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> By learning you will teach;
> by teaching you will understand.
>
> Latin Proverb

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President's Report

From Sandra Kouritzin

It is hard to believe that it has been a year since Halifax, and since I became President of TESL Canada. It has been an interesting and eventful year--lots to do, but thankfully a lot of positive work has gone on.

First, with our AGM rapidly approaching, we are saying good-bye to Aliya Jiwa, our Acting Executive Director for the last year, who is leaving TESL Canada at the end of her contract. We thank her for her time with us, and I hope you will all join me in wishing her well. To facilitate the transition, Louise Aerts has been working in a consulting role a few hours a month and Ritu Dabla will be staying on as the Executive Assistant.

Second, thanks to Lilliana Dominguez, who stepped up to the plate when our past president was unable to chair the Nominations committee, we have a full slate of nominations, and look forward to an election for several positions at our AGM being held May 12th in Richmond. Prior to the AGM, I am going to Kamloops for several days to visit the conference site, and to meet with the conference co-chairs. I am very thankful to Louise Aerts who has made many arrangements for me for this trip, and to Karen Densky and Joe Dobson, the co-chairs of the TESL Canada Conference, who are doing a wonderful job. I am so excited about this conference; planning is in very advanced stages, and the venue looks fabulous. I will have more to say once I have actually been there.

Third, as has been communicated to the provincial representatives, the President of BC TEAL, Michael Galli, and I are planning a provincial plenary at the conference. We hope to have a representative from all of the provinces on board to speak about the initiatives and plans in each province. This was Michael Galli's idea, and one for which I am most grateful. It would be wonderful to have a provincial plenary at every conference, keeping us all in touch with what is going on in other provinces.

Finally, as my first year as President draws to a close, I want to thank everyone for their support. It has been a personally difficult year for me, but the TESL Canada team has come together to help me in many ways. I look forward to seeing you all in Kamloops!

Treasurer's Report

From Scott Douglas

Please see the upcoming pages for the audited financial statements for 2011.

2011 was a good financial year for TESL Canada. We were able to meet our objectives within budget. In particular, the successful 2011 TESL Canada Conference in Halifax contributed to a positive budget year.

The first quarter of 2012 is within the 2012 budget projections, with no outstanding financial issues arising.

TESL CANADA FEDERATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2011

	2011	2010
ASSETS		
CASH AND TERM DEPOSITS	$231,712	$200,079
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	11,706	2,364
PREPAID RENT	2,377	2,377
	$245,795	$204,820
LIABILITIES		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES	$ 6,953	$ 6,494
EMPLOYEE PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS PAYABLE	2,842	3,121
	9,795	9,615
NET ASSETS		
UNRESTRICTED	236,000	195,205
	$245,795	$204,820

APPROVED BY THE BOARD:

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Director

TESL CANADA FEDERATION
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

	2011	2010
BALANCE-BEGINNING OF YEAR - UNRESTRICTED	$195,205	$139,886
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	40,795	55,319
BALANCE-END OF YEAR - UNRESTRICTED	$236,000	$195,205

TESL CANADA FEDERATION
SCHEDULE OF TESL CANADA JOURNAL OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

	2011	2010
REVENUE		
Advertising	$ 867	$ 2,150
Grants	22,750	22,000
Provincial subscriptions	-	20,094
Subscriptions	890	4,762
	$ 24,507	$ 49,006
EXPENSES		
Mailing	7	18
Production	12,747	19,083
Rent	6,722	6,232
Salaries	53,945	51,501
Translation	793	839
Travel	1,911	165
	76,125	77,838
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	$(51,618)	$(28,832)

TESL Canada Journal Report

From Paula Kristmanson in consultation with Marian Rossiter, TCJ Editor

As JAC chair, I have been in regular communication with the Editor of the TESL Canada Journal (TCJ) and have been very impressed with her professionalism and her contribution to the journal to date. Since her arrival, the following issues have been published: Vol. 29 (1)- regular issue, Vol. 28 (5) special issue (Guest Editor - Sandie Kouritzin), and the Special Issue on Pop Culture, which was due to be published in Fall 2011, did not appear because of lack of submissions. One special issue (Guest Editors- Hetty Roessingh and Scott Douglas) and one regular issue are currently in the editorial process. In addition, several modifications and additions have been suggested by the Editor to improve readability and usability of the TCJ website. As a member of the Editorial Advisory Board, I can also attest to the fact that the Editor is in regular communication with this group in order to ensure that the TCJ retains its academic and professional integrity.

The TESL Canada Journal's application for an Aid to Scholarly Journals grant from the Social Science and Humanities Research Council has been approved. We are very grateful for this funding, which is intended to enhance access to the Journal and to increase its readership.

We welcome Hedy McGarrell (Brock University) and Sara Kennedy (Concordia University) to the Editorial Advisory Board. The hard-working members of this board pre-screen the 12-15 manuscripts that are submitted to the Journal each month. We are very thankful for the ongoing work of all board and committee members of the Journal, who are critical to its success.

