



Minutes of the London Council for Adult Education
Annual General Meeting
June 9, 2009
Skill Centre 3:00-5:00

Meeting was called to order at 3:20 p.m. by Tom Crouch, LCAE Co-Chair.

Present:

Danna Bushfield (LPL)
Jean-Pierre Cantin (College Boreal)
Hope Clark (ATN Access Inc.)
Bernardine Crasto (WIL)
Tom Crouch (LEHC)
Anne Marie Curtain (LLSC)
Jane Ellyatt (Ontario Works)
Julie Fitzelle (YOU)
Connie Hoffman (ATN Access Inc.)
Lisa Holic (WIL)
Heather Jeffery (Hutton House)
Gordon Leffley (IAPA-City of London)
Sheila Linseman (WIL)
Tais Lintz (ESCLM)
Brandy McIntee (WIL)
Kim Miller (Continuing Studies at Western)
Donna Moore (Western)
Myeengun (Chippewas of the Thames First Nation)
Heather Myers (WIL)
Ruth Robb (ATN Access Inc.)
Frances Shamley (Middlesex Learning Resources)
Jennifer Stapleton (LTC)
Carol Stewart (ESCLM)
Ann Walker (WIL)
Kym Wolfe (LMFRC)

Business Meeting

Approval of Minutes from 2008 AGM
Moved by Ann Walker and seconded by Gord Leffley; carried.

Chair's Report 2008-2009

Co-chair Tom Crouch opened the meeting by noting the evolving challenge that has resulted from the economic calamity that has affected us all. Following an overview of the past year, Tom extended his thanks to the Executive. See Appendix I for complete report.

Awards Report

Committee Chair Ann Walker provided a report of this year's Adult Learner Awards ceremony. See Appendix II for complete report.

Auditor's Report

Frances Shamley provided an overview of the financial position of the organization. She noted that the organization relies on member donations (\$100 for an institution and \$20 for an individual) to operate from year to year. The LCAE regularly brings in between \$1400-\$1500 per year in donations, and expenses are generally around \$1800 per year. The expenses are primarily related to the Adult Learner Awards Ceremony, the AGM, and very low operating costs (e.g. post box rental, limited postage). There is also money available for closing costs, in the event that the organization folds. Money from a GIC account would allow us to continue offering the Adult Learner Awards; the goal is to boost that amount to \$8000 this year. Acceptance of the Auditor's Report was moved by Donna Moore and seconded by Kym Wolfe. See Appendix III for financial statement.

Nominations, Slate of Officers

The slate of nominees for executive positions was introduced and nominations were invited from the floor. All the nominees on the slate were elected without opposition, and a nomination for the Recording Secretary was accepted from the floor. The following is the slate of officers for the coming year:

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| o Nancy McQuillan and Tom Crouch | Co-chairs |
| o Dianne Rumney | Past Chair |
| o Donna Moore | Treasurer |
| o Kim Miller | Executive Secretary |
| o Ann Walker | Member-at-Large |
| o Kym Wolfe | Member-at-Large |
| o Jennifer Stapleton | Member-at-Large |

In addition, Gord Leffley was named as Recording Secretary; the position for the Adult Learner Awards chair remained vacant.

Motion to accept slate of officers was moved by Frances Shamley and seconded by Jennifer Stapleton.

Appointment of Auditor (2009-2010)

Frances Shamley was appointed as auditor for the 2009-2010.

Presentation

Attendees enjoyed a presentation on "Mojo for Your Mental Health" by Kym Wolfe (LMFRC).

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

APPENDIX I

CHAIR'S REPORT – TOM CROUCH

I believe the year 2008-2009 has been one of extraordinary change in all our lives. The economic calamity that has befallen much of South Western Ontario has impacted all of us.

It has been an especially challenging time for adult learners who have had to compete for scarce resources at a time when education has become more crucial than ever. Many have had their lives completely disrupted by events and unforeseen circumstances. For many of them, and for many of us as educators, I know it's been "Damn the torpedoes, Full steam ahead." – Admiral Farragut when attacking the forts at Mobile Alabama in 1864.

Many of our lunch time presentations and workshops this past year focused on the present theme of change and adaptability:

We began with Frank Walsh from Fanshawe College who gave us an overview of the accommodation programs available for learners with a Disability at Fanshawe College. They have become a provincial, if not federal, leader in the provision of such services, and I personally was proud to know such a process was taking place in my community.

Then Bev Payne from Wheable and employer Shauna Harper from the Bradford Exchange provided us with an explanation of how we are providing Specialized Language and ESL in the workplace. I know from experience that learners attain language faster when it is applied to productive employment and it was exciting to hear how well the program is working for the Bradford Exchange.

Dr. Kim Holland from UWO came to speak to us on recent developments in Distance Education. For those of us who could keep up the implications of the conversation, and as a practicing Luddite I'm not sure I count myself among them, it was a fascinating exploration of technological change which will potentially revolutionize education as we know it. As just one example, Conestoga College now offers their Career Development Practitioners program one hundred percent on-line with no residency component. The reduction of travel time alone makes this a significant development for any adult learner and their families.

