

SETESOL Regional Council Meeting

Toronto, Ontario - Canada

Friday, March 27, 2015 (12:00-1:30)

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Attendance

AMTESOL (Alabama/Mississippi)	Susan Spezzini spezzini@uab.edu Josie Prado jprado@uab.edu Tracy Koslowski tlcase@olemiss.edu
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VATESOL (Virginia)	Pamela Smith smart1@vt.edu
Guest (Indiana)	Diane Carter dhcarter@iupui.edu

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Operational Guidelines:

a) The SETESOL Regional Council meetings take place twice a year – in Spring at the international TESOL Convention and in Fall at the Regional SETESOL Conference. At the TESOL convention, this council meeting usually takes place on Fridays at lunch. At the SETESOL conference, this meeting is also usually on Friday but the exact time varies depending on the conference schedule.

b) The official representative from the affiliate which will be hosting the upcoming SETESOL conference is the person who chairs both of the semi-annual meetings during the academic year immediately preceding that conference. Since Louisiana TESOL will be hosting the SETESOL Conference in October 2015, the Louisiana representative (Mark Honegger) chaired the SETESOL Regional Council meeting at the Fall 2014 SETESOL Conference in Arkansas and at the Spring 2015 TESOL Convention in Toronto.

Chairperson: Mark Honegger (LATESOL) chaired the meeting. Mark asked Susan Spezzini (AMTESOL) to serve as the recording secretary.

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Mark called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm on Friday, March 27, 2015 with representatives from 8 of the 9 SETESOL affiliates present. After calling the meeting to order, Mark distributed a written agenda for the Spring 2015 SETESOL Regional Council's meeting. Mark welcomed everyone and asked for each person to introduce himself/herself.

2. Minutes from the last meeting

The minutes from the October 2014 SETESOL Regional Council were distributed. No corrections were made. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes.

3. Information about the 2015 SETESOL Conference being hosted by LATESOL

As the LATESOL representative, Mark provided the following information about the 2015 SETESOL Regional conference which is being hosted by LATESOL.

Site: Hilton Riverside Hotel, New Orleans LA 504-584-3959 (STS: group code to use for discounted rates)

Dates: October 21-24, 2015

Tentative Theme: “Go for the Goal: Empowering Teachers and Students”

Presentation Proposals and Registrations: Available at <http://latesol.org/>

Plenary Speakers: Suresh Canagarajah, Carol Reed, Donald Freeman

Additional Information: Contact Robert Connor, LATESOL president, at rconnor@tulane.edu

Best of Affiliates: It was proposed that each affiliate nominate a presentation from their affiliate’s conference that had been selected as Best of Affiliate. This idea seemed to be well received.

K-12 Dream Day: For the first time, SETESOL will host a K-12 Dream Day. Heather (LATESOL) is working together with Diane Carter (Indiana) to ensure success for this inaugural regional K-12 Dream Day. We are very fortunate to have Diane’s help since she had coordinated the first few K-12 Dream Days at the TESOL Convention. SETESOL’s K-12 Dream Day will take place Wednesday, October 20th, on the campus of the University of New Orleans. There will be 5 to 6 breakout rooms. So far, 16 presenters have confirmed for K-12 Dream Day.

4. Information about the 2016 SETESOL Conference being hosted by Kentucky TESOL

As the KYTESOL representative, Juyoung informed the Regional Council about the 2016 SETESOL conference which will be taking place in Louisville.

Dates: October 26-29, 2016

Site: Galthouse Hotel and Suites, Louisville

Tentative Theme: “Racing Towards a Brighter Future”

Website: <http://www.kytesol.org/>

Juyoung was asked to send a commitment letter signed by the KYTESOL board to the SETESOL Regional Council email distribution list. As indicated in the minutes from the Fall 2014 Regional Council meeting, there had been a request for this letter to be brought to the meeting in Toronto. The letter should indicate dates, venue, and commitment. This is a way to ensure that an affiliate will be hosting a conference, and also that there is no other member affiliate planning to host a conference during the same year (as had happened about ten years ago). Submitting a commitment letter from two to three years in advance of the regional conference is a policy that was established at the SETESOL regional council’s fall 2007 board meeting.

5. Information from Sunshine TESOL for hosting the SETESOL Conference

Li-Lee reported that Sunshine TESOL is fine with hosting the SETESOL Conference 6 months following the TESOL convention in Atlanta.

