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> The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires.
>
> William Arthur Ward

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President's Report

From Sandra Kouritzin

Hello from Winnipeg.

I am well into my second term as President now, and it has been busy, though enjoyable. Probably the most important thing that has happened in the last year is the TESL Canada conference held in Kamloops. From a personal perspective, it was wonderful to be in such a beautiful city on a lovely, friendly, thoroughly amazing campus, but from the perspective of the professional organization, there were a number of firsts—the first ever Graduate student symposium, the first TESL Canada Provincial panel, the first introduction to the organization and leadership of the organization. These are all initiatives well worth adding to the conference agenda, and I thank all of the provincial panel participants for sharing the strengths and challenges they face in their work with our students. We are hoping to follow this up with the information on our website for those who were unable to attend, so please send us your notes! I want to thank everyone involved in this conference planning for a superb job, well executed. We are so grateful for your work.

Dobson, Densky, Kouritzin

I am looking forward to the next conference, in spring 2014, in Regina. We will be out at the University of Regina, a different locale than the previous Regina-hosted conference. For those of you who haven't been there recently, the campus is beautiful, close to Wascana Lake, and filled with great places to walk and talk.

The second big item is our move. TESL Canada is now in Calgary. There are a lot of reasons for this move, but really, it was time. Part of the maturing process of our organization has to be going where we have the ability to speak to federal agencies and to become more visible. We are hoping that Calgary, where CIC western office is located, affords us some of that opportunity. At the same time, after several years of growth and two different Acting EDs, we determined that it was in the best interests of stability to move to Calgary with Louise for the time that she is there. Of course, we hope that her time in Calgary will now be longer rather than shorter. We hope that everyone will be able to get a tour of our new digs at the face-to-face AGM, May 3-5, 2013 in, you guessed it, Calgary.

Finally, at the AGM last spring, we not only made the decision to move to Calgary, we also made a number of changes to the organization. We introduced two new committees: The Settlement Language National Network, and the Research and Dissemination (to become Research and Outreach) committee. These are important new initiatives, and the committee chairs have already made serious progress raising our national profile.

This has been a wonderful year so far. Thank you to our ED, Louise, for keeping us on track, and welcome to our new Executive Assistant Suzette Martin-Johnson. I am also blessed by counting the executive, committee chairs, and board not only as colleagues but as friends. They are a group of hard-working, amazing, volunteers who work on behalf of all of us. Too many to name in a report, you all know how grateful I am, and how much I appreciate all that you do.

Sincerely,
Sandie Kouritzin, Ph.D.

The executive met while in Kamloops to discuss the fact that when the board was restructured, the awards committee was eliminated. At present, the criteria surrounding the Life Membership Awards have not been clearly defined and there is no maximum number of awards per year, etc. The following motion has been passed by the executive committee for ratification by the board.

With regards to the Life Membership Award, MOVE THAT

a. A new committee is to be created who will be the overseeing body of the life membership awards. The committee will be chaired by the Vice president, who will be a non-voting participant. The committee membership will consist of the 10 provincial reps.
b. There will be a maximum of two life membership awards awarded every 18 months
c. If the motion regarding Past president is used, (move that the out-going past president of TESL Canada be nominated for the Life Member award upon serving TESL Canada actively for ten ears including but not limited to the positions of vice president, president, and past president, henceforth from 2009) this may be awarded at the Presidents' reception
d. The criteria the committee will use to review nominations in order to select a maximum of two awardees is:
    - have provided outstanding service in the filed over a period of not less than 20 years.
    - have shown leadership in both the workplace and the community in such areas of involvement as academic, vocational, sociocultural and linguistic instruction, cross cultural counseling, labour market access training, citizenship training and multicultural liaison.

Treasurer's Report

From Scott Douglas

The 2012 fiscal year is in its final quarter and revenue is ahead of

budget and expenses are under budget, which should result in a year end better than anticipated. The finance committee considered a motion from the TCEF to transfer 5% of the TESL Canada Conference profits to the TCEF. The finance committee agreed to the motion in principle but added the following conditions to ensure fiscal responsibility. MOVE THAT 5% of TESL Canada's Profits from the TESL Canada conference be transferred to the TCEF in the event that TESL Canada itself is profitable in the year the transfer is to be made. However, this transfer should not put the TESL Canada budget into a deficit situation. In such case, the percentage transferred will be adjusted down so that the overall budget does not fall into deficit.

Standards Committee Report

Justine Light, Chair | Standards Committee

ACCREDITATION

Demand for certification continues strong, with 266 applications have been made in the 2012-year to date. Of these 266, 207 were accredited immediately, 28 applications are on hold with 7 awaiting adjudication. Twenty-two applications are currently awaiting PLAR decisions and two applications were withdrawn.

