



English Language Arts Council

Annual General Meeting

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4:30-5:30 PM

Strongwoods Room, Marriot River Cree



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Saturday, May 4, 2013, 4:30 pm. Strongwoods Room

Marriott at the River Cree, Edmonton

1. Call to Order-Kathy Goldberg
2. Approval of the agenda
3. Approve minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting
4. Business arising from the minutes
5. Budget Submissions -Vic Mensch

5.1 Treasurer's report/Financial Statements

5.2 Approval of the budget 2013/2014

Motion: to accept the treasurer's report/financial statements as presented

Motion: to accept the 2013/2014 budget as presented

6. Executive, Regional, Publications and Liaison reports as presented-written submissions presented in the AGM handout.
Questions regarding written submissions to be addressed during this portion of the agenda.

Motion: to accept the 2013 AGM reports as presented

7. Technology update
8. ELAC conference 2013-Michelle Pisoni
9. ELAC conference 2014-Vic Mensch and Carrie Mitchell
10. Election of Officers-see proposed slate 2013/2014 as presented

Motion: to accept the 2013/2014 ELAC slate as presented

11. "Handing of the Gavel" to President Lori Chmelyk
12. Other Business
13. Adjourn

English Language Arts Council

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Saturday, May 5, 2012, 4:00 PM, Palermo Room

Sheraton Hotel, Red Deer, AB

1. Call to order – Bill Howe called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM.
2. Approval of the Agenda - Carrie Mitchell moved that the agenda be approved. Seconded by Kathy Goldberg. Carried.
3. Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting – Minutes were used projected on the screen and attendees were given the chance to read over the minutes. Hayley Leschert moved to approve the minutes. Seconded Geoff Parker. Carried.
4. Business arising from minutes – Michelle Pisoni spoke to the Greater South becoming a region.
5. Budget Submission 2012-2013 (Vic Mensch)
 - 5.1 Treasurer’s Report/Financial Statements – Vic Mensch spoke to the Treasurer’s Report. Vic Mensch moved to accept the 2010/2011 statements as audited by the Alberta Teachers Association. Seconded by Barbara-Lynn Goodwin. Carried.
 - 5.2 Consideration of the budget – Vic Mensch spoke to the budget and the over expenditure that will occur of the next few years to reduce the surplus to an allowable level. The council has plans for this to occur (ie. work on the website). Vic Mensch moved that the budget be approved. Seconded by Marg Iveson. Hayley Leschert mentioned that the Regional Portion of the budget should be \$14,000 as approved at the March 17, 2012 meeting. Hayley Leschert moved that the budget be amended to read \$14,000 instead of \$10,000 under Regionals. Seconded by Carrie Mitchell. Carried. Bill Howe moved that the amended budget be approved. Seconded by Hayley Leschert. Carried.
6. Constitutional changes – see Notice of Motion (Barbara-Lynn Goodwin) – Barbara-Lynn Goodwin moved that this body consider a constitutional amendment to 6.2 to 6.2.7 to create a Communications Coordinator. Seconded by Kathy Goldberg. Carried. The description of this position has been posted on the website since February.
7. **Executive, Regional, Publications and Liaison Reports – see written submission in handout.** – Bill Howe mentioned the four regional AGM dates and locations. No questions or comments were tabled.

8. ELAC Conference 2012 (Geoff Parker, Carrie Mitchell) – Carrie Mitchell and Geoff Parker spoke to the great success of their conference. The draw was made for a Kobo; Heather Wheatland won.

9. ELAC Conference 2013 – River Cree Resort (Michelle Pisoni) – Michelle Pisoni spoke to the upcoming conference. The website is www.elac2013.com. Plans are coming along for the conference at the River Cree.

10. Election of officers for 2012 – 2013 – see Proposed Slate 2012 – 2013 (Draft) – Barbara-Lynn Goodwin spoke to the Proposed Slate and announced the following positions had been filled, each by acclamation:

Past President – Bill Howe

President- Kathy Goldberg

President-elect – Lori Chmelyk

Treasurer – Vic Mensch

Alberta Voices Editor – Marg Iveson

Writing Contest Editor – Sandra Kahn

Conference Director – Michelle Pisoni

Vacancies exist in the positions of Secretary, Website Editor, Conference 2014, New Teacher Liaison. Barbara-Lynn Goodwin moved that positions for executive be ratified by membership. Seconded by Hayley Leschert. Carried. Barbara-Lynn invited any members present who are interested in filling a vacant position to contact President Kathy Goldberg . Gaylene Schreiber mentioned the handbook is on the website with job descriptions

11. “Handing of the Gravel” to President Kathy Goldberg – Bill Howe handed the Presidency to Kathy Goldberg. Kathy Goldberg thanked Bill Howe for his work as President and presented him with a gift on behalf of the ELAC membership.

