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This is my report from May – but I note there are no new things to add – our work this month has been in moving forward on the task list generated by our May retreat.

The EDC Exec met on May 2 for an all day retreat to focus on directions as we move forward with our living plan. We were very pleased to welcome our new exec members at that meeting, Erika Kustra and Natasha Kenny, who attended in person, and Marla Arbach, who attended by Skype.

We discussed our Mission and Vision

- The executive reviewed the existing Mission, and decided to integrate the “Aims” from by-law 3.2 more prominently in the webpage mission statement, and to use these in making future planning decisions
- The executive also created a list of EDC Values to be discussed at the next AGM
 - Open community
 - Peer development
 - Sharing
 - Scholarly approach

§ (Note literature by David Gosling, Kim Fraser’s article in Pathways book, Milton Cox, Wenger, and mission/goals of SOTL in Canada, in IJSOTL)

Some areas that arose from the retreat include:

- We have requested from Brad that the EDC AGM at STLHE this year be changed from June 15, 4:30-6pm to 4:30-5pm, and that if possible, the EDC be allowed a time slot during a concurrent session time for a PD piece. I have not yet heard back whether this is possible.
- We wish to make a change starting in 2012 that the EDC AGM be held at the EDC conference rather than at STLHE, and that at STLHE we hold a session for the EDC that will likely not take the form of a GM, but rather a PD session for the Caucus members. (This will require an edit to the STLHE conference manual)
- We will be updating our elections process procedures with input from members of the exec and our last two years' nominating committees. On a related note, we will be contacting those who ran for positions but were not elected to seek their involvement with some special projects - notably thinking about our EDC professional identity and a professional code of ethics, and working on the Pro D Institute - and considering an online version of it.
- We are collating the materials from the Institute and planning towards making this an annual event, with the second one (somewhat expanded) anticipated in conjunction with EDC 2012. We are extremely grateful to Joy and Teresa for their wonderful work in offering the pilot institute and in helping us transition to a sustainable model for the future.
- We'll also be updating the EDC conference book over the summer.

The retreat generated a plethora of ideas (these things always do!) and we are thinking about ways to accomplish important work without spreading ourselves too thinly - in part, this will come from careful prioritization and in part from making sure others know what projects we are working on so they can join the ad hoc teams.

I have provided the EDC website updates to Sylvia - we wish to move over all our material, and add the following:

1. A 'notice board' that will allow any EDC member to post any job ads - and invite members to add this section of the site as an RSS feed.
2. Otherwise, at this time we have only one edit - removing hot links to previous conference sites that are no longer active. We'd like to be able to host conference sites on the EDC site in the future - in order to be able to keep the material archived.

As I move from Waterloo, I'll be arranging to meet with Sylvia re: having her create a listserv for the EDC executive.