Work on the 2012 Special Issue, *Generation 1.5 in Canada: Multiple Perspectives on a Shifting Demographic Landscape*, is proceeding well under the co-editorship of Hetty Roessingh and Scott Douglas. We're looking forward to the launch of this issue at the TESL Canada 2012 conference in Kamloops.

JAC Issues Arising from Email Discussions

PLAGIARISM

Authors who are determined to have committed major plagiarism (e.g., unattributed copying of another's data, verbatim reproduction of >100 words of another's publication without citation) will be notified that their article will not be published and that manuscripts from the author will not be accepted for a period of three years. If plagiarism is identified following publication of a manuscript, the article will be retracted and the author prohibited from submitting manuscripts for a 3-year period.

Notice of Motion: Be in so moved that if plagiarism has been found in a submission to TESL Canada, the TESL Canada Journal Editor will accept no articles from this author for the subsequent three years.

REFERENCE CHECKING

Reference checking for Journal issues will be arranged by the main editor and the guest editors of the Journal. Reference checkers in an undergraduate program will be paid $25/hour, those in a Master's program $27/hour, and those in a PhD will be paid $30/hour. The TESL Canada Federation will continue to pay $17.30/hour for this work, and the remainder of the hourly salary will be paid by the Editor, using TESL Canada Journal funding under his/her administration, to a maximum of 25 hours per issue.

SPECIAL ISSUES

The Journal will develop a written contract for guest editors of TCJ Special Issues to sign. It will provide guidelines and deadlines, and incorporate the Special Issues protocol that was developed previously by the JAC.

Guest editors of Special Issues of the TESL Canada Journal will be permitted to publish a co-authored article (with a student or colleague) in the same issue; the manuscript must be sent out for double-blind review by the main editor of the Journal, in that case, and not by the guest editor(s).

Notice of Motion: Be it so moved that the JAC assist the TCJ Editor in creating a contract for Guest Editors that they will be required to sign.

Notice of Motion: Be it so moved that guest editors be permitted to submit a co-authored article (with a student or colleague) to the same special issue. In this case, all double-blind review policies will be administered by regular TCJ Editor.

WORKING PAPER SUBMISSIONS

Articles that have been published in Working Papers Series can be considered for publication in the TESL Canada Journal. (Conditions?)

Notice of Motion: Be it so moved that TCJ Editor be able to consider previously published working papers for publication in the TCJ.

RETENTION OF TCJ DOCUMENTS

Manuscripts and reviews that are submitted electronically to the TESL Canada Journal will be retained in electronic but not paper format. The Editor will request that all permission-to-publish forms be signed and scanned for emailing to the Journal; if there are cases in which this is not possible, the signed paper copies will be retained for 3 years.

Notice of Motion: Be it so moved that the TCJ Editor retain scanned/digital versions only (not paper copies) of "permission to publish" forms. If this is not possible, paper copies will be retained for a period of 3 years.

Notice of Motion: Be it so moved that the TCJ Editor retain electronic copies only (not paper copies) of manuscripts and reviews

CCLB Report

From Christina Stechishin

This will be the last report of the TESL Canada CCLB Committee to

the Board since the change last year in the CCLB Board structure from a representational to a strategic model means that TESL Canada no longer sends any representatives to sit as CCLB Board members. However, TESL Canada remains one of the major stakeholders in the CCLB, and I encourage any interested TESL Canada Board members or other TESL Canada members to run for the CCLB Board on their own merits because the practitioner's voice will always be critical to the organization. For the new CCLB Board member requirements, please contact the Centre at info@language.ca.

There have been 2 issues of the CCLB newsletter, "Inside Language", since my last report to TESL Canada (December 2011 and March 2012), and the following highlights might be of interest.

- After extensive field-testing of both English and French content, the CCLB 's role in the development of the online resource site – Tutela.ca – ended on December 31st. The official launch of the website by CIC is due sometime this spring.

- At the end of February, 2012, the CCLB completed a project to explore the feasibility of delivering the CLBPT (Canadian Language Benchmarks Placement Test) in remote locations via video-conferencing.

- The new CLB 2010 standards have now gone through the final validation stage and the final document, along with the theoretical framework, were delivered to CIC at the end of March, 2012 along with the French version – the NCLC (Niveaux de Compétence Linguistique Canadiens). It is now up to CIC to launch the new standards, but the exact date has yet to be established.

- Instructor support for the new CLB 2010 will be available in the form of a CLB Support Kit in 2013, consisting of an *Orientation to the CLB,* along with 3 other guides: *Incorporating Grammar into a CLB-Based Program, Incorporating Pragmatics into a CLB-Based Program,* and *Incorporating Pronunciation into a CLB-Based Program.* I was asked to sit on the advisory committee for this project last November, and can guarantee that the materials will be of great help to teachers exposed to the CLB for the first time, as well as those who are familiar with the CLB 2000 document. A train-the-trainer model will be used to train as many teachers as possible on the revised document in a short time.