12. Other Business

- Grant in Aid Recipients – Barbara-Lynn Goodwin introduced the Grant In Aid recipients: Kayla Fedor (Red Deer), Mark Knoll (Calgary), Santana Scarff (Stettler).

13. Adjourn – Kathy Goldberg adjourned the meeting at 4:54 PM.

Past President Report

April 2013

PAST PRESIDENT ANNUAL REPORT

This has been another very busy school year for me, as I am sure it has been for others.

As past-president, I have completed the following:

- Beginning Teachers Conference - Along with Hayley Leschert and Geoff Parker, presented on the topic of High School ELA. This was such a pleasant experience and I will definitely do it again if possible (October Report).
- Submitted recommendation that ELAC pursue a confirmation from the membership regarding the value of Alberta Education's "Text Selection Project" and that a project such as this would be well worth reinitiating in the future (October Report).
- Attended ATA-Alberta Education joint symposium, Encountering Curriculum Redesign Bring Inspiring Education to Life (January Report).
- Received and promoted this year's ELAC Honorary Membership Award for Barbara Proctor-Hartley (January/March Report).
- Prepared recommendations for the ELAC handbook pertaining to the awards and to the new council position of *Communications Coordinator* (March Report).

In completing my final term as outgoing past-president of the ELAC council, I would leave you with my final reflections. For those who know me, you will likely have noticed that during the past five years on the ELAC executive council, I have been driven by one primary motivation: advocacy. I believe that advocacy is ELAC's most important mandate. With the growth of internet resources available to teachers in an instant, what ELAC offers that is thus far unavailable in any other form or forum, is the opportunity to speak for the English language arts teachers and students from across the province and raise the level of awareness of issues and concerns unique to our subject area. The continued erosion of the status of our subject area and the supports teachers receive for all the additional work that goes into preparation and assessment of ELA outcomes, demands our attention. For the many who, because of their remote location or lack of financial support, are unable to make it to meetings or professional development sessions, ELAC should provide, perhaps through our newly designed website, a sense of community and a collective voice. It was with that expectation that the majority of the 120 new members in the previous year joined this council. As the province moves towards a new curriculum, this role will become more important than ever. I can only hope that in the years to come, ELAC will continue to take up such a challenge.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bill Howe
Past President

President Report

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June 2012 Action items:

First executive meeting to meet ELAC Executive Council members and introduce ELAC's three year strategic plan

August 2012 Action items:

ATA Summer Conference, Presidents' Seminar

September 2012 Action items:

Strategic Planning meeting with ATA staff officer
Attended Beginning Teachers' Conference.

October 2012 Action items:

Attended the annual Specialist Council meeting and Seminar (PEWTS) to discuss current and future directions of education in Alberta.
October 20/21-The annual Fall Retreat weekend (included Executive Meeting and Strategic Planning work with ATA staff officer)
The three areas of focus identified were: communication, membership and advocacy/research initiatives.
Accepted Proposal to construct a new website
2012/13 Handbook presented to Executive members

November 2012 action items:

First ELAC Provincial e-newsletter sent out
Two executive positions were filled (secretary and website coordinator)
There were three Table Officer Meetings in the fall, October 21, November 8 and December 6, 2012.

January 2013 Action items:

Second ELAC Provincial e-newsletter sent out
January 19 Executive Meeting (ongoing strategic planning work)
The conference director 2014 position was filled
Website construction is underway

February 2013 Action items:

President's message for the Voices Journal completed
President's welcome message sent to Regionals to be used to greet new members
President's conference message for Transforming the World completed
Awards message for the website completed
Conference 2014 meeting

March 2013 Action items:

March 9 Executive meeting (ongoing strategic planning work)
Site visit for conference 2013 at the Edmonton Marriott at The River Cree Resort
Welcomed new Alberta Ed representative
One computer and one printer have been returned to Barnett House for disposal
March, 2013. A second computer was delivered to Barnett House for disposal April
22, 2013. One new computer was purchased for the website coordinator.
President/president-elect meetings throughout the year to develop succession
planning for next year
Conference 2013 updates
Arrange swag (books) for conference delegates
Nominations for ELAC Slate for 2013/2014
President's message for the new website completed

April 2013 Action items:

Conference planning pre-conference executive meeting (May 3), Awards lunch and
AGM (May 4)
Preliminary search for vacant ELAC executive positions

May 2013 Action items:

Attend Conference 2013 Transforming the World

It has been a pleasure to work with the ELAC executive this year in my capacity as
president. It has been an exceptional experience.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Goldberg
ELAC President
2012/2013

President Elect Report

It was an exciting year getting to work with both Kathy and Bill. We have really focused on succession this year, which will, no doubt, make next year another exciting year for ELAC. I look forward to serving as President on such a dynamic council. A summary of what I helped with during my President-Elect term is as follows:

