

**THE TESL PEEL, HALTON, ETOBICOKE EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES**  
**AGM MEETING – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2016**

**Present:**

**Regrets:**

**Absent:**

Alex called the meeting to order. Minutes were approved by Anna Perez and Louise (didn't get last name).

There have been a lot of challenges this year. A big change was that TESL ON and TESL CAN separated and now operate as 2 separate entities. We received several emails about this during the course of the year.

TESL ON allows instructors to teach ESL in the classroom. It is not required for LINC, but agencies require it at hiring time.

To be certified for TESL CAN can be a long and tedious process.

**Board Operations**

Biggest challenge this year was reduced funding from IRCC. We were asked to reduce our expenditures by 10-15%.

We can still provide PD hours.

Social media also proved to be a challenge this year. Our website has been revamped. We also have a blog and a FB presence.

Membership guidelines have been revamped as well.

**Membership**

As of September 2016, we have 751 members.

Board meetings cannot be attended by members, but minutes are uploaded to our website and can be reviewed there.

Our current board has 11 members with 3 leaving and 1 new member.

There were no questions up to this point.

Financials were presented by Tasneem.

A question was asked regarding the separation of TESL ON and CAN. This was answered by Alex.

A question about why there was an increase in AGM fee and this was explained because of the reduction in expenditures. Sheridan and MCC have also increased fees.

It was suggested that a cheaper venue for next year may be a consideration. Alex confirmed that we are continuously looking at venues that have reduced costs and our funding dictates where we eventually go.

There were no further questions and the meeting was called to a close.