

EDC Corner – Feb, 2012

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As I write this, I am packing to head to Halifax for our annual conference, where we will be hosted by Lynn Taylor from Dalhousie and Margaret-Anne Bennett from St. Mary's. I'm looking forward to a wonderful conference, with many wonderful sessions, what I know will be a tremendous keynote by Nancy Chism on *The Learning of Educational Development Professionals: Planned, Chance, or Both?*, and knowing that we are offering our second annual EDC Institute – with Alice Cassidy and Ruth Rodgers as facilitators.

This year the EDC executive, with your input, finalized our newly created EDC Values: Open Community, Collaboration, Ethical Practice, and Scholarly Approach (these came out of our executive retreat last May), and had a graphic created to represent them (see <http://www.stlhe.ca/constituencies/educational-developers-caucus/edc-values/>). Since that time, we have been working on strategic planning and have simplified and clarified the Living Plan (which represents our plan for Professional Development for our membership). The revised document will be presented to the membership at the AGM in Halifax along with the work of our two sub-committees who have been working on both the professionalisation of ED as well as augmented resources for our members.

In June, my 2 year term as Chair will be up, and I will move into the role of past-Chair (and off the STLHE Board). A nominating committee will be constituted at the AGM in Halifax. Paola Borin's term is up as Vice-Chair, Professional Development, but she is prepared to stay for a second term. By way of encouragement to anyone thinking of running for Chair, I cannot think of a better group of people to work with than our EDC Executive, and I warmly thank them for all their effort and support!