- **BEGINNING TEACHERS CONFERENCE** - Organized ELAC presenters and table, and presented at the Beginning Teachers Conference on September 29, 2012. Again, the ELAC table was a hit and the two sessions that were put on were a hit. Twenty people signed up for ELAC (as a way to be entered into the draw).
- **E-QUILL NEWSLETTER** –Gathered and formatted information that was put into two email newsletters for membership. This was done as a way to keep the membership informed of what was happening with ELAC while our new website was created.
- **TEACHER MERIT AND FRIENDS OF ELAC** – Sent out nomination forms and aimed to collect names for each of these two awards.
- **STRATEGIC PLANNING DOCUMENT** – Put together a document for the planning that will, hopefully, easily serve the council for the full 3 years. It will provide easy documentation of what the council is doing to meet their goals.
- **WEBSITE** – Assisting the Website Coordinator with gathering information and writing content for the new website. Congrats to Carrie for all of the work she has done so far.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Chmelyk
President-Elect

Greater Edmonton Regional Report

April 24, 2013

Edmonton Regional ELAC

Hello ELAC Colleagues,

Edmonton Regional recently hosted a Personal Response Essay workshop, held at WP Wagner School. Approximately 20 attendees were given lesson materials and time to collaborate on new assignments, with the guidance of workshop leader Sheri Paquette.

I am currently planning a year-end event to be held during the last week of May, so as to keep Edmonton Regional ELAC out there in members' minds, and in the hopes of stimulating greater interest and involvement in Edmonton Regional in the year ahead.

Respectfully,

Chandra Hildebrand

Central Regional Report

We had a meetings November 1, 2013 and April25, 2013. We are currently planning our Second Annual Spelling Bee and AGM for Thursday, June 13 (location TBA). We provided gift baskets for the Beginning Teachers' Conference and have some ready for the upcoming 2013 ELAC Conference as well. We have two applicants for the Grant-in-Aid for new teachers to attend the ELAC conference. I'll be getting the applications to Bill Howe hopefully today. Special thanks for Geoff Parker, our dedicated secretary, and Lena Lidstone, our accomplished treasurer, who came back after a brief leave. Hayley Leschert, past-president, is on maternity leave, but graced us with her presence along with her new daughter at our last meeting. We are still looking for a president-elect and are working on expanding our presence and membership in Central Region.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Silverton

Calgary and District Regional Report

Calgary Report

For the 2012-13 year, Calgary has had some successes and some failures. In the fall we had a successful fiction writing workshop that was well attended. However, a follow up workshop in April for playwriting had to be canceled for lack of registrations.

Our AGM will be finalized next week, but we are planning to have an evening where past retired members are invited to speak about the advantages of ELAC and the experiences they have had with them. A light supper will be served too.

We are putting a lot of thought and effort into how to develop an email list to have our mail outs go directly to ELAC members. We feel if we can get direct emails to members about events we will have better success at getting members to events.

Thank you.

Dale Wallace

Greater South Regional Report

April 2013 Greater South ELAC Council

Hello ELAC Colleagues,

Our first year as an official council has been busy, with a focus on reaching as many teachers in our region as possible. We are still focusing on spreading the word and providing meaningful PD for ELA teachers in Southern Alberta. This year, our activities included:

- Utilizing social media to keep members informed: Twitter: GreaterSouthELA
Blog: <http://greatersouthelac.wordpress.com/>, and Facebook group: Greater South English Language Arts Council
- Hosting two Novel Idea evenings in October in Lethbridge & Medicine Hat. Email invitations were sent out to all of our schools. Unfortunately no one was able to attend the event in Medicine Hat, besides myself and Michelle Pisoni. Our Lethbridge event was held at the U of L curriculum library and we had a wonderful presentation for 4 members by the head librarians Beth Cormier and Bill Glescter on graphic novels for all division levels. We look forward to working with them again in the future.
- Contributing to the ATA Teachers' Conventions. We supplied gift baskets for a draw at both SEATCA and SWATCA to help promote our council. As the president of Greater South ELAC I was also asked to help find session speakers for SWATCA. Spoken word poet, Mary Pinkoski, and U of L librarian Beth Cormier both presented wonderful sessions on our behalf.
- Our AGM and Art Gallery night was March 13th at the University of Lethbridge Art Gallery. Email invitations were sent out to all of our schools and information about the event was streamed through our twitter and facebook pages. We had our entire council at the event, but unfortunately, no other guests attended. It was a great night; we had a private tour of the gallery and even got a sneak peak at the next exhibit! We also voted in our new slate of officers:
 - President: Amy McDougall
 - Past President: Deanna Smith
 - President Elect:
 - Treasurer: Vic Mensch
 - Members at Large: Michelle Pisoni
- Participating in the Transforming the World May 2013 conference and contributing 2 gifts for door prizes (Jason Schilling and Michelle Pisoni will provide these).