6. Feedback from Arkansas TESOL about the 2014 Regional Conference

Judy reported that ARKTESOL was very pleased with the success of their 2014 SETESOL Regional Conference in Rogers, AR. Their goal was to showcase the spectacular growth in northwestern Arkansas, which includes the Crystal Bridges museum. They had been saving money from their previous conferences in case of a possible loss from hosting the regional conference. The 2014 SETESOL conference attracted 550 attendees and 20 vendors. However, because of a change in the home-game football schedule and the conference venue being the same hotel used by the visiting football team, many conference attendees could not get a room for Friday night and therefore booked at other hotels for the entire conference. Because of not making the room block anticipated for Wednesday and Thursday nights, ARKTESOL suffered a loss from hosting SETESOL’s 2014 regional conference. Although ARKTESOL’s goal was not to make money from the SETESOL conference, the loss was greater than anticipated.

7. SETESOL Bylaws/Constitution

Susan distributed copies of the original Southeast Regional Council Accord (1990) and from the Southeast TESOL Constitution (approved Fall 2006 in Little Rock). Susan led the Regional Council members in reviewing each sentence in the 2006 document and in wordcrafting adjustments for each sentence in order to update the document for reflecting how the Regional Council is currently operating. Judy, Mark, and Susan recall how TESOL guidelines will not allow SETESOL to be called an affiliate because it overlaps geographical space with existing state affiliates. Consequently, it was felt that SETESOL should be governed by an Accord (such as how it had been in 1990) and not by a constitution or bylaws (such as had been attempted in 2006). Susan offered to type the new SETESOL Accord and distribute it electronically to all Southeast TESOL representatives. The representatives will share the updated Accord with their respective affiliate boards and bring feedback to the SETESOL regional council meeting in New Orleans. Following this regional council meeting, additional affiliate approvals may need to be collected. It is hoped that this updated Accord can be fully approved in Spring 2016 at SETESOL's regional council meeting in Baltimore.

8. Next SETESOL Regional Council Meetings

The representative from Kentucky TESOL will be chairing the Fall 2015 SETESOL regional council meeting in New Orleans and the Spring 2016 SETESOL Regional Council meeting in Baltimore.

9. Adjournment

Mark adjourned the meeting at 1:30.

ADDENDUM

One week after the Regional Council meeting, a mistake was discovered in the year projected for the TESOL Convention in Atlanta which, in turn, would affect the rotation of the SETESOL Regional Conferences. Instead of Spring 2018 (which had been initially projected), the Atlanta TESOL Convention will actually take place in Spring 2019. Consequently, by email responses in April 2015, the Regional Council representatives approved the revisions in the rotation of regional conferences as indicated in column 3 of the following table.

Year	<i>Rotation of SETESOL conferences reconfirmed at Regional Council meeting in Dallas, Spring 2013.</i>	Adjusted rotation in hosting regional SETESOL conference proposed and approved at the Regional Council meeting in Arkansas, Fall 2014.	Updated revisions proposed and approved via email by Regional Council representatives in April 2015.
Fall 2015	<i>LATESOL</i>	LATESOL	LATESOL
Fall 2016	<i>KYTESOL</i>	KYTESOL	KYTESOL
Fall 2017	<i>AMTESOL</i>	<i>The Regional SETESOL Conference was canceled for Fall 2017 because GATESOL had been approached to host big TESOL in Spring 2018.</i>	AMTESOL <i>(same as rotation reconfirmed in Spring 2013)</i>
Fall 2018	<i>GATESOL</i>	Sunshine TESOL	The SETESOL Conference was canceled for Fall 2018 because GATESOL is hosting the TESOL Convention in Spring 2019.
Fall 2019	<i>Sunshine TESOL</i>	AMTESOL	Sunshine TESOL <i>(same as rotation reconfirmed in Spring 2013)</i>
Fall 2020	<i>VATESOL</i>	VATESOL	VATESOL <i>(same as rotation reconfirmed in Spring 2013)</i>
Fall 2021	<i>TNATESOL</i>	GATESOL	GATESOL <i>(same as rotation approved in Fall 2014)</i>
Fall 2022	<i>Carolina TESOL</i>	TNATESOL	TNATESOL <i>(same as rotation approved in Fall 2014)</i>
Fall 2023	<i>ARKTESOL</i>	Carolina TESOL	Carolina TESOL <i>(same as rotation approved in Fall 2014)</i>
Fall 2024	-----	ARKTESOL	ARKTESOL <i>(same as rotation approved in Fall 2014)</i>