- On a very sad final note, ESL educators across Canada were shocked to hear of the accidental death of Margaret Pidlaski just before Christmas while she was on vacation in Peru. At the time of her passing, Margaret was working as Director of the Adult Language Training (ALT) Branch for Manitoba's Ministry of Labour and Immigration, but I had the honour of getting to know her as a fellow CCLB Board member when I joined in 2005 (she had already been actively serving since 2000). Her commitment to the ESL field and language training for immigrants in particular was always passionate, firm and caring, and her loss leaves a huge empty hole in the minds and hearts of everyone who had the pleasure of working with her.

As I step down from the TESL Canada Board, I would like to stay that I have very much enjoyed my years as Director and CCLB Liaison, and I would like to thank all the other board members as well as the office staff for all the support they have given me – especially my dear and long-time friend, Jennifer Pearson-Terell. I know that TESL Canada will continue to be the voice of ESL teachers across the country, and I wish you all the best in the challenging and exciting times ahead.

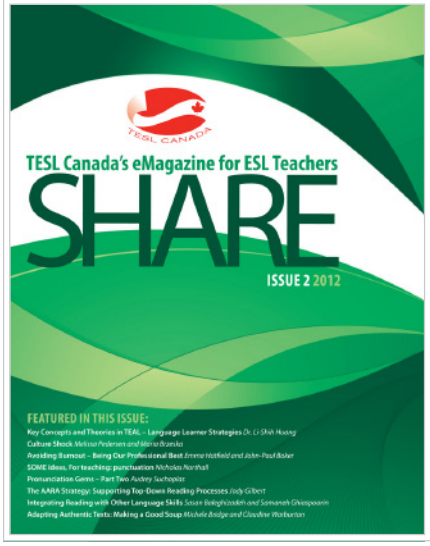
Professional Development Report

From Sarah ter Keurs

This is my final report on behalf of the Professional Development

committee as I am stepping down as chair. I've enjoyed my involvement on the board and will remain on the PD committee as a member. Many thanks to the committee members for their hard work over the past 18 months.

There are just a few spring updates from the Professional Development committee.



SHARE

The second issue of SHARE [2012]was posted on the TESL Canada website in March 2012.

The **Feature Articles** were impressive from Dr Li-Shih Huang's scholarly article titled, "*Key Concepts and Theories in TEAL – Language Learner Strategies*" to Bridge's and Warburton's clever and very original article titled, "*Adapting Authentic Texts: Making a Good Soup*". For a change of pace there was also Hatfield's and Baker's article, "*Avoiding Burnout – Being Our Professional Best*" as well as "*Culture Shock*" by Pedersen and Brzeska which described the cultural challenges faced by those forced to adapt to a new language and a new culture.

From the Heart featured four articles are written by ESL teachers from both a personal and a heart felt prospective. Rana Khan reflected on how cultural assumptions are formed and expressed based on her personal experiences in Canada, India and Dubai. Barb Small writes an article on becoming an ESL teacher while Elmo Chong took us on his personal journey to Korea to teach English.

Tech-Talk for ESL Teachers consisted of three excellent articles including Denise Tonner's article,"*Wayfinding in CALL*", Joe Dobson's must-read article "*Extending the Classroom – Six Considerations for Incorporating Technology in Language Education*" and ending with Scott Douglas' innovative article titled "*Learning by Design: an Online Tool for EAL Curriculum Development*".

And finally, Sandee Thompson, Reviews Editor for IATEFL Voices edited the well written and thoughtful reviews that appeared in the section titled the ESL Resources in Review. As always, this section provided readers with valuable insights into the potential of the featured ESL resources.

The plan is to post the third issue of SHARE [2013] on the TESL Canada website in March 2013. The deadline for submissions for SHARE [2013] is November 2012. There are also plans underway to have a special edition of SHARE dedicated to publishing outstanding presentations from the TESL Canada Conference that would be of interest to ESL teachers across Canada.

Video Recording at TESL Canada Conference 2012

Plans to record sessions at the TESL Canada conference are moving along well. The AV team at TRU has kindly agreed to work with us to capture some of the sessions at the conference in Kamloops. The recordings will become available online after the conference to allow a wider audience to participate and benefit from the many valuable sessions presented by our colleagues. Stay tuned to the TESL Canada website for more information and links to the recordings!
On the same note, if you haven't had the chance to see the IATEFL Online conference from Glasgow, don't miss it. Presentations on a wide variety of topics were recorded and are now posted online as a resource for continued professional development (http://iatefl.britishcouncil.org/2012/).

Governance Committee Report

From Ron Thomson

The Governance Committee has been working on the development

of policies regarding:

1) Past precedent and organizational history

2) Board membership and responsibilities

3) Election of Elected Directors

The committee intends to present these new policies for discussion and ratification by the board at the 2012 Vancouver face-to-face board meetings.

In addition, the Board has been asked to consider revising the existing Travel Policy. The Governance Committee, in consultation with the Executive Director, will present recommendations regarding possible changes to this policy.

