

SPRING-SUMMER 2017



NEWSLETTER

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From The Chair



CONTINUING THE WORK TOGETHER

Following the enthusiasm and professional inspiration from our annual conference, the TESL Sask board is looking ahead with excitement to the work of expanding and improving the ways in which we serve you. It is with a tremendous amount of humility that I take on the role of the board chair, knowing that the board is comprised of incredibly talented and experienced members, eager to dedicate themselves to fulfilling our mission and commitment to you.

So, let me begin by highlighting several recent events of note. We are grateful for . . .

- ☛ the success of the TESL Sask/Sask TEAL Conference and the work of the conference committee and numerous volunteers;
- ☛ Mina Oh-Tannouri, for her work as chair this past year and working through the transition to the work ahead for the board this year;
- ☛ new board members, Natayla Fillipova, Marco Milani, Kim Pratt, and Tehreem Zafar, each of them adding a significant amount of engagement from the very start—thank you for energy and inclination to serve

Here is one item I want to especially draw your attention to (read more on page 4):

- ☛ we strongly encourage you to register for an account on tutela.ca (an online community for ESL/FSL professionals)—we plan to offer PD opportunities as webinars through this website as well as providing other beneficial resources;

As we continue the work together, we welcome your views and ideas as well. Please feel free to email me darreng.teslsask@gmail.com or anyone else on the board—we want to serve you well.

Darren Gordon
TESL Sask Chair

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Meet the 2017/2018 TESL Saskatchewan Board

We would like to introduce your new board members along with the zones they represent. We look forward to serving.

Saskatoon

Liliana Dominguez
Tehreem Zafar
Marco Milani

Regina

Natalya Fillipova
Ricardo Arisnabarreta- Vice Chair
Vacant

Rural

Katie Burham
Darren Gordon-Chair
Kim Pratt

Board Assistant: Lisa Morhart, Regina

TESL SASKATCHEWAN'S MISSION 2017

THE PURPOSE OF TESL SASKATCHEWAN IS TO REPRESENT AND FACILITATE THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND ACCREDITATION OF "ENGLISH AS A SUBSEQUENT LANGUAGE" EDUCATORS.

TESL SASKATCHEWAN'S VISION 2018

AS A MEMBER FOCUSED ORGANIZATION, TESL SASKATCHEWAN WILL BE THE REGOGNIZED SOURCE FOR REPRESENTATION, FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVLEOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND ACCREDITATION FOR ALL EDUCATIONS OF "ENGLISH AS A SUBSEQUENT LANGUAGE IN SASAKTCHEWAN."

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

TESL Saskatchewan Board of Directors

TESL Saskatchewan is still looking for a one (1) Director to represent the Regina District. All expenses are covered for Board Members and the board meets around 4-6 times a year. If you are interested please email Lisa Morhart at teslsask@gmail.com.

TESL Saskatchewan Committees

If you have skills or interest in any area of Professional Development, Marketing and Communication and Special Events Coordination, we encourage you to join one of our committees. The PD Committee, Communication Committee and Conference Planning committees are always looking for talented individuals with fresh ideas or even those that would like to try to gain experience in those areas. If this is you and you are interested in assisting please contact Lisa Morhart at teslsask@gmail.com.

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Ruth Epstein

To apply for one of our scholarships
please go to

<http://www.teslsask.com/scholarship>

Winner of the 2017 TESL Sask Lifetime Award

I am honoured and grateful to receive a Life Member Award from TESL Saskatchewan. During my years in TESL/TEAL, I have had the opportunity to work with dedicated generous, supportive colleagues as well as inspiring clients. My work has challenged me to stay current and creative in projects such as: teaching and teacher education/training in Canada and overseas; curriculum and program development and evaluation; language assessment; research in teaching and learning; conference presentations and workshops; research publications and article reviews; and settlement advising. I have had opportunities sit on provincial and national committees in a variety of capacities and mentor others in this fulfilling profession.

In 1984, I received my Masters of TESL and taught overseas until 1988 when I returned to Canada in 1988 to join the U of Sask faculty as an Instructional Designer and ESL Specialist, an appointment that eventually led me to conceive the CERTESL Program. The program would not have succeeded without the support of Extension Dean, Walter Archer, and many colleagues who contributed their expertise. In 2007, Mary Ormiston and I published *Tools and Tips for Using ELT Materials—A Guide for Teachers* through University of Michigan Press, a book still used today. During my years at the U of Sask., I participated in a number of other TESL/TEAL projects in Canada and abroad.