We were then fortunate to be a participant in one of the final presentations made by Labour Market Specialist Anne Perkins. She talked to us about the changes taking place in the local, national and global labour markets, and she gave us some insights into what to expect in the coming years. Anne is widely known for making dry statistics and charts come to life, and for making this critical information accessible to lay people. She is also known for making people laugh. She did both, and we were very grateful to be one of the last groups to whom she will present before retiring sometime this Summer. I'll believe it when I see it.

As many of you know, the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities launched its huge re-education program last year, called Second Career Strategy. Under the Second Career and Skills Development guidelines, displaced adult workers can be supported to return to training and learning, and they can pursue credentialing in alternative career paths. This is especially the case for those workers displaced by the economic downturn in manufacturing over the past two years. John Griffiths from the Career Centre at Goodwill gave us a detailed workshop on the ins and outs of applying for and utilizing 2nd Career Strategy and Skills Development funds.

Our last lunchtime presenter for the year was Dr. Susan Rodger from the University of Western Ontario who provided us with a heart rending and heart warming description of a study she had been conducting at Wheable on the relationship between Learning and domestic violence. Again, I was proud to know such innovative programs and studies were taking place in my community. It will be interesting to see where the results of Dr. Rodger's study takes us.

Our final event of the year, other than the Annual General Meeting, was of course our annual Adult Learners Award which took place at Wolf Hall on May 12. Following my presentation we'll have Ann Walker make a short presentation on the event. I would however like to point out that this was our 20th year of providing a forum for the presentation of outstanding learning achievements to the rest of our community. It was again a truly inspirational afternoon, and I thank everyone involved in helping to make it such an honourable event.

In closing, I would also like to extend Nancy McQuillan and my sincere thanks to all those involved in the Executive Committee. In these extraordinarily busy times it is not easy to make time to meet every month to do the work necessary to keep the LCAE functioning. All the members regularly give up their lunch hour to come and participate and contribute, and without them, none of these events would ever happen.

Thank you. That concludes the opening remarks from the Chair. Could I please call on Ann Walker from the Awards Committee to talk briefly about the 20th Annual Learners Award on May 12.

APPENDIX II

AWARDS REPORT-ANN WALKER

The 20th Annual LCAE Adult Learner Awards Ceremony took place on Tuesday, May 12th. Eighteen award winners, representing fifteen different organizations, were recognized at the ceremony for their achievements as adult learners. The award winners represented a diversity of backgrounds and educational pursuits, but all were compelling representatives of their peers, mentors, families and teachers in achieving their educational goals.

Our venue for this event continues to be the Wolf Performance Hall and we thank the London Public Library for their continuing support in making this site available to us, along with the assistance of Library staff. Jerry Colwell, a trustee of the London Public Library brought greetings from the Board and staff.

Attendance for each Award ceremony continues to grow and this year was no exception. Although the format remains similar from year to year, we have made some changes that we feel contribute to flow and special quality of the day. For the second year, we were fortunate to have the String Quartet from Central Secondary School provide a musical prelude for guests and to provide a celebratory march for the Award recipients as they took the stage. We also changed the time of the ceremony to begin an hour earlier at 2:00 p.m., which proved to be popular. This year we were also fortunate to have a dedicated and skilled photographer, Luis Pugliese. The pictures that he took were made available to all the LCAE members through an internet link.

In celebration and recognition of the 20th anniversary of the Awards, the committee implemented the Lifetime Achievement Award to recognize long term commitment to the principles of Adult Education. We were pleased to present the first award to Frances Shamley for her outstanding commitment to the principles and practice of Adult Education and for her work with the London Council for Adult Education.

Planning for the Awards usually starts soon after the current Awards and work starts in earnest in January. The date for the 2010 awards is Tuesday, May 4th so mark your calendars. I would like to extend thanks to this years' committee, for their hard work, but even more for unflagging willingness to step up and take on any task – thanks to Donna Moore, Kim Miller, Kym Wolfe, Dianne Rumney, Jennifer Stapleton, Nancy McQuillan, Brian Rhoden and Heidi Williams and Tom Crouch.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann Walker, Chair

APPENDIX III

AUDITOR'S REPORT-FRANCES SHAMLEY

London Council for Adult Education
Financial Statement

This statement covers the fiscal period from May 1, 2008 to April 30, 2009.

Bank account and assets at the last statement

Libro (formerly St. Willibrord)	5848.03	
GIC	5384.82	11232.85
Shares	88.00	
Royal Bank	8.00	
Total Assets		11328.85

Expenditures

Awards ceremony	Plaques	426.13	
2008	Reception refreshments	576.56	
	Flowers	205.61	
	Musicians	40.00	
	Expenses	58.29	
AGM 2008	Room rental	168.00	
	Expenses	114.78	
	Flowers	33.90	
Operational Expenses	Post box rental	131.25	
	postage	7.65	
Total expenses			1812.17

Income

Donations	1440.00	
Interest on bank account	32.25	
Total income		1472.25

Closing Balances as of April 30, 2009

Libro	5848.03	
GIC	5384.82	
Shares	88.00	
Royal Bank	8.00	
Total assets		11328.85

Liabilities based on previous years

Investment	7500.00	
Meetings and receptions	1312.40	
Awards	1500.00	
Administration	1016.45	
Total Liabilities		11328.85

I have found the financial records to be true and accurate.

Date: April 30, 2009

Signed: _____

Frances Shamley, BSc.,BEd., M.A.