The breakdown of applications by province and international locations was:

(1) 9 international applications
(2) 32 from Alberta
(3) 97 from British Columbia
(4) 18 from Manitoba
(5) 3 from New Brunswick
(6) 10 from Nova Scotia
(7) 81 from Ontario
(8) 3 from Prince Edward Island
(9) 6 from Quebec
(10) 7 from Saskatchewan.

The breakdown of applications by standard was Standard One Interim (111), Standard One Permanent(42), Standard Two Interim (55), Standard Two Permanent (17), Standard Three Interim (8), and Standard Three Permanent (32).

The Committee dealt with one appeal from an applicant who questioned the decision that her Master's degree was not directly enough related to TESL/SLA. A sub-committee was formed and the original decision was upheld.

K-12 ENDORSEMENT

The committee has begun to work on the mandate from the Board to gather information from affiliate members about the need for TESL Canada to play a role in endorsement/recognition for K-12 teachers with responsibility for teaching ESL. To date, seven responses have been received from Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Ontario, Saskatchewan and PEI. The Chair intends to collate these responses into a report, which will be distributed to all Board members by the end of November.

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE, KAMLOOPS

Members of the Standards Committee attending the TESL Canada conference were able to meet in Kamloops and a number of items were addressed during this meeting. Furthermore, the meeting generated two motions (see below) that were carried but require ratification by the Board.

PLAR – PRACTICUM EQUIVALENCY

The standards chair and TESL Canada ED received correspondence from our PLAR provider about a proposed change to practicum equivalency. Background: When the PLAR standards were set, they largely copied the TESL Ontario PLAR process. These standards were adopted by TESL Canada in choosing the proposal from the U of S as our PLAR provider. The original practicum equivalency was set at 1,600 hours of experience in adult ESL classroom teaching with demonstrated observation reports, etc. As an aside, TESL Ontario has since moved their PLAR process in-house, and have reduced the practicum equivalency to 500 hours. The recommendation from the PLAR provider is to lower the practicum equivalency requirement to 1,000 hours of adult, ESL classroom teacher, all other standards remaining the same. This would align with our teaching requirements for permanent status.

The chair wanted to bring this to the committee's attention for transparency. The proposal was accepted by the Standards Committee meeting in Kamloops and Louise will respond to the correspondence and cc the committee.

STANDARD THREE-M.A./M.ED. UPDATE

TESL Canada has been administering the new standards change that all masters/doctoral graduates in TESL or equivalent with a demonstrated background in adult education, with appropriate practicum, from a Canadian institution which is a member in good standing of the AUCC be awarded TESL Canada Standard Three (Interim) upon application. Administration was questioning whether someone without the appropriate practicum could be assessed for practicum equivalency through our in-house adjudication, rather than be referred to PLAR, if that was the only gap. The committee discussed this and moved

> *THAT with respect to the Canadian MA/Med TESL standard, if a candidate is missing a practicum, a practicum equivalency assessment can be done by TESL Canada's adjudicators thereby not requiring a referral to PLAR.*

STANDARD TWO/THREE ENHANCEMENT OF STANDARD

Given the recent changes regarding Standard Three, it is no longer immediately necessary to further define the Standard Three description of standard.

It is recommended that administration review the TESL Ontario standards with regards to enhancing the description of standards for TESL Canada's Standard Two. Administration, in consultation with the standards chair, is to determine mandatory and elective standards from the TESL Ontario rubric and bring that proposal to the committee. The committee is planning a retreat day during the spring face-to-face meetings in Calgary.

MANDATORY MEMBERSHIP

There was a discussion about how other jurisdictions, SK and ON, require ongoing membership to maintain your professional certification. The committee then moved

> *THAT you must be a member in good standing of your provincial association or TESL Canada (if living outside of Canada) in order to maintain your TESL Canada Professional Certification.*

TESL Canada Journal Report

From Hedy McGarrell with contributions from Marian Rossiter, TCJ Editor

05 November 2012

JOURNAL ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS (2012-2013)

The Journal Advisory Board (JAC) for 2012-2013 consists of the following members:

Sandie Kouritzin *(University of Manitoba)*

Paula Kristmanson *(University of New Brunswick)*

Justine Light *(University of Alberta)*

Hedy McGarrell, Chair *(Brock University)*

Marian Rossiter *(University of Alberta)*

John Sivell *(Brock University)*

Ron Thomson *(Brock University)*

Hong Wang *(Mount Saint Vincent University)*

MEETINGS

The JAC convened an email committee meeting in June, following the face to face meetings in Richmond, to deal with several outstanding items. Please accept the following motions, approved by the JAC, to the board for ratification:

1. Move that the TCJ Editor retain scanned/digital versions only (not paper copies) of "permission to publish" forms with appropriate digital back up procedures in place. If this is not possible, paper copies will be retained for a period of 3 years.
2. Move that the TCJ Editor retain electronic copies only (not paper copies) of manuscripts and reviews with appropriate digital back up procedures in place.
3. Move that 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.