Plans for next year include:

- Introducing and promoting Regional Grants for PD opportunities amongst our members
- Providing some PD sessions on writing for div levels, possibly looking at a day or weekend session for a better turnout
- Contacting our members to introduce ourselves and create a connection

I (we) would like to thank our committee members for their tireless efforts: Deanna Smith, Vic Mensch, Amy McDougall, Michelle Pisoni, Jason Schilling, Amber Ivan and Catherine Euston. They have all worked very hard to spread the word about our council. Also, thank you to the Provincial Executive for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Smith and Amy McDougall

Treasurer Report

Financial statements as of June 30, 2012

Profit & Loss - Budget v. Actual	YTD Actual	2011-12 Budget	Budget Variance
Income			
2012 Conference Registration	\$ 49,084	\$ -	\$ 49,084
2012 Conference Displays/Sponsorships	\$ 3,300	\$ -	\$ 3,300
ATA Provincial Grant	\$ 36,714	\$ 46,300	\$ (9,586)
Membership Fees	\$ 1,045	\$ 2,000	\$ (955)
Other Income	\$ 2,018	\$ 1,500	\$ 518
Special Project Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 92,161	\$ 49,800	\$ 42,361
Expense			
2012 Conference Expenses			
Advertising & Promotion	\$ 1,901	\$ -	\$ 1,901
Beanstream Fees	\$ 1,648	\$ -	\$ 1,648
Committee Expense			
Meetings	\$ 494	\$ -	\$ 494
Other	\$ 158	\$ -	\$ 158
Travel & Accommodation	\$ 2,341	\$ -	\$ 2,341
Total Committee Expense	\$ 2,993	\$ -	\$ 2,993
Entertainment & Social	\$ 5,580	\$ -	\$ 5,580
Facility Costs			
Conference Venue	\$ 21,502	\$ -	\$ 21,502
Equipment Rental	\$ 3,602	\$ -	\$ 3,602
Other Refreshments	\$ 709	\$ -	\$ 709
Total Facility Costs	\$ 25,812	\$ -	\$ 25,812
Printing & Photocopying	\$ 916	\$ -	\$ 916
Registration Software	\$ 1,297	\$ -	\$ 1,297
Speaker Fees	\$ 4,500	\$ -	\$ 4,500
Speaker Gifts & Expenses	\$ 859	\$ -	\$ 859
Total 2012 Conference Expenses	\$ 45,506	\$ -	\$ 45,506
Depreciation	\$ 359	\$ -	\$ 359
Executive			
Accommodation	\$ 3,991	\$ 9,000	\$ (5,009)
Conference Registration	\$ 4,270	\$ -	\$ 4,270
Meals	\$ 3,934	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,434
NCTE Affiliate Meeting	\$ 1,538	\$ 3,000	\$ (1,462)
NCTE Dues	\$ 472	\$ 550	\$ (78)
Sub costs	\$ 2,455	\$ 3,500	\$ (1,045)
Travel	\$ 9,221	\$ 9,000	\$ 221
Total Executive	\$ 25,879	\$ 26,550	\$ (671)
Greater South Regional	\$ 2,601	\$ -	\$ 2,601

Member Programs			
Conference Support-Grant in Aid	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,500	\$ (1,000)
Member Awards	\$ 1,154	\$ 500	\$ 654
Outreach Program	\$ 778	\$ 3,000	\$ (2,222)
Regional Grants	\$ 7,476	\$ 10,000	\$ (2,524)
Research Grants	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ (1,000)
Total Member Programs	\$ 10,908	\$ 17,000	\$ (6,092)
Operational Expenses			
Bank Charges	\$ 199	\$ 100	\$ 99
Computers	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ (200)
Miscellaneous	\$ 409	\$ 250	\$ 159
Postage	\$ 101	\$ 250	\$ (149)
Printing	\$ 338	\$ 500	\$ (162)
Promotion	\$ 1,112	\$ 1,000	\$ 112
Stationery	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ (50)
Total Operational Expenses	\$ 2,159	\$ 2,350	\$ (191)

Profit & Loss - Budget v. Actual

	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>2011-12 Budget</u>	<u>Budget Variance</u>
Summer Conference	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ (5,000)
Voices			
Honoraria	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ (500)
Postage	\$ 236	\$ 400	\$ (165)
Printing	\$ 186	\$ 500	\$ (314)
Writing Contest	\$ 780	\$ 2,000	\$ (1,220)
Total Voices	\$ 1,201	\$ 3,400	\$ (2,199)
Total Expense	\$ 88,613	\$ 54,300	\$ 34,313
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ 3,548	\$ (4,500)	\$ 8,048

Cash Flow Budget

Accumulated cash surplus, beg of yr	\$ 93,650	\$ 93,650
Current yr surplus/(deficit)	\$ 3,548	(4,500)
Total cash surplus end of yr	\$ 97,197	\$ 89,150

NOTE: The total expenses for 2011-12 is \$88,613 (\$43,107 and \$45,506 for council and conference respectively)

Therefore surplus requirement for 2011-12 is \$44,307.

