

President's Report: AGM – Sep. 25, 2014

I would like to start by thanking our generous sponsors this evening: ACE Advanced Consulting for Education and OCASI, the [Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants](#). Thank you.

I also need to thank all the members of the TESL PHE executive for their hard work this past year. We have a great team, who spends countless hours organizing excellent professional development opportunities in our area. Thank you all.

Since our last AGM, our executive has had 5 meetings, and we still have 3 more to go this year. I would like to thank the Dixie Bloor Neighbourhood Centre for providing us with a meeting room for these.

Last year, TESL ON raised the PD requirements for accreditation renewals from 5 hours to 10 hours a year. To help our members have access to quality, affordable (and hopefully enjoyable) PD hours, TESL PHE decided to change our usual Thursday evening Spring PD to a half-day Saturday PD.

So on Saturday, May 3rd of this year we had our first spring mini conference at the Sheridan College Mississauga Campus. The event started at 9 am and went to 3 pm. We offered 18 different workshops and 2 keynotes. Over 150 people attended, and they were able to earn up to 6 hours of PD.

The feedback for the event was excellent, and we are planning to do it again next year.

This past year has also brought some changes on how our association is structured. A new not-for-profit provincial law is being implemented. To comply to it, TESL Ontario will be developing new bylaws which will include one set of governance policies for TESL Ontario and one set of operating policies for all Affiliate Chapters. These bylaws will be available for all members to review and give feedback on on the TESL ON website. Here are some more changes:

Before	Now
TESL PHE was an Affiliate of TESL ON	TESL PHE is an Affiliate Chapter of TESL ON
TESL PHE was had its own Board	TESL PHE has an Affiliate Chapter Executive
Board members were elected for 2 year terms and could renew indefinitely.	Executive members are chosen for 3 year terms. They can apply to stay another 3 years. After 6 years, they need to leave the executive for at least a 1 year break.

<p>A slate of officers was presented at the AGM, showing each members position for the upcoming term.</p>	<p>The executive members are introduced at the AGM</p> <p>They are all members-at-large.</p> <p>At the first Executive meeting after the AGM the Affiliate Chapter President, Affiliate Chapter Representative and Affiliate Treasurer will be chosen.</p>
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Since some of our Executive members expressed their intention to step down this year, in May the Affiliate Chapter Executive set up a Nominations Committee to vet applications from members who wished to serve on the Executive. An "Expression of Interest" document was posted on our website and a Candidate Assessment Matrix used to assist the committee with evaluating the applicants. The Nominations Committee brought their suggestions to the entire Executive who as a body made the final decisions.

The successful candidates were:

Atika Nadaf

Klara Frasheri

Lisa McFaul

They will join our current executive:

Maria Ivanova

Anjum Karimi

Antonina Bulkanova

Monia Ponti

Tasneem Ahmed

Alexander Harchenko

Valeria Shutova

Ana Perez

Before we adjourn, I would like to thank three members who are retiring from the TESL PHE Executive

Christina Bylyna, Jackie Pollard and Salomie Cunje.

Thank you all for your hard work with the TESL PHE Executive.

Ana Perez