mark. The move to an annual fall TESL Canada Conference would mean Board Members would only need travel and accommodation funding every 12 months instead of every nine months – thus saving on travel and accommodation costs. The last spring conference would be the 2008 TESL Canada Conference in Moncton. The 2009 ATESL/TESL Canada Conference would be the beginning of a new annual fall schedule for TESL Canada Conferences.

Did you know?

That we now have over 60 Recognized Teacher Training Programs across the country? Check out our website at http://www.tesl.ca/approvedTTInst05.html#programs for a complete list.

That we now have close to 600 ESL/EFL teachers who have been granted TESL Canada Professional Certification. Congratulations to our recent recipients.

Journal Advisory Committee Report

Submitted by: Virginia Christopher
Members: Virginia Christopher (Chair), Angela Schinas, Ron Thompson, Ellen Pilon, John Sivell, Sandie Kouritzin (ex-officio), Louise Aerts

The TESL Canada Journal Advisory Committee has had a calmer few months after a very busy spring while we were discussing the details for the Journal going on-line. John Sivell, our hard-working editor, and Sandie Kouritzin, past-editor and advisor to John have been quietly working at reviewing and selecting submissions for the Journal. Communication took place mainly via e-mail, with one teleconference call.

1. On-line Journal

You may recall that at the end of 2006, the decision was made to publish the Journal on-line. The committee discussed the various ramifications and procedures for meeting this goal over the spring. Factors such as cost, capabilities, access control, maintenance requirements, portability and integration with larger databases, among other issues were considered. The current status of the on-line project is that, pending our ability to negotiate an end to our contract for paper-copy distribution through our distributor, we are looking at initiating an additional (3rd) annual issue, possibly a 'special topics' issue as an online issue. This would allow us to (a) continue temporarily with our familiar two paper issues per year while members/subscribers have an opportunity to become familiar the proposed new online format, (b) develop expertise with this format ourselves through just one manageable issue per year at first, and (c) make progress with our plan ultimately to move to three issues per year.

2. Replacement of Editorial Assistant

The Journal now has a new Editorial Assistant, Erika Lee, a recent MA graduate from Brock. She was approved by the Editorial Advisory Committee and is known to our editor, John Sivell. Please see the Editor's Report below for further information.

3. The Future of the Journal

The committee is discussing the following:
Having the Journal indexed by ERIC
Putting the policy for Ethics in Research into action. This policy was approved by the TESL Canada Board and has been announced in the Journal. It is a policy whereby authors of studies involving human participants will be encouraged to include a brief appendix discussing any research-ethics issues that arose during the process of securing Research Ethics Board approval. The Editor will begin inviting all authors submitting human-participant research articles to provide this information.

4. Editor's Report

Since my last report, probably the most important event has been the departure of our Editorial Assistant, Joan Birrell-Bertand, to take up an EFL post in the Gulf region. Two changes stemmed from that development:

a) It became necessary to secure a new university-server home for all of the TCJ editorial materials, which until then the University of Manitoba had graciously allowed us to store on one of their servers. Brock University agreed to take over, and Joan and I managed the somewhat difficult and worrying process of thoroughly and accurately transferring all the files. That process is now complete.

b) A new Editorial Assistant needed to be engaged. The Editorial Advisory Committee approved my suggestion of Erika Lee, a recent MA (Applied Linguistics: TESL) graduate from Brock University. She began in September, having just completed her final degree requirements. I am very happy with the prospect of working with Erika because she is a very competent person, able to fill Joan's shoes, and because - so far as these things can be foreseen - she is interested in staying in the position for a few years.

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Thus, I feel that an important transition has been managed with reasonable smoothness. Also, because I replaced Joan in the two-month interval before Erika could begin, I did all the communication with Naomi Stinson, our page lay-out person, as well as following through on the some of the permission to publish letters etc, for the issue of TCJ that was completed in late August. In other words, I gained an especially close awareness of the mechanics of the process that the Editorial Assistant normally handles, so that I am now very well placed to initiate Erika into the mysteries.

Standards Committee Report

The current voting members of the TESL Canada Standards Committee are Sheila Nicholas (TESL Ontario, Certification Chair), Audrey Olson (AB, Co-Chair), Shannon Storey (SK, co-chair), Jennifer Walsh-Marr (BC), and Sandee Thompson (NS), and Jennifer Pearson Terell (BC). Non-voting members of the committee are Laurie Anderson (Adjudicator), Liet Hellwig (Adjudicator), Leslie Scheffer (TESL Ontario, Certification Coordinator),Louise Aerts (Executive Director) and Shawn Brake, (Adjudicator).