TESL Canada Testing Committee (Ad hoc)

From Joy Lin Salzberg

In ensuring that the TESL Canada Testing Webpages are kept up-to-date

with the current practices and issues related to English language proficiency testing throughout Canada, the Testing Committee members have been reviewing our tasks to be done in the next few months.

The first issue is to address the global trend of TESL professionals, ESL international students, ESL post-secondary institutions using the CEF as points of references for alignment with English proficiency exam scores or for entrance into post-secondary or ESL institutions. The measures of some universities and colleges throughout Canada such as at the University of Ottawa and at the University of British Columbia, English Language Institute to re-align their ESL curriculum to the CEF (The Common European Framework of Reference) "can do outcomes" are current examples.

As a result, we have determined the necessity to revise the range of the CEF levels to match more accurately with ibtTOEFL and IELTS scores in our "English Language Proficiency Suggested Reference Scores Guide" on the webpages.

Furthermore, the committee will examine how to add TOEIC exam scores to our alignment reference scores guide to address the increasing requests from our affiliates handling TOEIC scores. It is important to note that TOEIC also uses the CEF levels for the alignment of its scores.

Thirdly, the committee will add on our webpages current updates, recent developments, and web links pertinent to the understanding and practical use of the CEF in the Canadian educational context.

Stay tuned!

Public Relations

From Ron Lavoie

The committee held an email discussion of points from earlier committee reports.

The following points were discussed:

E-Campaigner seems to be working well and serving our mass mailing needs.

It was agreed that setting up a Facebook or Twitter account is not feasible at this time. These accounts require frequent monitoring and review to answer questions or deal with spam. The committee feels that TESL Canada does not currently have the human resources to monitor such accounts adequately.

TCEF Report

From Joy Lin Salzberg

TESL Canada Travel Grants

The TCEF has been actively advertising the TESL Canada Travel Grants which will be available to five eligible first time presenters at the TESL Canada Conference in Kamloops this fall. As well, the TCEF is working on improving the accessibility of the Travel Grant Application to potential applicants. The Travel Grant application can be found here: http://www.tesl.ca/Assets/TESLCanada/TESL+Canada+Travel+Grant+Application.pdf

TCEF Fundraising

The TCEF will continue to fundraise to support the TESL Canada Travel Grants at the TESL Canada Conference in Kamloops with a couple of different fundraising ventures. As well, the TCEF Committee is incredibly appreciative of all the people who contribute to the success of the TCEF via their generous donations in kind, cash and volunteer hours.

TCEF Finances

The total assets of the TCEF at this time are $14656.05. With $12,000 invested in a GIC, there is almost $5000 available for five $500 travel grants as well as any additional costs that may arise. Furthermore, the TCEF is planning to earn between $2,000-$3,000 with its fundraising efforts at the 2012 TESL Canada Conference which will be added to the available funds.

Newly Elected TCEF Board

The TCEF held their AGM on April 11th, 2012 and elected the following directors: Ron Thomson, Paula Kristmanson, Shannon Storey, Hana Imai, Marilyn Johnston, and Ron Lavoie.

TESL Canada 2012 Conference

From the TESL Canada Conference Co-chairs

Dear Colleagues,

TESL Canada and BC TEAL welcome you to join us in Kamloops for TESL Canada 2012. Plan now to participate in one of North America's most important professional development conferences for language educators.

The proposal submission deadline of May 13 for the TESL Canada 2012 conference is approaching. The Call for Proposals can be viewed at: http://www.tru.ca/tc2012/call.html - proposals are already streaming in from across Canada and internationally.

This year's conference, to take place Oct. 11-13 this fall is quickly shaping up to be fantastic event. The Graduate Students Symposia, Pre-conference Symposia and Workshops, and excursions to places of interest in Kamloops and vicinity offer something for all. Not to be missed at the conference will be keynote speakers Steven Pinker, Penny Ur and Michael McCarthy, internationally recognized leaders.

Please note that the TESL Canada Conference Travel Grants information and link to the application form are now on the conference website.

Nestled in beautiful grasslands valleys, Kamloops is a welcoming and easily accessible city close to many renowned destinations such as Sun Peaks Resort, the Adams River salmon run, and the Thompson-Okanagan wine country. Kamloops, a vibrant city is served by both Westjet and Air Canada and only a couple hours from Kelowna, and a few hours from Vancouver. Information on the venue, access, and more can be found on the conference website.

http://www.tru.ca/tc2012.html

We look forward to seeing you at Thompson Rivers University this fall!

Joe Dobson and Karen Densky, TESL Canada Conference Co-chairs

Administration Report

From Aliya Jiwa

It is hard to believe it has been a year since I stepped into the role

of Acting Executive Director at TESL Canada. It has been a whirlwind of conferences, certifications, board meetings, and finances. I am eternally grateful for the opportunity to serve in my current role and I have learned more than I could ever imagine.

