

SOUTH EAST REGIONAL ADULT LEARNING BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT, 2018 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 Accountant, our Consultant, and our Manager of Operations. Relations with Government representatives have been outstanding.

I have been 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 numerous meetings of the CalNet Committee developing a proposal for improving the delivery of the Adult Learning Program in the Province. I have also attended meetings of the Provincial Guiding Team under Cathy Rogers. I have attended meetings of the Greater Moncton Literacy Advisory Board (GMLAB) though I have resigned my membership. Ruth and I have made two presentations to local Rotary Clubs.

During the year there was a major discussion about the operation of the Francophone Adult Learning Board with consideration being given to forming one Board for both the Anglophones and Francophones. Finally, it was decided to keep the operations separate.

We have administered 21 classes during the 2017-2018 year with a new part time evening class just starting at NBCC. We had 440 learners enrolled at various times of the year. We also recognized 76 GED “graduates” at our Fall Celebration of Learning.

During the past year we have increased our on-line testing activity and processed 769 individual exams with a high success rate. We are now evaluating the possibility of adding a mobile operation.

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 and there are plans to increase this co-operation during the coming year.

A major activity continues to be attempting to increase capacity. The Marketing and Communications committee has been very active and Diane MacDonald has spent two days a week increasing our social awareness operations. We have a submission before PETL to hire an additional employee to assist with marketing and the general operation of our programs.

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