1. The Standards committee has experienced several personnel changes. After many years of devoted service, Virginia Christopher, Maureen Sargent and Marian Rossiter have decided they will focus their dedication to TESL standards in different ways. The co-chairs would like to express their deep appreciation for the input and leadership that these professionals have provided the committee over many years. Shannon Storey has joined Audrey Olson as co-chair, and Jennifer Walsh-Marr, B.C., has agreed to join the committee as a voting member after ably filling the role of adjudicator and non-voting member of the Standards committee for several years. Sandee Thompson, a former member of the Teacher Training sub-committee on TESL standards, has re-joined the committee with a much-appreciated east coast and CELTA perspective and also a sense of history in the development of TESL standards. Finally, Shawn Brake has joined the committee as a non-voting member and new adjudicator.

2. Since March, 2007, the committee has received Board approval for a number of changes and clarification points related to the standards.

3. The committee has developed Terms of Reference for committee membership and responsibilities.

4. TESL Canada has now approved a total of 88 teacher training programs across the country, including both online and face-to-face delivery. There are also a total of 860 teachers across the country who have received accreditation under TESL Canada standards.

5. Site visits to ensure program quality continue through a partnership with CLC adjudicators

The committee wishes to thank the Executive Director, Louise Aerts, for her ongoing support.
Her guidance, input and assistance are crucial to the functioning of the Standards committee and deeply appreciated by all.

Testing Report

Members: Joy Lin Salzberg (Chair), Ellen Pilon and Catherine Evashuk

The Testing Committee has the pleasure of welcoming Catherine Evashuk (also the new B.C. representative for TESL Canada) as our new committee member as of July 2007.
Due to various reasons including scheduling conflicts and summer vacations, the committee has just began to revisit some of the issues raised in early 2007. For example, Audrey Olson submitted some issues concerning student proficiency testing that arose from a conference she attended in February 2007. Those issues include: (quoting Audrey)

- some "credential drop" (as opposed to "credential creep") that has been observed as schools compete for international students
- confusion as to what score of the traditional standardized tests (paper-based TOEFL, CBT TOEFL, iBT TOEFL, IELTS, CAEL, etc.) is actually required in order for students to succeed
- questions as to whether differential scores should be required depending upon the student's intended degree program (ie., does a student in computing science need the same entrance score as a student entering Philosophy or other writing-dense course)
- what is the place of CLBs in demonstrating English Language Proficiency scores for university entrance."

As mentioned in the March Report, it has been suggested that there is a need for TESL Canada to conduct proper research, hopefully in conjunction with CLC, addressing the salient research questions derived from discussion related to issues similar to those mentioned above. Catherine and Joy (both in Vancouver) will meet face to face in the next couple of weeks to draft a committee agenda and actions for the academic year.

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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.

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Nominations Report

Submitted by: Virginia Christopher
Members: Virginia Christopher (Chair), Ruth Epstein

The Nominations Committee is now seeking nominations for nine (9) positions available as of the next AGM in May, 2008 at the Moncton, N.B. TESL Canada Conference, as follows:

a) Four executive positions:

- President
- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Secretary

b) Five directors responsible for the following areas:

- Canadian Language Benchmarks (CLB)
- Public Relations
- Awards
- Linkages / Testing
- National Networking (LINC/ELSA)

Duties of board members include:

- 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
- Active leadership of the Board Committee including three (3) written reports for Board meetings and the TESL Canada Bulletin

Members are asked to please note the following table describing the positions, committees and mandates. Instructions on how nominations are to be submitted, and deadline dates are also included. Provincial associations should announce these vacancies at their meetings over the next months, as we hope to receive the widest range of nominations possible across the country.

If you would like to run for a position or nominate a colleague, please download a nomination form from the website and submit it. A short biography will be requested as the election dates draw closer. You and your colleagues will find that participating in your national professional association is a very rewarding experience. We need experts and novices alike. Please pass the word along.
We look forward to seeing you in Moncton.

We are also looking for more members of the Nominations Committee. We always need people to put forward names from the great pool of talent we have across Canada. You do not need to be elected to join the committee. Please contact the chair, Virginia Christopher if you are interested: vchristopher@shaw.ca

POSITION	COMMITTEE	COMMITTEE MEMBER-SHIP	MANDATE
President	All Committees	President is ex-officio to all committees.	Overall stewardship of the Federation.
Vice-President	Policy and Action	a) Vice-President b) TESL Canada Members	Incoming President.
Treasurer	Finance	a) Treasurer b) TESL Canada Members	To review ongoing financial situation. To advise on budgeting. To report Federation's financial situation.
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	Linkages 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.

About TESL Canada

Mission Statement

TESL Canada is a national organization dedicated to advancing communication and coordinating awareness of issues for those concerned with English as a second language and English skills development. The organization promotes advocacy for ESL learners, unifies teachers and learners by providing a forum and network capabilities, supports the sharing of knowledge and experiences across Canada, and represents diverse needs and interests in TESL nationally and internationally.

