

As I write this the Winter Conference on Engagement and Educational Development co-hosted by the Universities of Guelph and Waterloo is upon us. An enormous vote of thanks is due to Trevor Holmes and Donna Ellis (co-chairs) and their incredible teams, as well as to Alice Cassidy, Vice-Chair Professional Development, for the amazing job they have done together to bring us this wonderful event. What fabulous sessions we have to enjoy on everything from getting started in faculty development on a shoestring to getting published in the scholarship of teaching and learning.

You can also see the first steps in the EDC professional development plan that Caucus members asked us to implement with both a pre-conference workshop for new developers on engaging our communities as early career professionals and one for more seasoned colleagues on engaging faculty in our work. There are posters ranging from addressing second language learner needs and accessibility issues to TA training and efforts to theorise the educational development field in an international context. We are also able to bring you details of the new Grants program funded as a direct result of your hard work at gathering institutional memberships on behalf of STLHE. In addition, the 2006-2007 series of book, article, and website reviews coordinated by Jennifer Jasper of UBC and contributed to by many members will be made available as a resource on the EDC Conference website.

I am struck by how much is happening in the Caucus, the depth and range of experience of members and how kind people are in sharing their expertise so willingly with others. I hear about new initiatives almost daily. All of this is done on a volunteer basis by some of the very busiest people I know. I cannot tell you how privileged I feel to chair a group with such generosity of spirit. When colleagues in other areas ask me about it, I tell them it is the EDC way. I hope we will treasure such collective collegiality always.

Speaking of busy people, just a reminder that two positions on the EDC Executive will be open shortly as the current Secretary and Vice-Chair, Communications are reaching the end of their terms. Please do consider letting your name stand in the elections. Executive will also need to appoint a new Treasurer from among the membership, so please let us know if you have particular skills and interests in this area. We hope to have these positions filled by the next EDC General Meeting at the STLHE Conference in Edmonton. I will look forward to seeing you there.

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