



Spring 2022 QUARTERLY UPDATE



President's Message

By Nanci Leiton

Today I'm inspired by this quote from Laura Lipton, author of *More than 100 Ways to Learner-Centered Literacy and Groups At Work: Strategies and Structures for Professional Learning*:

Professional development is a collective resource, not a personal prerogative. Peer engagement forges powerful links between teacher learning and student growth.

Nowhere was this more apparent than the intense remote learning environment we've been immersed in for the past two years. The speed and depth at which we gained new skills and transferred those to our learners--with necessity as our primary driver--could only be called professional development at warp speed. And the sticky online interactions across campuses and international time zones has connected us in lasting ways.

ORTESOL continues to bring members the professional development opportunities that build and strengthen these links. To share what you've learned and applied to your own teaching, submit a poster proposal at the spring workshop, a blog post for the website, or an article for the *ORTESOL Journal*. Want to continue connecting virtually with your peers? Join *Coffee & Connect* the 2nd Saturday of every month. Is service and leadership what you're looking for? Apply to join the ORTESOL Board or the TESOL 2023 local team.

As teachers we recognize that continuous learning through peer engagement provides a means to keep our skills sharp while fostering empathy with our learners. I look forward to crossing paths on this journey, whatever it may bring, but hopefully, without a quarantine and more than 2 weeks notice!

Let's Collaborate!

Spring Workshop
Making New Connections

APRIL 30, 2022

[Register HERE](#)

[Submit a Proposal](#)

ORTESOL Grants

grants@ortesol.org

[Spring Workshop](#)
[New Teacher Grant](#)
[Action Research](#)

Coffee & Connect

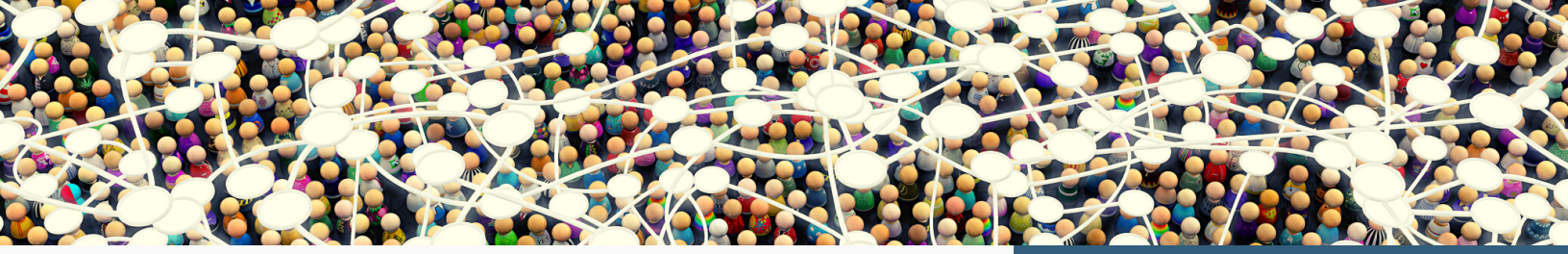
May 14 - Homework

June 11 - Names

Open Board Positions

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Advocacy Chair
Marketing Coordinator
Treasurer
K-12 SIG Chair

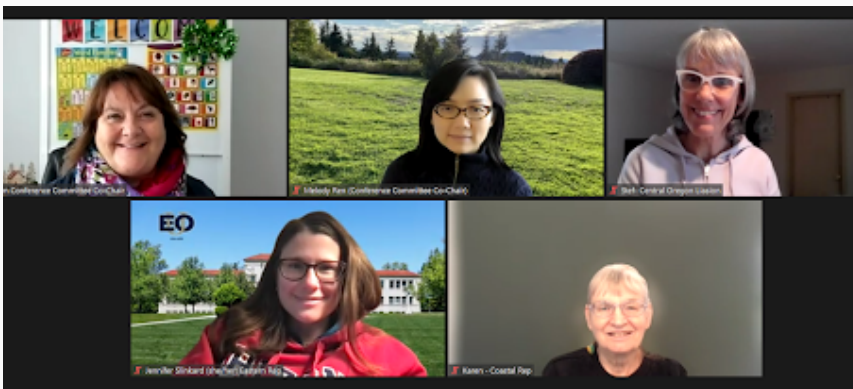


Featured Board Members

The 2022 Conference Committee

Putting together an event that appeals to a diverse audience and meets the needs of teachers working with learners across the state aged 5 to 85 is not an easy task. That's why this quarter's featured directors are the collaborative members of ORTESOL's 2022 Conference Committee. This committee is a team of (mostly) new directors that has risen to the challenge with grace and flexibility.

Co-chairs Lisa Palm and Melody Ren have modeled the initiative, organization and people skills that get things done effectively and on time. Regional Representatives Stephina Brewer (Central Oregon), Jennifer Slinkard (Eastern), Erika Hayward (Southern), and Karen Taylor (Coastal) have evaluated and engaged speakers, facilitators, panelists and presenters to bring the ORTESOL membership a fantastic spring workshop. Their hard work and resourcefulness--with a generous splash of imagination--promise to make this an event with something for everyone. *(Pictured below, clockwise from upper left: Lisa Palm, Melody Ren, Steph Brewer, Karen Taylor and Jennifer Slinkard.)*



Conference committee goals for 2022:

- Connect attendees professionally and personally
- Share innovative practices being done virtually
- Make connections with teachers in new classroom settings

ORTESOL members are invited to become a part of ORTESOL's fall conference. Email events@ortesol.org for more information or to get involved.

The most valuable resource that teachers have is each other. Without collaboration, our growth is limited to our own perspectives.

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