



**Annual Report of the Acting President of TESL
Canada, Paula Kristmanson
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(in person or by zoom)¹**

At the 2017 TESL Canada conference in Niagara Falls, ON, I was voted in at the last AGM as the new Vice-President of TESL Canada. The conference was a wonderful experience in terms of the quality of presentations and the chance to network and collaborate with colleagues from across the country. Sadly, the conference was not as well attended as was hoped and did not receive anticipated revenues. Moving into the summer, the Head Office worked diligently to try to keep the organization moving forward, but financial challenges were flagged. We reduced the hours of the ED and made other cuts, but the Board finally had to make the difficult decision to close the Head Office.

Throughout the early fall, the Board met regularly to problem solve and discuss how to best serve the organization and its members. We began conversations with stakeholders and other related organizations to determine how we could keep **Teacher Certification and Teacher Training Program Recognition (TTPR)** viable. We engaged in many discussions with external services to determine if this might be a way forward. Unfortunately, during this time we had to temporarily suspend services until we could determine a workable process. In mid-fall, our President had to step down for personal reasons and I was then in the position of Acting President from the end of October.

My first goal as Acting President was to communicate and be transparent with members and others interested in the well-being of TESL Canada. I made this my primary focus for the month of November. Also, I relied heavily on the board members for support and collaboration and am forever grateful that they stayed the course and contributed regularly (in addition to board meetings) to the ongoing work of restabilising the organization. I want to not only acknowledge the support of the board, but the **support of my colleagues at TESL NB** who stepped up to help with the website, communications, and other pressing matters. I particularly want to recognize Craig Whynot who gives his volunteer hours to update our website, to Donna Hoffman who volunteered her time to support with administrative matters and who is now working part-time for TESL Canada.

In terms of services, one of our objectives was to ensure that the **TESL Canada Journal** and the related SSHRC funding was transferred into the capable hands of our Journal Editors, Dr. Farahnaz Faez and Dr. Antonella Valeo. We are so pleased that the Editors have been able to publish the special issue on formulaic language with guest editor, Dr. David Wood and the regular issue for 2017 which is now online at <http://teslcanadajournal.ca/index.php/tesl/issue/view/150>. We look very forward to the 2018 issues and are very appreciative of the hard work of Dr. Faez and Dr. Valeo in maintaining this excellent academic publication².

¹ If you wish to join the meeting by Zoom, please contact me at pkristma@unb.ca and I will send Zoom info.

Also, during the fall and into the winter, we sought out possibilities for an external service to manage the complex work of teacher training program accreditation. Although much time was spent collaborating with Orion, the service used by Languages Canada for their language programs, we were not able to come to a proposal that was workable and affordable for our valued TTPs. Therefore, we are now in the process of reactivating **TTPR** on a somewhat reduced basis in order to maintain the service for TTPs already recognized by TESL Canada. Later this summer we will be sending out an invitation for annual reports and will be inviting those who are due for renewals to submit their applications for adjudication. As we move forward, we hope to reopen TTPR to new programs, but for the next 6 months, we will focus on currently recognized TTPs (see appendix A for the list of current TTPRs).

Teacher Certification was another priority and with the ability to hire Donna on a part-time basis and with the unwavering support of our Standards Chair, Dmitri Priven, we have been able to reactivate this service in February. It was a huge learning curve for myself and for Donna, but we are now able to process applications fairly smoothly with the competent and professional work of adjudicators. For your information, I have attached some stats related to certification so that members can see that we are actively processing applications from across the country (see appendix B for the Certification numbers for 2017-18).

Our **financial situation** has stabilized and our outgoing treasurer, Brian Courtney, will be giving the detailed report on this matter. Brian has streamlined the financial matters and will be able to transition a new treasurer smoothly into this position. Also, TESL Canada has been able to retain our accountant and we are cognizant of the important work that he does to provide financial advice and manage the account. I would like to give Brian a formal word of gratitude as he has been tireless and highly professional in his handling of this challenging portfolio.

One final note, and this will be one of our priorities in the next year, our **relationship to the provincial TESL organizations** remains an area of focus and careful consideration. Although some provinces signed an interim memorandum of agreement, not everyone felt they were able to do so. I want to recognize TESL NB, TESL NS, TESL SK, and TESL NL for their moral and financial support and to TEAL MB and ATESL for keeping the lines of communication and collegiality open (see appendix F for Provincial reports). Because we believe that TESL Canada is a national organization that needs voices from all provinces, we are going to look at creative ways to keep real connections to the provinces. In addition to ensuring Board representation from across the country, we also want to find a workable way to communicate and collaborate regularly with ALL provincial associations. One of our hopes for the future is to be able to participate in some professional learning opportunities and finding ways to offer some small PL bursaries through our TCEF fund.