Closing surplus for 2011-12 is \$97,197 which exceeds surplus requirement of \$44,307

Proposed 2013-2014 ELAC Budget

Profit & Loss - Budget v. Actual	YTD Actual	2012-13 Budget	Budget Variance	2013-14 Budget	Executive Notes
Income					
ATA Provincial Grant	\$ 38,572	\$ 38,000	\$ 572	\$40,500.00	5% increase budgeted
Conference Display/Sponsorship	\$ 350	\$ 2,500	\$ (2,150)	\$2,000.00	
Conference Registration	\$ 12,100	\$ 69,000	\$ (56,900)	\$60,000.00	based: 150 del @ 400
Membership Fees	\$ 945	\$ 1,500	\$ (555)	\$1,500.00	
Other Income	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 500	\$1,500.00	
Total Income	\$ 53,967	\$ 112,500	\$ (58,533)	\$105,500.00	
Expense					
Conference Expenses					
Advertising & Promotion	\$ -	\$ 2,400	\$ (2,400)	\$2,500.00	Conference expenses don't consider the \$5000 seed money. It isn't reflected in revenue nor expenses as it should be a wash.
Beanstream Fees	\$ 512	\$ 200	\$ 312	\$400.00	
Committee Expense					
meetings	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ (1,500)	\$1,000.00	
Other	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ (1,500)	\$1,500.00	
Total Committee Expense	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ (3,000)	\$2,500.00	
Entertainment & Social	\$ -	\$ 5,750	\$ (5,750)	\$6,000.00	
Facility Costs					
Conference Venue (meeting rooms)	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ (30,000)	\$4,000.00	
Catering -- meals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$20,000.00	
Equipment Rental	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ (5,000)	\$3,500.00	
Other Refreshments	\$ -	\$ 7,500	\$ (7,500)	\$6,000.00	
Total Facility Costs	\$ -	\$ 42,500	\$ (42,500)	\$33,500.00	
Printing & Photocopying	\$ 1,044	\$ 1,200	\$ (156)	\$1,000.00	
Registration Software	\$ 367	\$ 1,500	\$ (1,133)	\$500.00	
Speaker Fees	\$ -	\$ 8,000	\$ (8,000)	\$7,500.00	
Speaker Gifts & Expenses	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ (1,500)	\$1,000.00	
Total Conference Expenses Executive	\$ 1,923	\$ 66,050	\$ (64,127)	\$54,900.00	

Accommodation	\$ 2,090	\$ 6,000	\$ (3,910)	\$5,000.00	A new line for conference	
Conference Registrations	\$ 4,600	\$ -	\$ 4,600	\$4,000.00		
Meals	\$ 3,183	\$ 3,000	\$ 183	\$5,000.00		
NCTE Affiliate Meeting	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ (3,000)	\$3,000.00		
NCTE Dues	\$ 504	\$ 550	\$ (46)	\$550.00		
Sub costs	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ (2,500)	\$2,000.00		
Travel	\$ 4,449	\$ 9,000	\$ (4,551)	\$9,000.00		
Total Executive	\$ 14,826	\$ 24,050	\$ (9,224)	\$28,550.00		
Member Programs						
Conference Support-Grant in Aid	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ (2,500)	\$2,500.00		\$200/session @ 4 sessions per region
Member Awards	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ (500)	\$400.00		
Outreach Program	\$ 679	\$ 2,000	\$ (1,321)	\$2,000.00		
Regional Grants	\$ 7,328	\$ 14,000	\$ (6,672)	\$12,000.00		
Research Grants	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ (1,000)	\$1,000.00		
Special Projects	\$ 3,303	\$ 10,000	\$ (6,697)	\$3,000.00		
Total Member Programs	\$ 11,311	\$ 30,000	\$ (18,689)	\$20,900.00		
Operational Expenses						
Bank Charges	\$ 46	\$ 100	\$ (54)	\$200.00	I will likely need to order cheques this year	
Computers	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ (200)	\$200.00		
Computer Supplies	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ (200)	\$200.00		
Total Computers	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ (200)	\$200.00		
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ (250)	\$250.00		
Postage	\$ 287	\$ 250	\$ 37	\$1,000.00		
Printing	\$ 1,266	\$ 500	\$ 766	\$1,000.00		
Promotion	\$ 103	\$ 1,000	\$ (898)	\$100.00		
Stationery	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ (100)	\$100.00		
Total Operational Expenses	\$ 1,702	\$ 2,400	\$ (698)	\$2,550.00		
Regionals						
Edmonton Regional	\$ (552)	\$ 500	\$ (1,052)			
Greater South Regional	\$ 1,409	\$ 3,600	\$ (2,191)			
Total Regionals	\$ 858	\$ 4,100	\$ (3,242)			
Summer Conference	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ (5,000)	\$5,000.00		
Voices						
Honoraria	0.00	500.00	(500)	\$400.00		
Postage	0.00	400.00	\$	\$400.00		

			(400)	0	
			\$	\$400.0	
Printing	0.00	500.00	(500)	0	
			\$	\$2,000	
Writing Contest	1,038.40	2,000.00	(962)	.00	
	\$	\$	\$	\$3,200	
Total Voices	1,038	3,400	(2,362)	.00	
Website	\$	\$	\$		
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Total Expense	\$ 31,658	\$ 135,000	\$ (103,342)	\$115,500.00	
Net Income	\$ 22,309	\$ (22,500)	\$ 44,809	\$10,000.00	Ongoing effort to reduce our surplus.