As well, I am very fortunate to be working with an amazing staff and Board, who are currently preparing for our upcoming AGM in Richmond on May 12th, 2012. This date is twofold as it also signifies my last day as Acting Executive Director at TESL Canada. Louise Aerts will be returning from her maternity leave in early May to begin transitioning back to her Executive Director position and I will be taking this chance to explore new opportunities in the non-profit sector. I am incredibly thankful to Louise as well as Sandra Kouritzin, TESL Canada's President for guiding me and supporting me in my role and my experience here will serve me greatly in my future endeavors.

BC TEAL Report

From Liet Hellwig

The previous report to TESL Canada was dated November 2011.

This current report deals with what has happened in BC TEAL and what has been planned since then with regard to:

- BC TEAL Website;
- BC TEAL Bylaws
- BC TEAL Sponsor Teacher Reception
- BC TEAL Vancouver Island Regional Conference;
- BC TEAL Annual Conference 2012;
- TESL Canada 2012 Conference;
- BC TEAL Staffing and the Board of Directors
- BC TEAL Membership
- BC TEAL Financial Review
- TCF

1) BC TEAL Website

BC TEAL is extremely proud to have launched its new Website. It has a new, attractive look and offers a wide variety of functions. Carmen Larsen of the Website Committee has spent an inordinate amount of energy in coordinating the construction of the new website. The range of its functions includes the social networking component, whereby BC TEAL members can

communicate with each other (similar to Facebook). The proposal submission function as well as the online system for registering and paying for conference participation will prove to be of great benefit for future conferences.

2) BC TEAL Bylaws

Various Board members have been involved in updating the BC TEAL Bylaws. The overhaul was a substantial task that required many volunteer hours. The committee made sure that a lawyer was consulted to ensure that the final product would comply with proper legal standards. The final copy of the BC TEAL Bylaws will be presented at the next AGM for approval by the membership.

3) BC TEAL Sponsor Teacher Reception

BC TEAL (in particular, Michael Galli and Rebecca Kullman) collaborated with Janice Penner (from Douglas College), Joann Chernen (from Vancouver Community College) and Kay McAllister (from Trinity Western) to organize an inaugural reception for sponsor teachers who have welcomed student teachers from various teacher training programmes into their classrooms. On February 17, 2012, the various parties hosted this get-together to honour these ELT professionals from many Lower Mainland institutions for the invaluable service that they provide as sponsor teachers mentoring the next generation of ESL teachers. The event proved to be a resounding success, with delicious food and drinks, great music, and - of course - wonderful company.

Because of its success BC TEAL hopes to make this reception an annual event.
In addition, a similar reception is being prepared for sponsor teachers in the Fraser Valley on May 31. People involved in the organization are TEAL Board members Rebecca Kuhlman, Michelle O'Doherty and Michael Galli, as well as Cheryl Isaac from the University of the Fraser Valley and Kay McAllister from Trinity Western University.

4) BC TEAL Vancouver Island Regional Conference

On February 11, 2012, Vancouver Island University hosted a BC TEAL Vancouver Island Regional Conference. It was organized by Jackie Foster (from VIU) and the Professional Development Committee headed by Rebecca Kullman and Susan Peake. Both committee members have been very active in arranging PD opportunities in the past few years. However, it

is expected that the PD Committee will have a less busy year in 2012 due to the fact that the TESL Canada conference in Kamloops will provide PD for ELT practitioners.

5) BC TEAL Annual Conference 2012

BC TEAL is most delighted that Capilano University will be hosting the BC TEAL 44th Annual Conference on Friday, May 4th and Saturday, May 5th, 2012. The Conference Committee consists of the Co-Chairs Nicholas Collins, who has been instrumental as the contact person at Capilano University, and Shawna Williams from Simon Fraser University, who has a wealth of experience from her previous work for the 2011 Conference. The theme this year is "ESL: English as a Sustainable Language". The Conference Committee is particularly pleased that it has managed to arrange some excellent speakers, viz. Andy Hargreaves, Luisa Maffi and Dr Gilberto Diaz Santos. A great many TESL students are involved as volunteers before and during the conference. Registration mid-April was already at 355, so final numbers of conference participants look promising. The Committee's tireless preparation planning will undoubtedly make this yet another successful event.

6) TESL Canada 2012 Conference

TESL Canada and BC TEAL continue to be busy with the organization of the 2012 TESL Canada conference in Kamloops, British Columbia, at Thompson Rivers University (TRU). The dates are October 11th to 13th 2012. The theme is "TESL Interiors: Landscapes of Language and Literacy". The highly motivated and very active Conference Committee is co-chaired by BC TEAL Board members Joe Dobson and Karen Densky. Since the plenary speakers are Steven Pinker and Penny Ur, we anticipate that this Conference will reach well beyond recent participation, and we hope to receive substantial buy-in from Canadian affiliates, as well as our neighbours to the south, and overseas.

7) BC TEAL Staffing and Board of Directors

BC TEAL has welcomed a new Administrative Manager, Sandra Boehm. In the short period of the last few months Sandra has already proved herself to be a highly organized person who works hard at managing an increasingly busy job in the BC TEAL office efficiently and effectively. She is capable of representing the friendly and professional face of BC TEAL to those contacting our organization. Sandra's competence and flexibility are much needed and appreciated, particularly for the Annual Conference.