The JAC then convened a face to face meeting in Kamloops (October 19, 2012) in conjunction with the TESL Canada Conference. At this meeting the JAC discussed and finalized its Terms of Reference (TOR). The TOR are included at end of this report for the board's review. Also discussed was typesetting, different formats for publishing online, future special issues, and contracts for contract positions with the journal.

KEY JAC ACTIVITIES

Members of the JAC have met in online meetings and discussions to deal with a number of topics. Key activities since July 2012 include:

- Terms of Reference for the JAC were developed, agreed on and sent to the Board.
- A (signed) agreement for Special Issue Guest Editors has been prepared.
- Topics for the next two Special Issues have been identified and are currently being finalized.
- The search for a Technical Editor to replace Naomi Stinson when she retires from the *TESL Canada Journal* next summer has been initiated.
- Strategies to ensure that the TESL Canada Journal is widely available and accessible are being evaluated with a few to keeping pace with technical developments.

VOL. 29, ISSUE 2, AND VOL. 29, SPECIAL ISSUE 6

These two issues are now online and emails have been sent to notify members. Thanks to the guest editors, Hetty Roessingh and Scott Douglas, for their hard work on the Special Issue *Generation 1.5 in Canada: Multiple Perspectives on a Shifting Demographic Landscape.* Thanks also to the JAC's Technical Editor, Naomi Stinson, and Translator, Dorine Chalifoux, who worked against a tight deadline to prepare the Special Issue for publication in time for the TESL Canada 2012 conference.

NEWS

- The new *TESL Canada Journal Submission Form* is now posted on the Journal website. The new form is intended to streamline the submission process.

- Marian Rossiter, Jennifer Pearson Terell, Scott Douglas, and Penny Ur presented a forum at the TESL Canada Conference in 2012 for over 30 conference participants interested in publishing in the *TESL Canada Journal, SHARE*, the textbook market, and teacher resource books.

- The Directory of Open Access Journals has expanded the categorization of the TESL Canada Journal to include Linguistics, as well as Education. This change will bring the Journal to the attention of a broader potential readership.

- A *Journal Alert* mechanism has been requested and is being explored for the TESL Canada Journal website to notify interested readers when new content is posted.

TESL CANADA JOURNAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference, as accepted October 12, 2012
2012-2013

Start Date: July 1, 2012
Finish Date: June 30, 2013
Committee Name: Journal Advisory Committee

Current membership includes:
Chair: Hedy M. McGarrell
Members: Ron Thomson, Hong Wang, Paula Kristmanson, Justine Light
Ex-Officio: Sandra Kouritzin, Louise Aerts, Marian Rossiter, immediate past-editor

Membership Consists of:

Elected Director – JAC; chair
Minimally two (normally a maximum four) additional members (must be members of TESL Canada)
Past Editor of Journal (ex-officio, i.e., non-voting)
President (ex-officio, i.e., non-voting)
Journal Editor(s) (ex-officio, non-voting)
Executive Director (ex-officio, non-voting)

Membership Criteria:

- Member(s) of TESL Canada
- Must have demonstrated experience with academic publishing (based on letter of application and up-to-date CV or resume; to be reviewed by JAC committee members)
- Active participation (as defined by Board and timelines indicated in e-mail messages)

Application Due Dates: April 1 every year

Backgrounder/History:

At the May 25, 2005 Board meeting, when the Journal Advisory Committee was struck, a motion was passed that the TESL Canada Past-President shall serve as the Chair of the Journal Advisory Committee. The board organization chart was amended in 2008 and created a position of elected director to chair the Journal Advisory Committee. Further it was stipulated that this elected director must have academic and/or publishing experience and/or knowledge. These TOR, passed in October 2012, further defined the membership criteria of the JAC.

Mandate:

The members of the Journal Advisory Committee will be appointed for a one year term with the option to renew.

The mandate of the Journal Advisory Committee is to:
Propose policies and recommendations for the continued growth of the TESL Canada Journal;

- Assist in identifying and selecting editor;
- Assist in promoting suitable manuscripts for submission to the Journal;

- Assist in identifying potential guest reviewers for manuscripts;
- Assist in identifying topics and potential guest editors for Special Issues of the TESL Canada Journal;
- Make recommendations intended to enhance the quality and success of the journal.

Meetings are to be conducted electronically, as required, to complete the above tasks. Face-to-face meetings may also be called during a TESL Canada conference if a majority of JAC members are available.

The Editor will provide reports (typically one for each issue) and updates to the Journal Advisory Committee.

The Chair of the JAC will submit a report on the activities of the JAC to the TESL Canada Board in the spring and fall annually.