Cash Flow Budget		2012 - 2013
Accumulated cash surplus, beg of yr		\$ 97,197
Current yr Budgeted surplus/(deficit)		\$ (22,500)
Projected total cash surplus end of yr		\$ 74,697

NOTE: Surplus requirement based on 2011-12 actual expenditures of \$88,613 (\$43,107 and \$45,506 for council & conference respectively); therefore surplus requirement for 2012-13 should be roughly \$44,307

Conclusion: Based on 2012-13 budget, the projected year-end surplus is \$74,697. Council exceeds the surplus requirement per 2010 ARA resolution.

May 2013

2013 Conference Director



Transforming the World

Swag: We have reduced the swag number of books to 110. There will be two books for \$10.00 per person and we can return what we don't use. Kathy will pick them up on Thursday, May 2 after school or early evening and bring them to the River Cree on Friday.

Exhibitor/Sponsorship: Anyway, things are good - hopefully the program is perfect, because it went off the Cheryl last week after that last speaker change. We're up to 8 tables now, so I'm going to email Crystal tomorrow and check if we can fit that many along the three walls to still allow for the main wall to be open to the lunch area.

Delegates: We have 72 registrants as of 2:00 pm today. (April 18th) 5 have payment pending. I have emails into Cheryl O'Brien re: the nametags. In terms of registration packages per se, they will receive the name tags and the program and a book. I'd like to see if MediaShaker can knock out bookmarks to tuck into the program to advertise the new website.

Promotions:

1. Lori Silverton and I have put lots of friendly pressure (didn't take much once they heard how great it was going to be) on our colleagues here at Lindsay Thurber in Red Deer to come to the conference. My understanding is that there are five of us coming!

2. Every public and Catholic school district has been contacted with a request for the District superintendent or designate in charge of ELA curric to send the conference info to each school curric leader with the instruction to forward it to all ELA teachers. My thought is that if all the dominos fell in the right place, every ELA teacher in the province should have received the conference information. A bit lofty, I know, but a guy has to dream...

3. A second ad (actually Raymond at Barnett House referred to it as a "reminder ad") was placed in the March 26 ATA News (page 12).

4. I have contacted been contacting curriculum leaders at targeted schools around the province. If I had time, I'd contact each of them, but... These have been more personal appeals to individuals in schools who might respond favourably by registering themselves or telling their colleagues.

5. I have enlisted the services of Queen Mab to visit ELA teachers in their dreams where they will have visions of breakout sessions, wine and cheese and surreptitious encounters with colleagues.

Awards Luncheon: I am currently working on the conference weekend Awards luncheon. As I am putting the Awards luncheon program together, I would like to include a short ELAC message, introduce the current council members, and then have Bill present the award. This happens after Bare 'n' von Hair. Perhaps Carrie and Vic might want to speak at this time to

promote the 2014 conference. The tribute cards are lovely, and these will be placed on each delegate's place setting.

Programming:

- there is full slate of 24 speakers (each 60 min. sessions) to fill 20 for session spots...all breakout session rooms will be busy.
- currently collecting meal and tech need data from speakers. This info will be tallied and forwarded to Michelle as of Monday April 22 to pass along to those who need it.
- Speaker names have been forwarded to Carrie so name tags can be made
- Speaker names/session titles/room designations have been forwarded to Crystal for room placards to be made and posted
- Program info was forwarded to Chandra
- have collected various items for speaker goodie bags for breakout session speakers.
- did not create bags for key notes and featured speakers as they are receiving monetary 'gifts'.

Venue:

The hotel is completely sold out currently for May 3. They already have a waiting list; unlikely that we will have that many cancellations. Saturday night, I can confirm with our Rooms Manager if we have any rooms available as I believe there might be a handful left. The room rate will likely be \$229.00 for the night though. The Courtyard Edmonton West is currently selling for both Friday & Saturday evening at \$159.00 per room, per night. They are located approximately 10 minutes from our hotel, and would be one of the closest hotel options. <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/yegew-courtyard-edmonton-west/>

Conference Committee Meeting 3 pm May 3rd Chiefs Boardroom (the Provincial ELAC Executive will be having their meeting at 1 pm prior)

Venue Information:

Edmonton Marriott at River Cree Resort
300 East Lapotac Blvd.
Enoch, Alberta T7X 3Y3
Phone: 1-780-484-2121
Fax: 1-780-930-2584
Toll free 1-877-377-7774
Room Reservations (Toll free) 1-800-960-4913
www.EdmontonMarriott.com

Dates of Conference: May 3-5th, 2013

Website for ELAC 2013



<http://elac2013.com>

Scan this QR code with your mobile device to go to the 2013 Conference website.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Pisoni

ELAC Conference 2014 AGM Report

May 4, 2013

Plans for the 2014 ELAC Conference are progressing. The dates of the conference will be May 2 – 3, 2014. The conference will begin Friday afternoon and conclude Saturday afternoon.