The TEAL Board, with Michael Galli as its inspiring and energetic President, has had 16 members (including members-at-large), who give a lot of their time and energy to different committee tasks.

At the next AGM in May 2012, various TEAL Board members will leave, as their terms come to an end. This includes Michael Galli's term as President. We are fortunate to have many new candidates nominated for TEAL Board positions, including the nomination of Shawna Williams for the position of President. The Nominations Committee was headed by Past President Liet Hellwig.

8) BC TEAL Membership

While in October 2011, membership hovered around 620, numbers of active members have been continually increasing since then. Mid-April membership has passed the 700 mark. Numbers of institutional members have increased as well and stand at 22. BC TEAL has recently reworked institutional member benefits in order to provide good value and service. For example, institutional membership now includes one free regular BC TEAL individual membership; and a 10% discount is given to all staff of the institutional member to attend BC TEAL conferences.

9) BC TEAL Financial Review

BC TEAL has had a Review Engagement for its financial documents. This review is important for maintaining good policies and procedures for the sake of transparency and accountability.

10) TCF

The TEAL Charitable Foundation (TCF) is involved in a great deal of fundraising to establish an endowment fund for its new award. This TCF Refugee Award will provide funding to support a refugee, either an adult or a secondary student, who wishes to study in a vocational or academic program at an educational institution in BC.

TCF has handed out 9 different awards in the Fall of 2011 and Spring of 2012.

During the upcoming BC TEAL Annual Conference the various TCF winners will be congratulated.

ATESL Report

From Hana Imai

The previous report to TESL Canada was dated October 2011.

This report is an update on what has happened since then with regard to changes on the ATESL Board, professional development opportunities, and projects.

1. The Board is composed of the following members:

President	Patti Lefebvre
Past President	Diane Hardy
President Elect	Sheri Rhodes
Treasurer	Maroro Zinyemba
Secretary	Maureen Stewart
Edmonton Local reps	Murray Smith, Bonnie Nicholas
Central Alberta Local reps	Cindy Messaros, Cherie Plamping
Calgary Local reps	Maureen Stewart, Allison Dennis
Southern Alberta Local reps	Jane Brenner, Brenda MacKinnon
CCLB rep	position dissolved from the board
TESL Canada rep	Hana Taleb Imai (final year)
Accreditation Committee	Martin Guardado, Iwa Dufrat, Justine Light
Business Manager	Irene Wood
Administrative Assistant	Irene Wood

2. Local events have been well attended in all regions of the province since last report. The Calgary Local has continued with a "Coffee Pot" series highlighting topical subjects for ELL practioners. This type of session is comprised of a shorter presentation and more time for sharing. Because the presentation is shorter, there have been more ELL practioners that have been willing to participate. The Edmonton local has had some really vibrant presentations from Dr. Temitope Oriola who spoke about issues in the Nigerian Delta, a CLB consultant who presented on the CLBA/CLBPT and student placement, and they have had a panel of grad students who presented on their research. Our newer locals, Central and Southern Alberta have also had a variety of events.

3. The annual ATESL Conference (2012)is being planned for November 16 and 17 in Edmonton. The committee is hard at work securing the venue, keynote speakers and developing the program. They have decided on a theme "*Engage, Empower, Excel - ATESL 2012*".

4. The ATESL Adult ESL Curriculum Framework is available online at www.atesldocuments.com/cf. An undertaking to redevelop the ATESL website is currently underway.

TEAM/TEAL Manitoba Report

From Catherine Carlisle

TEAL Manitoba membership represents learners in K-12 systems, university and adult programs. Its executive is involved in committees to influence a variety of advocacy issues such as curriculum development.

As a Special Area Group of the Manitoba Teachers' Society, TEAL Manitoba supports professional development through conferences, our journal, EAL Cafes, and other activities. The TEAL Manitoba 2012 Conference is being planned.

TEAL Manitoba's Journal is now online. Next issue will be available in June, 2012.
The EAL Café is still being offered. Colleagues are able to share their ideas, resources, ask questions, and network.

The TEAL Manitoba 2011 Community Award saluted the work of the Newcomer Youth Education Support Coalition in Winnipeg.

This coalition embodies the maxim that it takes a village to raise a child. It consists of four organizations:

1. Helping Hands Resource Centre for Immigrants
2. The Eritrean Community in Winnipeg
3. Sierra Leone Refugee Resettlement
4. The Congo-Canada Charity Foundation

The Coalition develops programs, advocate, fundraise, and promote awareness of the profound need for educational supports.

TEAM is an organization that represents the concerns and professional needs of the adult EAL educators. They work with immigrants, refugees, newcomers, international students and aboriginal students.

TEAM helps to promote and improve programs and services for adult EAL learners through community input, advocacy, and professional development.

