

**SOUTH EAST REGIONAL ADULT LEARNING BOARD
PRESIDENT'S REPORT, 2017 AGM**

First, I would like to give my very enthusiastic thanks to the people who have made the last year such a success. We have a diligent, enthusiastic, Executive Committee, a committed Board, and great support from our Internal Accountant, our Consultant, and our Manager of Operations. Relations with Government representatives have been outstanding.

I have been very busy during the last year meeting with government representatives and members of local organizations. I have attended two meetings of the Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC) and several meetings of the CalNet Working Group developing a proposal for improving the delivery of the Adult Learning Program in the Province (I will say more about this endeavour later). I am a member of the Greater Moncton Literacy Advisory Board (GMLAB).

There has been a major change this year in the provincial administration of the Adult Learning Program, with much more authority being given to the Regional Government Representatives.

Internally the number of classes has remained constant but we registered an all time high of 472 Learners. We also recognised an all time high of 105 GED “graduates” at our Fall Celebration of Learning.

We were able to hire a full time Financial Literacy Teacher in addition to our two continuing Digital Literacy Teachers.

In the Fall term we agreed to process the finances for the Francophone Adult Learning Board (APASE).

Our major initiative during the past year was the opening of our very own on-line GED Testing Centre. So far we have processed 181 individual exams with a high success rate.

Our Committees have been very active and the Chairs will report later.

Our interaction and cooperation with the Workplace Essential Skills program has been exemplary.

Even though the number of Learners and GED “graduates” have increased slightly our major issue remains “Why Aren’t They Coming”. Dianne Leger has produced a major report suggesting numerous initiatives, and action on these will be our major project for the coming year. We hope to be able to extract external funds to enable us to hire a full time Outreach Coordinator.

John F Read, President, South East Regional Adult Learning Board.