



# TESL Ottawa AGM 2019-2020 November 28, 2020

## President Report

Patrick Chan

The 2019/2020 year was successful for the TESL Ottawa Affiliate Chapter despite the challenging times we are currently facing. TESL Ottawa is continuing the tradition of navigating with a more fiscally conservative approach towards offering events where we offered three professional development conferences during the past academic year. In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic situation, we offered our very first fully virtual conference with tremendous success. We had a record number of 180 attendees at this event. With the support and feedback from our membership, we are excited to include virtual events into our repertoire of events, in addition to face-to-face events, in the future.

As usual, the TESL Ottawa Affiliate Chapter Executive is working tirelessly to ensure that all of our members can benefit from our affiliate events whether your background be in teaching LINC or ESL, post-secondary institutions, or working within the private sector. This is a mission that we continue to strive towards in the future. As always, we welcome your support and feedback. If you would like to join our executive in the future, please do not hesitate to contact us at [teslottawa1@gmail.com](mailto:teslottawa1@gmail.com).

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## Affiliate Chapter Representative Report

Carol Essenburg

2019-2020 was a busy, productive year for TESL Ontario. The organization worked to serve its members through information sharing, professional development, and equipping and learning from Affiliates.

- Information Sharing: TESL Ontario continued to inform and engage its members through the Contact newsletter, blogs, and various social media accounts. In early 2020, TESL Ontario introduced the very successful “#TESLInspired”, featuring interviews with inspiring TESL members, hosted by the Ottawa Affiliate’s president Patrick Chan.
- Professional Development: In 2019-2020, TESL Ontario offered a variety of professional development including the annual conference and webinars.
- Annual Conference: The 47th Annual TESL Ontario Conference, “Cultivating Innovation and Inclusion” acknowledged how English language teaching is continuing to change. Held at the Marriott Downtown Eaton Centre in Toronto in December 2019, the conference had just under 1000 attendees – the most in several years. The conference included three varied keynote addresses, a variety of sessions including, the Techknow session with 12 tech related topics, a Panel Discussion on “Shifting Perspectives” and the Career Connections segment. Details on the conference, as well as presenter handouts are available on the TESL Ontario website.
- Webinars: TESL Ontario members have unlimited access to TESL Ontario webinar videos. To access 2019-20 TESL Ontario webinars,
  1. Log into Tutela.ca
  2. Under My Areas in the left toolbar, click on Groups, then TESL Ontario
  3. In the TESL Ontario group, click on Event & Webinars and, using the drop-down arrow next to Upcoming Events, select Past Events.
  4. Either scroll through the events listings, or enter key words into the search bar to locate videos.  
Note, all webinar videos and any resources are attached to each webinar event listing.
- Affiliates: The TESL Ontario Affiliate Representative met three times during this reporting period. The first meeting was online in July 2019 and the remaining meetings were in-person in Toronto – once at the TESL Ontario conference (December, 2019) and then again in early March, 2020. Topics of discussion included: membership decline in some Affiliates, Affiliates budgets and expenses, and challenges running events. Each meeting also included developing a membership survey to learn how TESL Ontario can more effectively serve its members. The survey was delayed and revised due to COVID, and ran in June 2020.



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## Membership Secretary Report

Michelle LeBreux

As of September 2020, TESL Ottawa had 415 members, down just 3% from its height of 428 in December 2019 – before COVID. TESL Ottawa ranks 4<sup>th</sup> among TESL Ontario Affiliates behind Toronto, PHE and North York. 87% of members are OCELT accredited.

For an annual TESL Ontario standard membership, the current cost is \$76.00 plus HST. There is also a reduced fee of \$50.00 plus HST in the standard membership category for students, volunteers and retirees. For an annual TESL Ontario accredited membership, the cost is \$158.00 plus HST. (<https://www.teslontario.org/frequently-asked-questions>)

Michelle would like to remind TESL Ottawa members to check out the benefits of their membership in TESL Ontario: <https://www.teslontario.org/members/benefits>

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**Treasurer Report**

Alanna Kerr (for Jennifer Stolpmann)

<b>TESL OTTAWA AFFILIATE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS SEPT 2019 TO APRIL 31, 2020</b>	
<b>REVENUES</b>	
AFFILIATE CHAPTER REBATE	4738.80
AFFILIATE CHAPTER'S CONFERENCE	2935.25
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>7674.05</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
HONORARIA	400
OFFICE	29.38
FOOD	1554.48
TRAVEL	1503.31
HST	28.60
MISC.	231.85
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>3747.62</b>
<b>EXCESS of revenues over expenditure</b>	<b>3926.43</b>