The TEAM2012 Conference is planned for Friday May 18, 2012. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Sarah Elaine Eaton.

TEAM will be handing out 3 awards at the 2012 Conference; winners to be announced.

TEAM Mentorship Program continues to be successful. The program had 29 mentorships which brings the total to 105 since 2008. In the Spring 2012 there are 4 possible mini mentorships.

Every year, TEAM raises money for a local immigrant service provider. This year, they will be hosting a Quiz Night fundraiser for the MOSAIC Newcomer Family Resource Network. MOSAIC provides invaluable language and parenting classes, as well as other services, to immigrant families throughout Winnipeg.

TESL Ontario Report

From Marilyn Johnston

TESL Ontario is a supportive community empowering educational

professionals to help English language learners to thrive.

TESL Ontario is growing, with 4551 members. 3693 of them or 81%, are accredited by TESL Ontario.

TESL Ontario members were invited to vote on 3 poster concepts for ESL Week in Ontario (November 5-9). The winning poster has been finalized and is now available for download. See the TESL Ontario website for more information.

TESL Ontario Conference is November 8-10, 2012.

Plans for TESL Ontario's 40th annual conference are well underway! The theme: "TESL Ontario at 40: Thriving, Excelling, Sharing, Leading" reflects how this event has evolved over the first forty years.

Here is just a quick reminder that the Call for Submissions is posted on the website: http://www.teslontario.net/conference/presenters.

Post TESL Certificate Training

The PTCT has been forging ahead. During the month of March, articles on the Framework and PTCT were prepared and submitted to TESL Ontario's Contact magazine and to International Settlement Canada (INSCAN).

Four post TESL Certificate training curricula have been developed to date. Training and providers include: Algonquin College for Higher LevelLanguage Training, the Canadian College of Educators for Advanced Pedagogical Grammar, Humber College for Language Training for Employment and New Media Language Training for Learn IT2teachStage 4. An application for PTCT accreditation has been received from the Toronto Catholic District School Board.

The coming year will see implementation of Post TESL Certificate Training. Two additional curricula will be adapted for delivery. Fees reimbursement for 72 PTCT participants and an online system to administer this service will be provided. The PTCT Steering Committee will continue its work in support of Post TESL Certificate Training and in assessing PTCT content needs for the coming year.

TESL Ontario staff, members and volunteers have been very busy throughout the year advancing the cause of ESL in Ontario.

TESL NB Report

From Colleen Meagher-Alkan

TESL NB has continued to focus on supporting professional

development by creating opportunities for its members within the organization as well as offering bursaries for a member to attend TESOL International in March 2012 and the TESL Canada conference in the fall. At all our meetings, we emphasize any recent work of TESL Canada and make sure our members are aware of the services and resources that our national organization offers.

In October 2011, TESL NB officially launched its new Wikispace. This new "space" is seen as a great opportunity to provide its members access to general resources for teaching and learning, links to associations, LINC and settlement resources, as well as an opportunity for members to share ideas and to stay in touch in-between face to face contact. The membership owes a big thank you to Paula Kristmanson for the management and upkeep of the site.

In the fall of 2011, we had our first fall meeting hosted by our members from the Multicultural Association (MAGMA) located Moncton N.B. In addition to beginning our plans for our spring conference, we also participated in a warm-up activity, provided some updates from TESL Canada (e.g., SHARE, settlement network) and brainstormed ideas for our new wikispace (http://tesl-nb.wikispaces.com/). In February 2012 we met at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton to discuss the status report from the Spring Conference planning committee headed by member-at-large, Nicole Poirier from the NB community college in Bathurst NB.We also

formally announced the winner of the registration bursary to attend TESOL- Jack Watson of the University of New Brunswick, English Language Programme. Mr. Watson is also the EV Classics Coordinator and Webcast Co-coordinator for the CALL Interest Section for TESOL. Colleen Meagher-Alkan also attended TESOL as the TESL NB affiliate representative. We look forward to announcing our TESL Canada registration bursary winner in June.

We are all looking very forward to our annual Spring Conference to be held in Bathurst on June 2nd 2012. This year we are thrilled that Scott Douglas from UBC Okanagan will be our plenary speaker and feature workshop leader. In addition, local TESL experts will give presentations. This professional development and networking daywill be a one-day event and will include the AGM for our association.

Current TESL NB executive

- President- Paula Kristmanson
- Past President- Barbara Clayden
- Secretary- Penny Carruthers
- Treasurer- Gail Graham
- TESL Canada Rep- Colleen Meagher-Alkan
- Member at Large- Sandra Foreman
- Member at Large- Nicole Poirier
- (Nicole is also our Conference Chair this year)

TESL PEI Report

Christina Perry

During this past year, TESL PEImembership numbers have remained status quo at twenty-eight members.The organizationalso held two successful professional development sessions – one in May and another in November.The TESL PEI fall report outlines the session held in May 2011. In November 2011, TESL PEI hosted a workshop in collaboration with Holland College. ESL professionals lead discussion circles on the topics:self-assessment,teaching vocabulary, assessing students' writing, and culture shock. Participants gave the workshop a positive evaluation and recommended that the discussion circle format be used at a future session. The next TESL PEI event is planned for May 2012. A multicultural educator from the PEI Association ofNewcomersto Canada will give an interactive presentationthat focuseson teaching strategies related tocultural competency.