The **theme** for the conference will be **“InspirED!”**

The site for the conference will be the Banff Centre. Though we haven’t finalized the contract with the Banff Centre yet, we are getting closer to that reality. We want to inspire teachers to want to inspire their students.

With the inspiring scenery available to us, it will be a great start. By sheer happenstance, the main publication of the Banff Centre is entitled *Inspired*, and this word appears on signage throughout the area.

Some of our speakers have indicated that they are committed to being there!

The **keynote speaker** will be **George Couros**, who is a Division Principal of Innovative Teaching and Learning for Parkland School Division. He comes highly recommended as an inspirational speaker.

We have also confirmed two other **Featured speakers**:

Brad Smilanich is an engaging and lively speaker who will bring humour, good sense, and creative ideas to the conversations around film study.

Dr. Leah Fowler is also well-known to many ELA teachers throughout the province from her many contacts through previous sessions at ELAC conferences. Her personable style of communication inspires us to become even better teachers of English Language Arts.

Logo Contest: As a committee we want to have a logo designing contest which we will reveal at the 2013 conference. The closing of that contest will be May 30, after which the committee will make the final selection.

A **Preliminary Budget** has been reviewed although we need to wait for the finalization of the contract with Banff Centre so that we can finalize the cost of the conference.

The Committee is comprised of: Carrie Mitchell and Vic Mensch (Co-Chairs)

Toni Hildebrandt	Chandra Hildebrand
Lori Chmelyk	Laurel Beaton
Kathy Goldberg (President)	Gaylene Schreiber (ATA rep)

Respectfully submitted

Carrie Mitchell and Vic Mensch

Alberta Voices Report

May 2013

The first issue of the ELAC journal is in the publication process at Barnett House. It contains three major articles about teen reading, technology and teaching ELA, and professional growth. When ready, the issue will be available to members and other readers through the newly-designed website.

This issue of the journal is now a refereed journal, which means that submissions will be vetted by individual jury members, rather than chosen solely by the Editor. It is the hope of the Editor and the Provincial Executive that this change of status will increase the number of submissions. Because refereed journals are considered to have higher status in the academic world, we wish to expand our contributions from practicing teachers, graduate students, and professors, to write for our journal. Of course we want classroom teachers and consultants to submit and publish with us too. The ultimate expectation is even richer content for our members.

One way to participate in journal work is to submit your name as a referee. Each article will be sent to two reviewers initially with brief guidelines for the review. A third reviewer will be consulted if there is difference in the two reviews. If you are interested in being in our jury pool or have questions about participating, please contact Marg Iveson at

marg.iveson@ualberta.ca

The next issue will be a retrospective on Teaching ELA.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Margaret L. Iveson
Editor

Celebrating Words Report

Celebrating Words is an annual student writing contest publication coordinated by the ATA English Language Arts Council (ELAC). The writing contest includes any students and teachers from all levels of public schooling who submit stories and poetry. The judges are teachers or writers who volunteer their time and expertise to review the submissions and decide which selections will be awarded in the particular category. All the participants receive a complimentary copy of Celebrating Words, and the winners also receive a bookstore gift certificate.

The writing contest closed on February 28, 2013 and there are 54 entries. The entries have now been prepared and will be mailed to the judges.

Submitted by Sandra Kahn

Contest Editor 2012/2013

Alberta Education Report

My name is Leisa Townshend and I am the new Team Leader for English Language Arts K-9 with Alberta Education. I was an Assistant Principal with Greater St. Albert Catholic School Division for the past four years and prior to that, I worked for Elk Island Catholic Schools as an AISI Consultant for cycles 1, 2 and 3. My role as a consultant was to manage the project and assist teachers with implementation of assessment for learning strategies, differentiated instruction in the area of Language Arts. I have a Master's of Education degree with a Language Arts focus. I am excited to be representing Alberta Education as an Executive Member for ELAC and look forward to working on the committee.

University Liaison Report

AGM report, 2013

Submitted by Lynne Wiltse

University of Alberta

April 23, 2013

Faculty of Education undergraduate program:

We will begin to implement our new undergraduate program in the fall of 2013; the plan was to have the program fully implemented starting in Fall 2015. However, due to recent cuts to postsecondary education, our faculty is in the process of examining ways to address the huge budget cuts. Some changes to the new program are inevitable. The Language and Literacy Subject Area Committee will do all it can to secure the 4th year language and literacy course which we see as a strong improvement to the Elementary Program (and which took a long time to have approved).