As I close this report, my final special note of appreciation goes to Judy Sillito, past president, without whom I would not have been able to do any of this work. In particular, I wish to thank her for not only being a voice of support and expertise throughout this year, but in also taking on the **nomination** committee tasks and encouraging members from across Canada to join the Board. We are so pleased to have national representation including board member nominations

² Individual reports for all committees and services will be available for the AGM.

from NB, NS, Alberta, Ontario, Quebec, Saskatchewan, and BC. Because we only have one nominee for each position on the board, no vote will be required. That being said, we will be putting the list of nominees on the website and a motion will be made at the AGM to approve the slate of nominations. I am looking forward to working with both new and familiar faces as we step into this next year.

Most importantly, I am hopeful that we can all work together as we strive to maintain our services, strengthen our national voice, and collaborate together as TESL professionals.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paula Kristmanson', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Paula Kristmanson
Acting President

Appendix C: List of Currently Recognized Teacher Training Programs

Institution	Program	Level
Alberta		
<u>Bow Valley College</u>	ACE TESOL Certificate	Std 1
<u>Global Village Calgary</u>	CELTA Program	Std 1
<u>University of Calgary Continuing Education</u>	TESL Certificate Program Level 1-Online	Std 1
<u>University of Calgary Continuing Education</u>	TESL Certificate Program Level 2-Online	Std 2
<u>Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers</u>	ACE TESOL Certificate Program	Std 1
<u>University of Alberta, TESL Diploma Program</u>	TESL Diploma Program	Std 2
<u>NorQuest College</u>	TESL Certificate Program	Std 1 Interim
<u>Vanguard College</u>	TESOL Certificate Program	Std 1
British Columbia		
<u>University of the Fraser Valley- Abbotsford Campus</u>	TESL Certificate Program	Std 2
<u>Burnaby Board of Education</u>	TESOL Certificate	Std 1
<u>Selkirk - Castlegar Campus-</u>	TESOL Advanced Diploma	Std 2
<u>Thompson Rivers University</u>	TESL Certificate Program	Std 1
<u>College of the Rockies</u>	Online Peak TESOL Certificate	Std 1
<u>College of the Rockies</u>	Peak TESOL Certificate	Std 1
<u>Trinity Western University</u>	TESOL Certificate Program	Std 2
<u>D&H College</u>	TESOL 300 Diploma	Std 2 Interim
<u>Douglas College</u>	TESL Certificate Program	Std 2
<u>Global Village Vancouver</u>	CELTA	Std 1
<u>Greystone College of Business and Technology</u>	TESL 130 Certificate	Std 1
<u>Greystone College of Business and Technology</u>	TESOL Program	Std 2
<u>Greystone College of Business and Technology</u>	CELTA	Std 1 Interim
<u>ILAC International College - Vancouver</u>	TESOL Diploma	Std 1
<u>International Career College</u>	CELTA	Std 1
<u>International Career College</u>	TESL Program	Std 1

<u>International Career College</u>	Delta Program	Std 2 Interim
<u>ISS of BC Language College</u>	TESOL Diploma Program	Std 1
<u>Vancouver International College - Career Campus</u>	TESOL Advanced Program	Std 1
<u>Vancouver International College - Career Campus</u>	TESOL Advanced Online Program	Std 1 Interim
<u>Upper Career College of Business and Tech,BC</u>	TESL Certificate Program	Std 1
<u>Vancouver Community College</u>	TESOL Certificate	Std 1
<u>Vancouver Community College</u>	TESOL Diploma Program	Std 2
<u>Vancouver Career College</u>	TESL Diploma	Std 2
<u>Inlingua Victoria</u>	TESL Teacher Training Program	Std 1
<u>Sprott Shaw College</u>	TESOL Advanced Online	
Manitoba		
<u>Assiniboine Community College</u>	Ace TESOL Certificate	Std 1
<u>Providence University College & Seminary</u>	TESOL Certificate	Std 1
<u>Providence University College & Seminary</u>	Graduate Certificate of TESOL	Std 1
<u>Providence University College & Seminary</u>	MA TESOL	Std 3
<u>Providence University College & Seminary</u>	MA TTESOL	Std 3
<u>University of Manitoba</u>	TESL 1 Certificate	Std 1
<u>University of Manitoba</u>	TESL 2 Certificate	Std 2
<u>University of Manitoba</u>	CTESL	Std 1
<u>University of Winnipeg</u>	ESL Teacher Certificate Program	Std 1
<u>University of Winnipeg</u>	ESL Teacher Certificate Online Program	Std 1
New Brunswick		
<u>University of New Brunswick</u>	CTESL Program	Std 1
<u>Crandall University</u>	TESL Certificate Program	Std 1
Nova Scotia		
<u>Acadia University</u>	ACADIA ONLINE TESOL CERTIFICATE	Std 1
<u>Acadia University</u>	TESOL Certificate Program	Std 1
<u>East Coast School of Languages</u>	ACE TESOL Certificate	Std 1
Ontario		
<u>Conestoga College</u>	TEFL Certificate Program Part 1	Std 1
<u>Conestoga College</u>	TESL Certificate Program	Std 2
<u>London Language Institute</u>	Ace TESOL Certificate	Std 1

