

**Editors' Association of Canada/Association canadienne des réviseurs
Report on National Executive Council Meeting
June 11 and 12, 2006, Vancouver**

Key points raised in reports and discussion at this meeting include the following.

The Council thanks outgoing council members

- Treasurer: Gillian Watts (TO)
- Saskatoon branch representative: Wilf Popoff
- Toronto branch representative: Jennie Worden
- Quebec and Atlantic Canada branch representative: Suzanne Aubin

This year's national executive council includes

- President: Maureen Nicholson (BC)
- Vice-president: Susan Davis (NCR)
- Past president: Faith Gildenhuis (BC)
- Secretary: Julia Cochrane (TO) (new)
- Treasurer: Greg Ioannou (TO) (formerly secretary)
- British Columbia branch representative: Daphne Sams
- Prairie Provinces branch representative: Brendan Wild
- Saskatoon branch representative: Michelle Boulton (new)
- Toronto branch representative: Alan Yoshioka (new)
- National Capital Region branch representative: Moira White
- Quebec and Atlantic Canada branch representative: Brian Parsons (new)
- Member-at-large: Peter Moskos (BC)
- Member-at-large: Tom Vradenburg (NCR)

Council sets quarterly meetings dates, locations

Council members enjoy meeting EAC members from other branches at the social evenings that often accompany these quarterly meetings. We look forward to seeing you in the following locations:

- September 16 and 17, 2006, in Ottawa
- November 25 and 26, 2006, in Toronto
- March 3 and 4, 2007 (location TBC)
- June 3 and 4, 2007, in Ottawa

Council appoints committee chairs and external representatives

The following appointments were made at the meeting:

- Certification Committee co-chairs – Ruth Wilson (BC) and Rosemary Tanner (TO)
- Website Committee chair – Ken Weinberg (TO)
- EAC's director on the board of the Book and Periodical Council – Stephanie Fysh (TO)

Appointment of the mediator was deferred pending clarification of the incumbent's availability.

Update: Jane Kidner (TO) was subsequently appointed as mediator, with Janis Barr (BC) to act as back-up mediator.

Council members discussed the position requirements for the chair of the Professional Standards Committee. The committee will be asked to undertake a revision and updating of EAC's *Professional Editorial Standards* and council members discussed the importance of having this work led by a highly

experienced editor with a solid understanding of the relationship between the standards and EAC's certification program. The appointment was deferred pending further discussions with candidates.
Update: Frances Peck (BC) was subsequently appointed chair of the Professional Standards Committee.

Council members also discussed the need to fill the Membership Committee chair position. The Membership Committee chair is normally elected by the membership at the AGM. Although an interested candidate had been in discussion with a member of the Nominating Committee in the spring, no confirmed candidates were in place when the elections were held at the AGM. In this situation, the executive council can appoint someone to fill the position until the next annual elections.

Update: Michelle Bosomworth (TO) was subsequently appointed chair of the Membership Committee.

Council adds new qualifying activities for voting status

Council members voted to add several new items to the list of eligible activities that can be listed on the EAC editing experience form when applying for voting status. The new activities are managing editors, teaching editing, parallel reading (*révision compartif*), revision of translation and adaptation, and manuscript evaluation. This change flows from the ad hoc Membership Review Committee's review of EAC's membership categories. It complements the new membership structure that was approved at the AGM.

Mediator web page and training manual under development

In earlier discussions (see the report of the February 2006 council meeting), council members noted that the association mediator's role is not well known within the organization. In June, council members discussed how to expand the mediator information available on the website. The 2006 conference featured a session on the role of the mediator and materials used in that session will be adapted for use on the website.

Materials from the conference session will also be developed into a training manual for the EAC mediator position.

Committee chairs invited to September meeting

Council members confirmed a plan to hold an orientation session for national committee chairs. The session, led by executive director Lynne Massey and members-at-large Peter Moskos and Tom Vradenburg, will provide information about how EAC is structured, where each committee fits in, and how to get work done on an EAC committee. The new *Committee Book*, developed by the executive council over the past year, will serve as a resource for the orientation session.

The session will be held the Friday before the September council meeting and chairs will be invited to participate in the council's strategic planning session on the Saturday.

Office staff grows (a little)

Council members approved, in principle, executive director Lynne Massey's proposal to create a new staff position in the national office. The event coordinator will be responsible for coordinating planning and preparations for the EAC annual conference (working closely with committees of members) and for coordinating the various activities of the certification program (test-setting sessions, test administration, committee meetings, etc.).

The creation of the new position will bring the number of national office staff to three full-time (executive director, communications coordinator, event coordinator) and one part-time (administrative assistant).

Council priorities for the next quarter

- Continue revision of association marketing and communications materials
- Launch the new French website
- Develop a plan for a mediator page on the English website
- Plan a committee orientation session for September
- Review the conference financial data
- Recruit to fill vacancies on high-priority committees
- Begin distributing and promoting the *Principes directeurs* (French editorial standards)
- Continue monitoring the progress of the certification program

The council meets in Ottawa on September 16 and 17, 2006, for its annual review of the association's strategic plan.

Minutes of executive council meetings are published to the members' section of the website after ratification at the subsequent meeting. Minutes of the June 2006 meeting will be posted in September 2006.