Goals and/or Objectives:

- Provide support and advice to the Editor(s) as arises through regular communication
- Oversee preparation of a contract for a Technical Editor
- Explore options regarding a Technical Editor to replace Naomi Stinson when she retires at the end of Spring 2013 (identify replacement to have overlap in time?)
- Choose topics for the next 2-3 Special Issues
- Identify potential guest editors
- Oversee preparation of contracts for the guest editors based on the Special Issue Protocol.
- Discuss information on the need for, then reach decision on XML/TEI (?) (not just PDF) presentation of on-line documents (i.e. articles), to make them highly accessible for search engines to read and incorporate into the multiple (cross-referenced) databases that now seem to be an indispensable condition for any journal to be 'visible'. (from John Sivell's email, June 3, 2012).
- Arrange for a *New Content Alert or Table of Contents Alert* option added to the Journal webpage.

Professional Development Report

From Jenn Foote

This is my fist report on behalf of The Professional Development

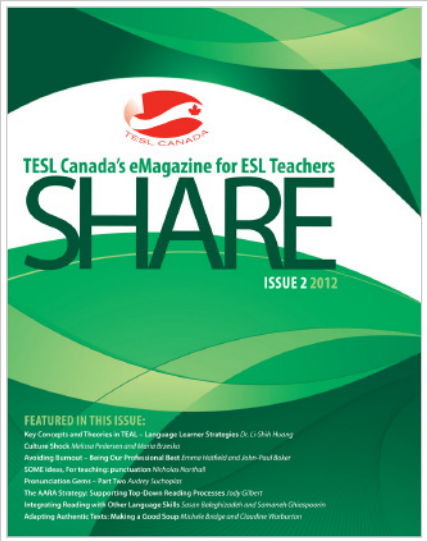
Committee, and as a new member of the TESL Canada board. I am excited to be on board, and am getting up to speed on the current projects we have underway.

TESL RESOURCE CENTRE

The TRC was a great idea for the TESL Canada website, and was originally created to fill a resource gap for ESL instructors. However, with the creation of Tutela.ca (which was given access to the TRC to aid in its development), our committee feels that this need has diminished. Further, as Tutela receives government funding for its maintenance, it is better situated to be a go-to online resource for ESL instructors across Canada. For this reason the PD committee has voted unanimously to recommend that the board ratify the following motion:

In light of Tutela.ca the TESL Resource Centre be discontinued.

I would like to express my appreciation for all of the work and initiative that went into the creation and maintenance of the TRC.



SHARE

Preparations for the next issues of SHARE are going smoothly. The next regular issue of SHARE will be published in March 2013 under the editorship of Jennifer Pearson Terrell. The deadline for submissions for the next regular issue is this month. There are also plans for a special conference issue of SHARE featuring outstanding presentation from the TESL Canada Conference 2012. Conference presenters have already been contacted and the deadline for conference submission is December 14th 2012. The plan is to publish this special edition in January 2013. It is expected that fifteen to twenty articles will be published. This special edition will help spread the benefit of information available to people who missed sessions at the conference and to those who were unable to attend.

We are also currently in the process of finalizing guidelines for the editorship of SHARE. These guidelines are designed to enable the continuity of SHARE over the long term and will be submitted to the board upon their completion.

VIDEO RECORDING AT TESL CANADA

Video recordings of seven presentations are currently being prepped for the TESL Canada website, hosted through TRU. This is a great opportunity for people to have access to presentations that they may not have been able to attend at TESL Canada. The videos will be available on the TESL Canada website but are being hosted on the Thompson Rivers University website. While we appreciate that TRU is willing to host our videos as well as PDFs, PPTs, etc. from the conference this year, we are also discussing the possibility of finding a more permanent host for such materials for future conferences. Currently, Sarah ter Keurs is looking into possibilities for this, such as Tutela.

Once the videos are posted we would appreciate it if we could promote the videos on the TESL Canada website and have the provincial reps let their membership know about the videos.

Governance Committee Report

From Ron Thomson

This is a very important time in the life of TESL Canada as are

beginning the process of moving towards a policy governed board. The Governance Committee is using TESL Ontario's policy structure as a springboard for creating our own set of policies. Any policies passed by the Governance Committee over the coming months will be presented to the full board for ratification.

We encourage input from TESL Canada members regarding any policies they would like to see developed and/or current policies they would like to see improved upon.

TESL Canada Testing Committee (Ad hoc)

From Joy Lin Salzberg

Members: Joy Lin Salzberg (Co-Chair), Liet Hellwig (Co-Chair), Liliana Dominguez, Colleen Meagher-Alkan, Sandra Kouritzen (Ex-Officio).

The Ad hoc Testing Committee members at the May 2012 Richmond,

BC Face-to-Face agreed to update our TESL Canada Testing Webpages (last update in 2010). Our goal is to ensure that our Testing Webpages, and in particular, "TESL Canada's English Proficiency Testing Scores Suggested Reference Guide" reflect the current alignment and selection of proficiency tests and frameworks as reflected in the post-secondary TESL environment in Canada and North America. Notably, we are expanding our "Reference Guide" to include career and business proficiency testing references such as TOEIC and BULATS.