Objectives

1. To promote communication among the various jurisdictions across Canada in which language training takes place.
2. To encourage and promote TESL and English language skills development policies compatible with the Mission Statement of the Federation.
3. To encourage the establishment of associations in jurisdictions where none exist.
4. To support the inclusion in the Federation of those involved with language and settlement issues.
5. To advocate on behalf of those who require assistance regarding language and settlement issues.
6. To foster scholarship, research and the regular exchange of ideas amongst those involved in additional language teaching and learning.
7. To foster organizational, technological and pedagogical support for language training programs.
8. To work cooperatively with like-minded organizations.
9. To represent national interests and concerns in the international arena.

Six Principles Towards a National ESL Policy
TESL Canada Newsletter—Spring 1982

1. The Principle of Accessibility to ESL for All Newcomers
2. The Principles of Flexibility and Sufficiency
3. The Principles of National, Provincial, and Local Coordination
4. The Principle of Support for Community Agencies
5. The Principle of Functional Canadian Orientation and Citizenship Content in ESL Material
6. Recognition of Key Roles of the ESL Professional and the ESL Profession

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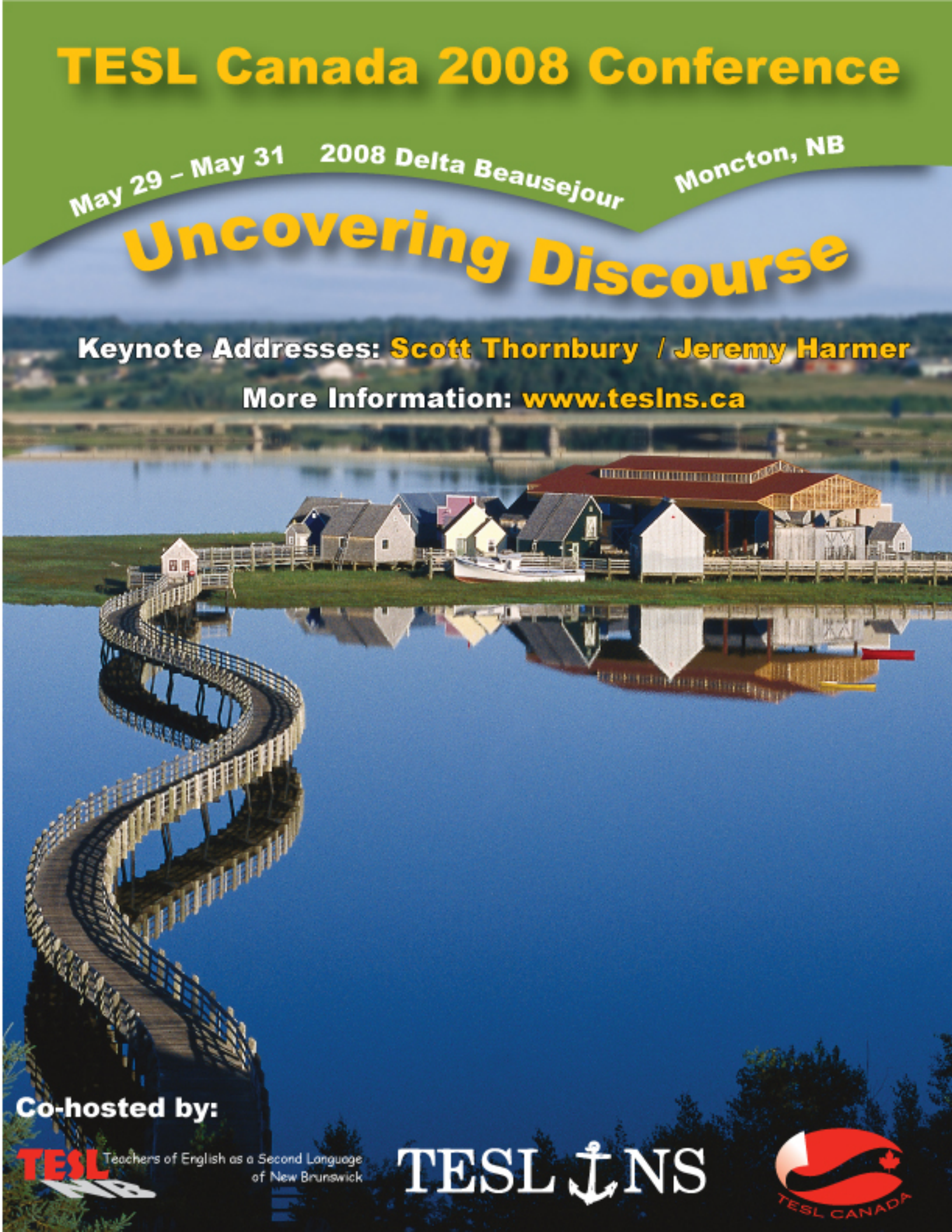

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