

JULY 2023



TESL Saskatchewan



Here we are, ready for summer!

We hope you enjoyed one or more of our many events these past few months:

- Professional Development presentations on multi-level assessment and indigenous-newcomer relations
- A relaxing Member Engagement session on creating your vision board for 2023. Hope you've achieved some of your goals!
- The Annual Spring Conference, Moving Forward, was a success with 16 presentations for the 145 attendees. The online conference was jointly hosted with Sask TEAL and TESL MB.
- The recent AGM shared highlights from the past year and extended an invitation to all members to join the board.

This summer, take time for your own professional learning. Read a book in your area of interest or participate in an online Tutela webinar. Enjoy the season and see you in the fall!

Enjoy the summer season and see you next year!



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Looking Ahead!

Watch for events
this Fall and Winter

Membership
Engagement sessions!

Member Engagement

Congratulations to our award winners!!

Their dedication inspires us all.

TESL Sask student bursary to **Zainab Paiman**

Jake Kutarna Memorial PD Credit to **Imran Mahmood**

Save the date!

September 28, 6:30-7:45pm

Upcoming member engagement workshop, just in time to prepare for the fall term.

Teacher Wellness Session: **Breathwork Techniques and Practice.**

Facilitated by Deanna F. of **Artfully Designed Wellness.**

Free for members. Online for easy access.

Watch for registration details.



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A few of our directors are leaving, so we wish the best to Leah, Vicki and Candace.

However, this means we are looking for new members to join us. If you are new to the organization or ESL teaching, we'd love to have your energy and ideas. If you've been around for a while, please share your knowledge and skills.

Contact info@teslsask.com for more information.



Want to Get Involved with TESL Saskatchewan
Volunteer your time and knowledge for one of the board committees.

o IF YOU LIKE...

- o money and numbers
- o social media and design
- o event planning
- o credentials and education
- o teacher training
- o supporting students and teachers

o SIGN UP FOR...

- o Governance and Finance
- o Communication
- o Conference
- o Accreditation
- o PD
- o Bursary and Awards

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Board Chair Remarks for AGM



During the year of 2022, the main focus of TESL Saskatchewan Board of Directors was to find new ways to engage its members, to build new partnerships, and to continue delivering its core activities in line with the Board Strategic Plan 2022-2025.

TESL Saskatchewan continued to provide professional development opportunities for its members, including our annual online conference, which showcased a variety of speakers from across the country; conducted series of informal engagement sessions focusing on the areas of mental health, wellness, and self-care; connected its members to professional, networking, and cultural events happening across the country; represented TESL Saskatchewan at TESL Canada and Interprovincial TESL meetings; and strengthened connections with TESOL International, SAISIA, Ellii.com. Several members have also taken advantage of TESL Saskatchewan accreditation and re-accreditation.

There are a few challenges that TESL Saskatchewan continues to face. The membership numbers over the past few years have been decreasing, which has been affecting the organization financially. Low levels of membership engagement and participation have been affecting the number of services that can be offered by the Board as well as the response time.

I would like to encourage all the members to consider volunteering on the Board of Directors or any of the following Board Committees – Accreditation, Awards and Bursaries, Conference, Communication, Professional Development, and Membership Engagement Committees. Only with your input and participation, we can ensure continual development and future of TESL Saskatchewan.

I would like to thank our amazing Board Directors and Board Assistant for volunteering their time and expertise providing on-going professional supports to our members and moving the TESL Saskatchewan forward. Thank you to all the committee members for your collaboration and teamwork.

Tatiana Zotova
Chair, TESL Saskatchewan



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**created in CANVA
by Gina DiPaolo**