Due to the enormity of the work involved in detailed research with cautious re-alignment of our scores reference chart, the yet non-finalized, non-definitive work concerning equivalency of CLBs and CEFR, and with such large responsibilities placed on our small size committee, our progress has been somewhat slow. Nevertheless, we are almost at the end stages of gathering and compiling our data, and will proceed to revising the actual webpages in the next few months.

At this point, I would also like to invite any of our TESL Canada members with knowledge or expertise in English proficiency testing/assessment to join this committee to assist us in our updating and final proof-reading process of our revision. If you are interested, please contact our Executive Director, Louise Aerts, admin@tesl.ca .

Settlement Language National Network

By Brenda Lohrenz, Committee Chair

The Settlement Language National Network (SLNN) was launched this fall at the

Kamloops TESL Canada Conference. Particular thanks go to ad hoc committee chair Jennifer Pearson Terell for her support and guidance as we initiated a dedicated seat for Settlement Language at the spring 2012 TESL Canada AGM. I am excited to take up the chairing mantle, and am particularly pleased at being able to work with an active nine member national steering committee, many of whom are directly involved in federally funded settlement language training including assessment, classroom delivery and sectoral support activities across the country.

The settlement language community now has a web-page on TESL Canada, please refer to http://www.tesl.ca/tesl/Settlement_Language_National_Network.htm for a list of steering committee members and our terms of reference. Our network mandate is four-pronged:

Cake cutting at the SLNN launch

1. *To increase communication* among settlement language providers across Canada.
2. *To empower settlement language providers* including program administrators, managers, instructors, child-minding staff and learners by providing access to a national audience
3. *To provide a resource for governments across Canada* in the form of a national network for settlement language providers for purposes of determining priorities and addressing concerns at the provincial and national level.
4. *To provide opportunities at national conferences* to discuss issues relevant to the needs of settlement language providers including program administrators, managers, instructors, child-minding staff and learners.

We definitely made some inroads in all of the above with our first event, a very well attended symposium at the TESL Canada Conference entitled Pathways to Success – Highlighting Current Innovations in Settlement Language Delivery, where we launched the TESL Canada SLNN. Special thanks goes out to our panel participants Yasmin Ojah (NB), Sheila Carson (ON), Bula Ghosh (SK), Hana Taleb Imai and Diane Hardy (AB), and Colleen Rogan (BC) as well as Yves Saint-Germain, Director of Language, Information and Community Policy at Citizenship and immigration Canada.

Chair, Brenda Lohrenz

In accordance with our mandate, we endeavored to increase communication and empower settlement language providers by looking at current innovations in our field. We also tackled points 3 and 4 by inviting Yves Saint-Germain of CIC to speak and be available for a Q and A session – which ended up an animated discussion touching on many issues including the recently implemented federal language requirement for citizenship applications (evidence of official language proficiency in speaking and listening at Canadian Language Benchmark level 4 or higher).

The Steering Committee was also very proactive this fall in submitting to the CIC Call for Proposals with a project plan to conduct a National Consultation. As mentioned in our proposal 'with recent changes to the national settlement delivery landscape, there is an increasing need for language experts (organizations, affiliations, and individuals) to mobilize and generate strategic new directions'. Thanks go out to all TESL Canada provincial affiliates – many of whom not only signed on to participate and support this consultation process, but also offered in-kind contributions for convening focus groups. Although we are still awaiting confirmation on funding from CIC, we are hoping to move ahead on an initiative of this nature to ensure an opportunity for all interested to input on how a national network can effectively move ahead and meet its mandate. So stay tuned for more information!

We look forward to continuing in this vein of sharing, networking and providing opportunities to discuss relevant issues in the settlement language field. We invite you to become more involved in our initiative by joining the SLNN listserve at SLNN@tesl.ca

TCEF Report

From Joy Lin Salzberg

Chair: Joy Lin Salzberg

Board Members: Ron Thompson, Marilyn Johnston, Hana Imai, Paula Kristmanson, Ron Lavoie, Kouritzin Sandra – Ex-Officio

October 26, 12

The TCEF Executives are glad to report that we have just had a great TESL Canada Conference in beautiful Kamloops and a successful TCEF Balloon Burst at the Gala on Saturday, October 13, 2012, thanks to the fantastic help from Louise Aerts, the TESL Conference Planning Committee with their able volunteers (blowing up all the balloons), and our TESL Canada Executives: Sandie Kouritzin, Ron Thomson, and Scott Douglas. In fact, we had received enough prizes for every balloon we sold and more. A big thank you to all of you who have donated such generous gifts. This has been the very first time that our TCEF Fundraising event at a conference gala has had more than enough prizes to cover all the balloons we sold.