I retired from the U of Sask in 2006 but continue contract work in language assessment, pre settlement advising for newcomers, teacher training, and substitute teaching. I was honoured in 1994 with the TESL Sask Educator of the Year Award and in 2016 received a Life Member Award from TESL Canada. Thank you again to TESL Saskatchewan for your generous recognition.

Ruth Epstein

TESL SASK BURSARY & PD RECEIPIENTS

Congratulations to this year's winners of the TESL Sask Bursary in memory of Wayne Eger and Myrna Firman and the TESL Sask Jake Kutarna PD Fund.

STEPHANIE MITCHELL

This year's Jake Kutarna PD Fund award was given to Stephanie Mitchell of MooseJaw Multi-Cultural Council (MCOS). The funds were used for the TESL Saskatchewan Conference for upgrades in professional development. Well done!

MYKOLA NAUMENKO

This year's TESL Sask bursary award was given to Mykola Naumenko of Regina. Mykola is originally from Ukraine and before arriving to Canada he was a specialist in his field as a medical doctor whose focus was on critical injuries. He will be using the funds towards his medical certification examinations in the fall. We wish him all the best!



TESL Saskatchewan Membership Dues

Just a reminder that all membership fees will be due on September 30, 2017, unless you purchased a two year membership. Please ensure to check your due date to avoid any late fees.

Membership Type	First Time Registration Fee*	Annual Dues October 1-September 30
General Member	\$25	\$65
Re-Accreditation Fee	N/A	\$20
Student Member	N/A	\$30
Late Fee**		\$20

Membership fees will be billed once a year on September 01 due September 30.

***First Time Registration Fee:** is a one-time administrative fee that is due at the time of registering for one of two reasons (a) becoming a member, or b) renewing a membership that has lapsed for one year or more.)

**** Late Fee:** members who have not renewed their membership dues by September 30 are required to pay a late fee.

UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Hello from the Professional Development Committee. We have some excellent PD opportunities to offer you this fall/winter. In October we will be focusing on First Nations issues and education.

November we will have a unique opportunity to learn about mental health in regards to our students as well as our own health as teachers. December's gift is to be grammar in the classroom in an authentic context.

We are expanding our PD to include webinars on Tutela. Simply go to Tutela, go to the TESL Sask group and check out our events and webinars tab. To be kept up to date on a more regular basis, join our group.

Please feel free to email me at kim.joy.pratt@hotmail.com to give me ideas and feedback regarding you and your students' needs and ideas for further PD.

Kim Pratt
TESL SASK, PD Chair.

TESL SASKATCHEWAN ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE UPDATES

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NEWLY-ACCREDITED ESL TEACHERS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following people who recently became accredited teachers of English as a Second Language with TESL Saskatchewan!

MD Sayeeh Us-Saleheen
Hannah Kjiersdam
Hari Garie
Nabila Nadeem
Rene DeCoursey
Hufei Huang
Mackeni Kleiber-Interim
Marie Powell

We invite our members to inquire about becoming an accredited ESL teacher. Whether you are beginning the process or wrapping up, you can access information on our website at www.teslsask.com or email your questions to teslsask@gmail.com. The timing has never been better!

2017 TESL Sask/SKTEAL Conference- Purpose and Perseverance

This year's conference, which took place in Saskatoon, was a great success. Despite last minute funding issues for organizations, the attendance still remained over 200 attendees. The conference committee received a great deal of positive feedback on the venue, food, breakout sessions and invited keynotes.

Hyujnng Shin, U of S, presented on "Social" approaches to EAL Education which highlighted the complex intersections between language, culture and identity to provide a more comprehensive understanding of EAL learning and teaching in today's world.

Diane Jeffries and Anea Wilbur, UBC, presented on the Power of Purpose in Education that looked at educator burnout!

Ted Jaleta, provided an inspiring story of one man's perseverance for overcoming adversity! What a powerful narrative and a great chance for reflection on our own lives.

Valery Chirkov, U of S, engaged the conference attendees and spoke of ESL/EAL teachers as the "gatekeepers" for immigrant and refugee students.

Our conference committee wishes to thank all who planned, volunteered, presented, attended and made this year's conference (2017) in Saskatoon a successful endeavor. We look forward to your help for next year's event!

TESL Sask Conference Planning Committee

FYI: If you are considering enrolling in a TESL training program, remember that not all programs can be used for the formal TESL training requirement. Don't hesitate to inquire if you want to be sure you are making the right choice.