Welcome Back

Welcome back to another academic year! Whether you are still teaching or retired, the fall weather always reminds us of going back to school and the start of a new year.

One of the benefits of receiving a 3M National Teaching Fellowship is you become part of the Council of 3M National Teaching Fellows. The Executive is back working on your behalf for another year. We meet every two weeks online via WebEx, and hold two face-to-face meeting annually. Here are a few of things on our agenda we hope will be of interest to you.

3M Scholarly Retreat

The 2012 cohort will be taking part in their Retreat at the Banff Springs Hotel in beautiful Banff, Alberta from November 16 to 20. Carol Ann Courneya and Robert Lapp will facilitate for the second year.

2013 3M Applications

The Call for Nominations for the 2013 3M National Teaching Fellowship closed on August 31, and 47 dossiers are currently being adjudicated by the Selection Committee.

If you are interested in being an adjudicator for future years of the award, please contact the Coordinator, Ron Marken, at ron.marken@usask.ca. Serving on the selection committee is an exciting and enriching way to stay involved with the Fellowship.

The Future is in your Hands: Workshop Follow-up

We had a wonderful session at STLHE 2012 in Montreal last June. Since then, we have received substantive feedback from Fellows who were unable to attend the session. The Executive, with the help of the 3M Fellows, will be initiating a variety of new projects and initiatives inspired by our afternoon together. You can take a look a photos and the results of the survey on our website.

One thing was clear in our discussions in Montréal, and from the survey: 3M Fellows feel strongly about advocacy, mentorship, and innovative pedagogy.

In the upcoming months, the Executive will be asking for your help in the development of projects in these areas and as well as a few smaller-scale initiatives. You will be receiving some invitations to participate in specific projects over the coming months, and we welcome ideas about Council activities from all Fellows.

We are slowly updating the website for the Council of 3M National Teaching Fellows, and hope you can take a moment to drop by for a visit: http://www.stlhe.ca/ constituencies/3m-council/

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