Below are the results from our fundraising efforts from this conference:

Balloon Bursts -	$1560
Donations online with the registrations	$ 620
Total	$ 2180.00

We currently have around $15,000 in the TCEF savings.

As a result, the TCEF Board passed two motions put forth since our May 2012 face-to-face meeting in Richmond to establish 2 types of scholarships/awards.

The first motion passed is:
That the establishment of a "TESL Certificate Trainees Scholarship" of $500 each for TWO trainees from any TESL Canada certified training centre to attend a TESL Canada conference.

The second motion passed is:
The establishment of a "TESL Teacher Complimentary Registration Award" to FIVE financially deserving TESL teachers to receive complimentary TESL Canada Conference registrations .

The establishment of the two scholarship/awards above is in addition to the existing 5 TESL Canada Travel Awards we are currently funding.

Consequently, TCEF will have be funding 3 types of "Scholarship/Awards" at a total of $3500/year:

5 Travel Awards x 500 = $2500
2 TESL Certificate Trainee Scholarship x500 = $1000
5 TESL Teacher Complimentary Registration Award ("Freebies")

Other business:

1. A filing of address change has been made with the BC Registered Societies Act.
2. Motion was passed to approve up to $1000 for the development of a logo and a one pager to promote TCEF.
3. TCEF now has a new distinctive logo!

Other motions:

1. Move that the TESL Canada Finance Committee consider budgeting 5% of TESL Canada's profits from the TESL Canada Conferences to be transferred to the TCEF for professional enhancement.

2. Move that the TCEF change its fiscal year in alignment with TESL Canada's fiscal year (calendar year) effective January 1, 2013.

TESL Canada 2012 Conference

The TESL Canada 2012 conference was a huge success on many levels. This report highlights a number of things:

- Total participation at the conference was over 800; this includes registered delegates, keynotes, planning committee and volunteers.

Kouritzin, Dobson, Densky, Pinker, McCarthy

- Presentations spanning keynotes, regular conference sessions, symposia and the graduate students symposium numbered around 300

- Participation at the conference was truly national and international. We had delegates from all parts of the county including the Maritimes, Quebec, Ontario, the Prairies, BC of course and the NWT and Yukon. Internationally, we had folks from Japan, Indonesia, the US., Iran, Qatar, Turkey and others. That's part of the intent of major conferences – to bring much more diverse people together to share ideas and network.

- We expect to provide full budget details in December. At the moment, lots of money is going out (bills to pay), but a glance at the bank balance looks like we'll at the very least meet minimum targets.
- The committee and sub-committee are putting together reports to things such as timeline for planning, things that worked well and suggestions for future. It goes to the TESL Canada executive for approval and then is or isn't (in the case of the Halifax conference) approved and passed on to the next organizing committee (Regina 2014). These reports were due November 15th.

- Our post-conference survey information (163 respondents to date) will be added to that. One of the questions was:

  What was your overall impression of the conference?

Excellent	61
Above average	59
Average	32
Below averag	3
Not so good	3

  So it appears that the vast majority of participants were either satisfied or very pleased with their experience.

- There were a few mix ups that tainted the experience of some delegates. The schedule had some issues and a lack of time to properly proofread the program (we had very little time and when some of the initial edits went back to Creative services at TRU, they inadvertently deleted several sessions from the program). Much of that unfortunately coincided with CUPE job action on campus meaning that there wasn't enough time available for the graphic designer to work on it. It could have been better and the insert with program changes and notifications of change (whiteboard, twitter) inevitably are missed by some. This said, the vast majority of delegates had a positive experience.

- Some presenters didn't show up and frankly we didn't know until someone informed us – it seems inevitable for a conference like this.

- We had record number of sponsors at the event including several who contacted us directly – this in itself is very notable. Furthermore, there were about 30 exhibitors.

- We used social media – Facebook and Twitter. Of the two, Twitter is recommended for future conferences given the way it is used.

- Presenter handouts and material is available online – we already have over 60 up at http://www.tru.ca/tc2012/program/handouts.html - it will remain indefinitely.

Delegates from the Graduate Students' Symposium

Administration Report

I write this report from snowy Calgary and I have to say, it might be cold, but it is not raining! As you may have realized, TESL Canada has moved its head office from Burnaby, BC to Calgary, AB. Please see the President's report for the full rational. My family has handled the transition well and we are enjoying our new home in AB. TESL Canada's new office space is in the NE of the city and in a building that rents to only non-profit organizations. This creates a wonderful dynamic and lots of opportunity for synergy. The other major associations are Neighbourlink and Community Kitchens – both organizations that support those living in poverty in Calgary. Local teachers, if you think any of your students might benefit from these types of programs (household goods, food, etc), please email or call me and I will put you in touch with the appropriate agency.