Department of Elementary Education on-line MEd program:

We are recruiting for the new Department of Elementary Education on-line MEd program with a specialization in Curriculum and Pedagogy. The 10-course specialization will start in September of 2013. The Online Master of Education offers:

- Part-time, flexible study that is completely online
- Award-winning online instructors with classroom teaching experience
- Supportive online learning environment
- Affordable tuition, bursary and scholarship opportunities
- Technology-rich assignments and coursework
- Opportunities to learn with students from across Canada and around the world
- 6 credits in core education courses - Processes of Curriculum Development and Introduction to Educational Research

Please see the Department of Elementary Education website for further information.

AARI (Advancing Adolescent Reading Initiative):

As part of its commitment to sharing the learnings coming out of the projects funded by High School Completion, Alberta Education is completing three new *Progress!* videos for posting on the High School Completion website. One of these videos is focused on the Advancing Adolescent Reading Initiative (AARI) of the JP Das Centre in the Faculty of Education. Information on the program can be found on the AARI website: <http://aari.educ.ualberta.ca/desc.html>

Research Project, *Engaging Teachers with Canadian Literature for Social Justice*:

Ingrid Johnston is working with a group of secondary teachers and I am working with a group of elementary teachers on a national study designed to examine possibilities for teachers to develop curricula and pedagogies for diverse classrooms through collaborative teacher inquiry groups. Our study is exploring ways in which researchers and teachers can collaboratively develop strategies for selecting, reading and teaching a range of contemporary Canadian literature in classrooms and reflect upon students' responses to the issues raised by the texts.

Canadian Centre for Research on Literacy (CCRL):

I was honoured to be awarded the CCRL fellowship for 2013. The research that I will conduct for the fellowship is for a study examining educators' understandings of English language variation. Specific research questions ask:

- 1) What do teachers believe about English language variation and communication?
- 2) How can teachers be supported to acquire a more inclusive and expansive view of English?
- 3) In what ways do teachers' views of English language variation limit or facilitate Aboriginal students' access to academic language and school literacy?

Information about CCRL can be found on their website:

<http://www.elementaryed.ualberta.ca/Centres/CCRL.aspx>

Canadian Indigenous Languages and Literacy Development Institute (CILLDI):

CILLDI (pronounced 'sill-dee') hosts an annual summer school held at the University of Alberta, and is dedicated to the revitalization of Canada's Indigenous languages through documentation, teaching, and literacy. Our purpose is to support individuals at the community level by providing basic training in linguistics, native languages, second language teaching, and other aspects of professional enhancement such as language-related research and policy making.

Core Education Courses

The Faculty of Education offers credited courses at the graduate and undergraduate level for Indigenous language speakers who wish to learn how to teach their language. A core set of five education courses are offered in the summer program:

EDEL 306: Introduction to Language and Literacy Development (or equivalent course)

EDEL 460 / EDEL 595: Sustaining Language and Culture Through Traditional Knowledge and Practices (or equivalent course)

EDEL 461 / EDEL 595: Second Language Acquisition: Teaching Indigenous Languages in an Immersion Context

EDEL 462 / EDEL 595: Developing Classroom Curriculum and Materials for Indigenous Languages

EDEL 463 / EDEL 595: Assessment for Indigenous Language Classrooms

Special Course Offerings

Additional course are offered for students to continue building their language teaching skills:

EDEL 496 / EDEL 595: Indigenous Language & Cultural Renewal, The Maori Model
[EDEL 496 / EDEL 595: Teaching Indigenous Languages Through Cultural Arts](#)
[EDEL 496 / EDEL 595: Using Literacy and Drama in Indigenous Languages](#)
Education

For more information see the CILLDI website: <http://www.cilldi.ualberta.ca/>

Website Coordinator Report

Website AGM Report, May 4, 2013

We began the website redesign with MediaShaker in November 2012. I will confess my original plans were grander than time allowed, but I am certainly excited about the progress we have made in six short months.

We determined that the atmosphere of the website should be inviting, a place to sit down with a hot cup of something to do a little reading and learning. We also were taken with the notion that it is our love of stories that unite us. Stories capture the human condition and help us reflect, learn, and grow. English teachers work like crazy, and we wanted the website to be a place of calm and conversation.

We have sections for resources, professional development, celebrating stories, and information about the council and how to join ELAC. Teachers can learn about events that are happening across the province and around the world. They can contribute their own voices and their own stories so others may benefit as well. We also aimed at using the website to celebrate the volunteers who contribute so much time and effort each for the love of their students, their peers and their profession.

The website is still very much a work in progress, and it will continue to evolve, benefiting from the expertise of those who contribute to it. My sincerest thanks for the opportunity to contribute to ELAC in this way.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Mitchell