At the May session, a new executive will be elected. If I am to remain President for another year, I would like to continue to build the TESL PEI organization through professional development activities and public awareness initiatives.

Questions about TESL PEI can be directed to Christina Perry, TESL PEI President, at cperry@upei.ca.

TESL NL Report

From Marcia Spence

TESL NL got off to a slow start last Fall. Attendance at meetings was low, so in November, we sent out a survey to our membership to determine the direction the organization should take in order to better serve its members and increase the level of participation. One third of our membership responded; however, the majority preferred continuing in our current role, which is mainly offering professional development presentations at our meetings.

With a small resource pool from which to draw, we have scaled back our activities to meeting every other month. Thanks to willing staff within the Intensive English Program at Memorial University, two presentations on using online tools were given in 2012. Dominique Hurley shared with us various ways to use the internet resource TED Talks (www.ted.com) to help students improve their listening skills. Janet Benger and Carolyn Best imparted the highlights of the TESOL Conference they attended in Philadelphia and Janet gave a presentation on Voice Thread.

Although Kamloops is a long way from Newfoundland, hopefully a few of us will be able to make the trek this Fall to join our colleagues from across Canada at the TESL Canada Conference.

TESL Saskatchewan Report

From Lilliana Dominguez

We secured funds to hire a new Executive Assistant who experience

in nonprofit organizations and a strong accounting background.

Our new website is up and running www.tesksask.com. This update has been made possible through an AEEI (Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration) the Provincial Government's capacity building grant.

We held the Spring Provincial SK TEAL/TESL Conference in North Battleford, Friday April 27 and 28th, 2012. The theme was "Making it Meaningful", The keynote Speaker for the K-12 was Dr. Marilyn Abbott, University of Alberta, Department of Educational Psychology. She discussed Tips for Teaching EAL Students. Ms. Elizabeth Coelho, who is working in Spain at the moment and who has worked extensively in Ontario delivered the keynote address on Saturday for the TESL Adult Instructors. She discussed Language and Learning in the Multilingual Language. We had an attendance of over 160 participants.

As in previous years, we secured a grant from the Provincial Government to host the parallel Learners' Conference. Friday session was geared to High School students. Ms. Elizabeth Coelho was the keynote speaker, discussing learning strategies and sharing her challenges in learning Spanish in Spain. On Saturday, the sessions were organized for ESL Adult Learners. Dr. Abbot discussed learning styles and strategies. Also, there was a session on Driving and another on Workplace Safety.

B.C. TEAL
The TESL Canada 2012 Conference
TESL CANADA
TESL Interiors
Landscapes of Language and Literacies
Thompson Rivers University
Kamloops, British Columbia
THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY
October 11th - 13th, 2012
www.tru.ca/tc2012.html

TESL CANADA'S ONLINE TEACHERS' RESOURCE CENTRE

The TESL Canada Teachers' Resource Centre [TRC] provides TESL Canada members across Canada with a wide range of online teaching resources. The TRC can be accessed by going to the TESL Canada website teslcanada.org

TESL Canada's TRC is a tribute to the vision, dedication and hard work of John Sivell, Past Editor of the TESL Canada Journal as well as the support given the project by Chris Stechishin and Jennifer Pearson Terell. On behalf of ESL teachers and ESL learners across Canada a heart felt thank you to John Sivell for making TESL Canada's TRC a reality.

The TESL Canada TRC provides an opportunity for TESL Canada members to access a wide range of online resources by simply going to the TESL Canada website www.tesl.ca and exploring the following wide range of online ESL teaching resources:

TESL CANADA TEACHERS' RESOURCE CENTRE

Free Online ESL Teaching Resources

Online Interactive Student Resources

Online LINC/ELSA and CLB Resources

Subscription-based Sites and Free Online Journals

Free Online Graphics for ESL Teachers

Grammar Worksheets

Listening Worksheets

Reading Worksheets

Vocabulary Worksheets

Writing Worksheets

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About TESL Canada

TESL Canada's Board of Directors has reviewed and revised TESL Canada's Mission and Values:

TESL Canada's mission is to promote excellence in the teaching and learning of English as a second or additional language in partnership with its constituent provincial and territorial associations, and like-minded national and international organizations.

TESL Canada values: Excellence in language, settlement, and refugee programs;
National standards for professional certification and teacher training program recognition;
Working together with provincial and territorial associations on common goals;
Promoting ongoing professional development;
Research and scholarship in the field of teaching and learning ESL;
Linguistic rights for individuals and communities;
Equality of employment opportunity for qualified non-native English-speaking and native English-speaking teachers;
Assisting with English language development while still protecting Ancestral languages for speakers of Indigenous first languages.