



Dear Colleague:

BC TESOL, formerly ESL PSA, is now more than a quarter of a century old. It began as a group of interested individuals who shared a common concern for the quality of education available for those learning English as an additional language in the public school system, K – 12. It is in part due to your experience and knowledge, together with much energy and enthusiasm at the outset, that this organization became a reality. As part of the first executive you helped to lead the fledgling organization forward as well as support colleagues in your own school districts and beyond in their work with additional language learners. In short, you helped articulate the needs of these learners, when few truly understood the complexity with which their teachers were dealing on a daily basis.

The membership of today would like to acknowledge your efforts in a small way at our conference this year. We are hoping you are able to come to the conference for the day but in particular we wish to provide a public thank you during the morning keynote and discussion session. The social event at the end of the afternoon sessions will be a further opportunity to reconnect with colleagues, chat with delegates from across the province and enjoy our Chocolate Fountain Social.

It is a given that your registration at the conference will be complimentary. Further, we would be happy to assist in any way we can to ensure your ability to attend.

We are hopeful that you are both interested and available. Please contact Sylvia Helmer, [shelmer@shaw.ca](mailto:shelmer@shaw.ca), at your earliest convenience for dates and details, as well as to confirm your attendance or send your regrets.

Sincerely,

BC TESOL Executive 2014-2015