Not long after the move, it was time to return to BC for the 2012 TESL Canada Conference in Kamloops. Thank you so much to Kamloops and especially Thomson Rivers University for hosting the conference. A collaboration of TESL Canada and BC TEAL, headed by co-chairs Joe Dobson and Karen Densky, it was an amazing conference in a beautiful setting. With 700 delegates from all over Canada, it was a wonderful opportunity to network and share in professional development. We were able to video some of the sessions and for the first time will be making these available on our website to those of you members who were not able to attend.

Moving from BC did mean saying goodbye to some of our great staff and support team. This was the most difficult aspect of the move and we wish them well. It is great to know that some have already found exciting new ventures. Then came the challenge of trying to replace them in Calgary. I am pleased to report that we have great support staff in place and I welcome a new adjudicator, our new executive assistant Suzette Martin-Johnson, and our new bookkeeper Al Johnson. Please feel free to give the office a call to access the staff and any support you might need from TESL Canada. Our toll free number is 800-393-9199.

BC TEAL Report

From Michael Galli

The previous report to TESL Canada was dated April 2012. This current report deals with what has happened in BC TEAL and what has been planned since then with regard to:

- BC TEAL Professional Development,
- BC TEAL Annual Conference 2012
- TESL Canada 2012 Conference,
- Staffing and the Board of Directors,
- TEAL Membership,
- TEAL Charitable Foundation
- Website Update
- Creating Stronger Ties Between Affiliates

BC TEAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

BC TEAL has a very active PD Committee, Chaired by Rebecca Kullman and Susan Peake, which organizes various events for TEAL members and non-members. The fall 2012 mini-conference was cancelled since the TESL Canada Conference was held in Kamloops, BC. Plans are underway for the regional Conference to be held at the University of Victoria on Vancouver Island in mid-February 2013.

SUPPORTING NON-BC TEAL PD EVENTS

University of Victoria's annual Resource Fair

For the fourth year now, BC TEAL has supported the **University of Victoria's annual Resource Fair**. This event is organised mainly to expose UVic students to the resources and opportunities available to them after they graduate from their program.

BC TEAL provides 1-2 guest speakers and sets up a booth to welcome newcomers to the profession. We explain the role of the Professional Association and encourage students to join and participate in networking and PD events.

2nd Annual Sponsor Teacher Reception

BC TEAL is very proud to support our TESL training programs by hosting a reception for Sponsor Teachers who receive and mentor TESL students through their practicum experience. The Reception is held in a local restaurant. Sponsor Teachers are treated to food and refreshments, door prizes are handed out, and each partnering TESL program that helps sponsor the event gives a special "Thank You" address to express their appreciation to the Sponsor Teachers. We feel this event is very important as it acknowledges and honours our Sponsor Teachers who in many cases take on practicum teachers year after year and rarely receive the recognition and appreciation they deserve. Last year's event was a great success and we hope to see an increase in the participation of our local TESL programs.

BC TEAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 45th Annual Conference of BC TEAL will be hosted by Douglas College on April 26th and 27th. The theme, Brain-Compatible Language Learning, will highlight the work of keynote speakers Janet Zadina, Educational Neuroscientist, and Garfield Gini-Newman, National Senior Consultant, The Critical Thinking Consortium. We are very confident that this year's Co-Chairs, Laura Blumenthal and Janice Penner, will deliver another outstanding event. BC TEAL Annual Conferences have received great reviews and we have seen participation increase steadily over the past 5-6 years.

TESL CANADA 2012 CONFERENCE

As most are aware, the TESL Canada 2012 Conference in Kamloops, BC, was a very successful event. Initial feedback has been very positive and we are awaiting details from the committee

reports. A final financial report will probably come toward the end of November but we are hoping to meet or exceed our projected revenues. Once again, BC TEAL wishes to express its sincere appreciation to our Co-Chairs, Joe Dobson and Karen Densky, as well as the TESL Canada Executive Director, Louise Aerts, for their enormous effort and dedication, ensuring that this was a memorable and rewarding professional development experience for all.

STAFFING AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BC TEAL's Administrative Manager, Sandra Boehm, began in October 2011. She has quickly brought some very positive changes to the TEAL office and operations are running very smoothly and consistently.

At the May 2012 BC TEAL AGM, the TEAL membership voted in a new set of by-laws which will require the TEAL Board to stand for election again this year. The Board has grown in size as we have created several new committees that require Chairs.

BC TEAL MEMBERSHIP

Membership now exceeds 800 active members, a substantial increase from the 700 active members last reported in April 2012. Institutional Members have also risen from 22 to 24.

TEAL CHARITABLE FOUNDATION (TCF)

The TCF has been increasing its fundraising efforts with the goal of establishing a new Scholarship, the TCF Refugee Award. The goal is to raise $100,000 to establish an endowment that will pay an annual award between $3000 - $4000 to a student who came to Canada as a refugee and who wishes to attend post-secondary studies.

