

Committee Name: Settlement Language National Network (SLNN) Committee

Start Date: August 2022

Finish Date: July 2023

Members:

- Elected Director (chair)
- Minimally two (normally a maximum four) board members
- Interested members- at- large (see membership criteria)
- President (ex-officio, non-voting)

Chairs: Judy Sillito (AB), Hamorn Lau (ON)

Board Members: Vicki Schoch (SK), Nicola Sattler (NS), Amrita Gill (MB).

Community Members: TBA

Ex-Officio: Don Moen, President (ON)

Membership Criteria:

- In the interest of attaining broad provincial participation, the SLNN Committee will seek to secure a representative from each of the five provincial affiliates on the committee.
- Committee members—at-large are required to be working in the settlement language sector

SLNN Advisory Group:

- Broad SLNN Advisory (email list) is made up of those individuals who have indicated interest in settlement language issues. This group will function as an advisory to the SLNN committee to support identification of needs, concerns and best practices related to settlement language provision. Primary goals with this group are also captured in the SLNN Committee mandate below

Mandate:

- To increase communication among settlement language providers across Canada
- To empower individuals involved in settlement language provision by providing access to a national audience
- To provide a resource for governments across Canada in the form of a national network for individuals involved in settlement language provision for determining priorities and addressing concerns at the provincial and national level
- 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
- To appoint a committee member to represent TESL Canada on the National Language Advisory Board (NLAB)

Goals and/or Objectives:

To empower settlement language providers provincially and nationally by:

- Providing timely access to information, initiatives, and resources relevant to the needs of settlement language providers across Canada through the TESL Canada website
- Identifying and prioritizing issues of importance for settlement language providers to better inform policy and decisions makers concerned with meeting the needs of settlement language programs
- Providing opportunities for settlement language providers to share information and make recommendations relating to nationally comparable services, resources, research, and best practices.
- Providing opportunities for discussion and networking for settlement language providers at national and provincial conferences relevant to settlement language programs for purposes of identifying and discussing issues.