



**STLHE SAPES**

Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education

La société pour l'avancement de la pédagogie dans l'enseignement supérieur

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**Preamble** – The ICED Council meeting was held in Shanghai China July 6-7, 2017 and STLHE was represented by Denise Stockley, President, STLHE and Erika Kustra, Chair, EDC attended as an observer.

### **2017 ICED Council Network Report:**

#### **Canada's Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (STLHE)**

STLHE was founded in 1981 by educational developers with the intention to be inclusive. These early aspirations have resulted in a diverse group within ICED which includes educational developers, faculty, students, and administrators (<https://www.stlhe.ca/>). To address the diversity of our membership, our Board is comprised of three different types of board members, the Executive (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary), 5 Standing Committees (Awards, Bilingualism, Partnerships, Publications, Students), and 4 Constituencies (3M National Teaching and Learning Fellows in Higher Education, College Sector Educators Community, Educational Developers Caucus, Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Canada). The Board is supported through an Administrative Unit located in Ottawa, Canada.

Our membership fluctuates based on where our conference is held annually and we currently have 1125 members. Of that number, 257 are identified educational developers, 70 are students, and the remainder are faculty, administrators and others. Our membership includes 39 international members. In 2017, we celebrated the 10 year anniversary of our institutional memberships and our numbers have grown to include 63 universities, colleges, and polytechnics that pay an annual fee which provides stability to our society. Combined the individual and institutional memberships fund the basis of our budget requirements and have diminished the need for our conferences to be profit generating.

This past year we launched a membership survey and three core areas were identified for the Board to address in the coming years - Advocacy, Communications, and Conferences. Within each of the categories our membership provided explicit feedback on how we could improve our processes and raise awareness, including advocacy geared towards government and local

institutions, creating a communication strategy, and revisiting the purpose and goals of the conference to align with membership needs.

## Highlights

### *Governance*

- Leadership Change – Denise Stockley was elected President (2017-2021) of STLHE, and Erika Kustra was elected Chair of the Educational Developers Caucus (2016-2018)
- All bylaws have been approved by membership and we are compliant with federal regulations

### *Conferences*

- Our most recent STLHE conference June 20-23 had the largest number of attendees with over 700 individuals, coupled with 200 volunteers
- Upcoming Conferences – Educational Developer Caucus – Victoria, British Columbia, February, 2018 and STLHE – Sherbrooke, Quebec, June 2018
- Participation in the inaugural conference of the International Federation of National Teaching Fellows in London, UK, in February 2017. Canada will host the second International conference in Halifax, May 2018

### *Publications*

- Four main publication opportunities - *The Canadian Journal of the Scholarship of Teaching & Learning* (published 3 times per year); the *Collected Essays on Learning and Teaching* (Conference Proceedings); *STLHE Green Guides* (most recent *Inter and Multidisciplinary Place-Based Education*); *EDC Guides* (most recent *Educational Developers Portfolio* and *Rapport Building for Educational Developers*)
- Granting Schemes – Educational Developers Caucus Grants and Scholarship of Leadership in Education (SOLE), development of a pilot for an EDC Exchange Grant

### *Awards*

- Our 3M National Teaching Fellowship program is now open to all post-secondary educators
- Our 3M National Student Fellowship program is now open to graduate students (originally just college and university undergraduates)
- Our Desire2Learn Innovation Award in Teaching and Learning recognizes teaching internationally and nominations are received from around the world

- Christopher Knapper Lifetime Achievement and Christopher Knapper Volunteer Award have been put on a rotational schedule, so each year either the Lifetime Achievement or Volunteer are awarded annually
- Two New Educational Development Awards - Distinguished Educational Developer Career Award and Educational Developer Leadership Award

*Other*

- EDC Accreditation Framework launched to accredit professional development programs and first two rounds of programs recognized
- Webinars launched - hosted by EDC, including successful joint hosted webinar with SHED (Scotland Higher Education Developers), future joint STLHE and EDC webinars planned, and international partners and participants would be welcome