To date the TCF has raised almost $40,000, including funds that have been matched by BC TEAL. We are hoping to reach our goal by the end of 2013.

WEBSITE UPDATE

The TEAL Website continues to evolve as we determine the needs of our members. The site features a Social Networking aspect available to members, which is similar to Facebook. The fact that our membership has increased so much over the last year may be in part due to the new

website. This is something that other Affiliate Associations may find interesting as it has a very positive impact on how our members keep in touch with one another and the association.

CREATING STRONGER TIES BETWEEN AFFILIATES

At the recent TESL Canada Conference we held an inter-provincial panel to share current happenings between the Provincial Associations. We would very much like to continue to expand on this and as suggested by Joe Dobson, the possibility of a Social Media link or a Moodle that would keep us connected, could be one way of ensuring that on-going support and collegial relations are maintained. The TESL Canada Conferences bring us together every 18 months and this is very important, but in between these events, it would be nice to have a forum where we could continue to reach out and share positive news as well as concerns and support.

ATESL Report

From Hana Imai

The previous report to TESL Canada was dated May 2012. 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
TESL Canada rep	Hana Taleb Imai (final year)
Accreditation Committee	Martin Guardado, Iwa Dufrat, Justine Light
Business Manager	Irene Wood
Administrative Assistant	Irene Wood
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2. Local events have been well attended in all regions of the province since last report. Most of the locals have had at least one event since the summer hiatus.

3. The annual ATESL Conference, "*Engage, Empower, Excel - ATESL 2012*" is being planned for November 16 and 17 in Edmonton. The keynotes are Dr. Peter D. MacIntyre Dr. Valerie Mason-John. An advance program is available at www.atesl.ca

4. The AGM will be held in Edmonton on November 16. At this time, membership will presented with the outcome of the accreditation inquiry by the task force. This has been led by a group of province-wide stakeholders who will make recommendations to the Board in reference to the direction accreditation assumes.

5. A major undertaking over the past year has been the redevelopment and redesign of the website. It will be launched at the conference this month.

TESL NB Report

From Colleen Meagher-Alkan

TESL NB held its Spring Mini-Conference and AGM in Bathurst

New Brunswick in June 2012. The featured plenary speaker was Scott Douglas from UBC's Okanagan campus. Dr. Douglas' two sessions focused on Lexical Demands of Academic Success and Constructing Vocabulary Rubrics. The participants greatly appreciated the content and style of both presentations. We are really grateful to Scott for making the trek across the country to share his expertise and his enthusiasm with us.

The conference also presented the opportunity for some NB TESL members to share some of their expertise in a variety of areas. Some of the topics covered were: Digital tools and social media for teaching and learning, an introduction to iEnglish, grammar in the multi-level classroom and academic vocabulary-strategies and resources. Overall, the day-long mini-conference was a success and well received by the membership. Descriptions of all of these sessions can be found on TESL NB's wikispace- http://tesl-nb.wikispaces.com/.

We are also pleased to welcome a newsletter editor to our executive. Heather Branch, an ESL teacher in a francophone high school in northern New Brunswick, has put together our first issue (which can also be found on our wiki) and we look forward to her future contributions.

On a sad note, we would like to take this opportunity to remember our colleague and TESL NB Secretary Penny Caruthers who passed away in August. Penny was certainly a positive contributor and valued member in our association. Her sense of humour will be greatly missed

and the impact of the loss continues to be felt by her family, friends, former students and colleagues at the Multi-Cultural Association of Greater Moncton (MAGMA). At some time in the future we hope to dedicate one of our Professional Development bursaries in her memory.

At this time we are planning our annual fall meeting for November.

Current TESL NB executive

- President- Paula Kristmanson
- Past President- Barbara Clayden
- Treasurer- Gail Graham
- TESL Canada Rep- Colleen Meagher-Alkan
- Member at Large- Sandra Foreman
- Member at Large- Nicole Poirier
- Newsletter Editor- Heather Branch

TESL PEI

From Christina Perry

TESL PEI currently has twenty-one members. The primary focus of

TESL PEI is to offer professional development for individuals on PEI who work or volunteer with English-language learners. An ongoing challenge of TESL PEI has been to engage current members and recruit new members. In 2010, a new website was created to encourage participation in forum-based discussions regarding TESL topics. This has not been as successful as we had hoped and so a new direction is to have a TESL PEI facebook page.

Another initiative TESL PEI is exploring is to find ways to broaden our membership. Over the past year and a half our workshops have been directed at individuals who teach ESL. We would like to broaden this scope to better meet the TESL needs of teachers in the K-12 system that have English-language learners in their mainstream classrooms. This fall a survey will be conducted with K-12 teachers to identify future TESL PEI professional development opportunities and potentially increase our membership numbers.

If you have questions regarding TESL PEI, feel free to contact Christina Perry, TESL PEI President by email at cperry@upei.ca or by telephone at 902-620-5070.

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.