<u>London Language Institute</u>	ACE TESOL Diploma Level Two	Std 2
<u>Canadian College of Educators</u>	TESL Diploma Program	Std 2
<u>Canadian College of Educators</u>	Distance Certificate in TESOL	Std 1
<u>Peel District School Board</u>	Ace TESOL Certificate	Std1
<u>Algonquin College Language Institute</u>	Certificate in TEFL/TESL Program	Std 2
<u>Lakehead University</u>	TESL Non-Credit Certificate Program	Std 1
<u>Canada College of Education Toronto</u>	Distance 120 TESL Program	Std 1
<u>CCLCS</u>	TESL/TEFL Program Part 1	Std 1
<u>CCLCS</u>	TESL/ TEFL Program Part 1&2	Std 2
<u>Centennial College- School of Continuing Education</u>	Certificate of Achievement in TESL- Part1	Std 1
<u>OnTESOL - Coventry House International</u>	Online 120-Hour Advanced TESOL	Std1
<u>OnTESOL - Coventry House International</u>	Online 250-hour TESOL Diploma	Std 2
<u>Coventry House International</u>	Trinity Certificate TESOL/ Standard TESOL Certificate	Std 1
<u>Greystone College (ILSC Toronto)</u>	CELTA	Std 1
<u>Greystone College (ILSC Toronto)</u>	TESOL 360 Diploma	Std 2
<u>Hansa College Canada</u>	TESL Teacher Training Program	Std 1
<u>Humber College Institute of Tech. & Advanced Learning</u>	TESL Postgraduate Certificate Program	Std 2
<u>Humber College Institute of Technology & Advanced Learning</u>	TESOL Certificate Program	Std 1
<u>LSC Language Studies Canada</u>	CELTA	Std 1
<u>Northern Lights Training College</u>	International TESL Diploma Program	Std 1
<u>Oxford College of Arts, Business and Technology</u>	TESL Diploma	Std 2 Interim
<u>Seneca College ELI</u>	TESL 1 Program	Std 1
<u>Seneca College ELI</u>	TESL 2 Program	Std 2
<u>Seneca College Faculty of Continuing Education</u>	Part Time TESL Certificate	Std 2
<u>Sol Group of Career Colleges (Formerly International House Sol Group of Schools)</u>	CELTA	Std 1
<u>Sheridan College</u>	TESOL Plus	Std 2 Interim
<u>University of Toronto, Prof. & Int. Progs</u>	TESL Certificate Program	Std 2
<u>Upper Career College of Business and Tech., ON</u>	TESL Certificate	Std 1
<u>ILAC International College- Toronto</u>	ILAC TESOL Program	Std 1

<u>Renison College, University of Waterloo</u>	Ace TESOL Certificate	Std 1
<u>Niagara Catholic District School Board</u>	Ace TESOL Certificate	Std 1
<u>University of Windsor</u>	Ace TESOL Certificate	Std 1
Prince Edward Island		
<u>Study Abroad Canada</u>	Certificate in TESL Program	Std 1
Quebec		
<u>Champlain Regional College Saint-Lambert</u>	TESL Certificate	Std 1 Interim
<u>ILSC - Montreal</u>	CELTA	Std 1
Saskatchewan		
<u>Briercrest College & Seminary</u>	B.A. in Applied Linguistics: TESOL (After DEGREE) Program	Std 2
<u>Briercrest College & Seminary</u>	B.A. in Applied Linguistics: TESOL Program	Std 2
<u>University of Saskatchewan</u>	Extended CERTEsl Program	Std 2
<u>University of Saskatchewan - Centre for Continuing and Distance Education</u>	Online CERTEsl Program	Std 1

Appendix D: Statistics on Teacher Certification

PLAR:

In 2016-17, our Adjudicator completed 30 PLAR files. Of these, 29 were approved. TESL Training was done in the following countries:

- Canada 11 (at programs that have not sought TESL Canada recognition)
- Australia 9
- UK 6
- Greece 1
- Costa Rica 1
- Egypt 1
- Japan 1
- India 2
- US 2
- Hong Kong 2

REGULAR TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Over 60 regular certifications have been processed since November 2017. Most of these have been since Certification was officially reactivated in February 2018:

- ON 20
- BC 15
- AB 12
- SK 8
- NS 3
- MB 2
- PEI 2
- Int'l 2

