



The English Language Arts Network (Ontario)

THE CONSTITUTION

(Last amended in May 2002)

ARTICLE I & NAME

The name of the organization shall be English/Language Arts Network.

ARTICLE II & AIMS

The aims of the organization shall be:

1. to establish a sustained forum which will promote the sharing of information about Language, Learning and the
2. to assist members in providing leadership in curriculum by some of the following means:
 - a. reports of developments in Language, Learning and the teaching of English/Language Arts;
 - b. information exchange for in-service programs and professional development;
 - c. exchange of curriculum resources;
 - d. ~~cooperate with the Ontario Ministry of Education, the Ontario Council of Educators, the Ontario Council of Teachers of English, National Association of Teachers of English and the International Reading Association;~~
 - e. study, clarification, and informed response to any developments affecting Language, Learning and the teach
3. to provide a network of communication and liaison with boards or regional curriculum councils, provincial, nation
4. ~~to provide a network of communication and liaison with boards or regional curriculum councils, provincial, national and international organizations and individuals in the field of English/Language Arts and Media Education.~~

ARTICLE III & MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership is open to any educator who supports the aims of the organization and has paid the annual dues.
2. The membership year shall be from September 1 to August 31.
3. Each member of the organization shall be a voting member.

ARTICLE IV & ORGANIZATION

1. The executive committee shall consist of the following officers and respective terms:

Executive Committee Structure		
Term (years)	Position	Duties
1	Chair	ELAN correspondence & policy Preparation of Meeting Agenda Liaison: Ministry of Education & Training & CCTE (Canadian Council of Teachers of English)
1	Co-Chair	Meeting Agenda Professional Growth / Meetings Policy (with chair) Liaison: Association for Media Literacy
1	Past-Chair	duties assigned by chair Liaison: Federations (OTF Curriculum forum)
2	Recording Secretary	minutes of meetings distribution to members absent
2	Membership Secretary	Co-ordinates work of Membership Committee: membership list, expansion of membership, issues around membership structure
2	Communications Secretary	Co-ordinates work of Communications Committee - ie. Content of website. Liaison with webmaster, editorial policy and reviewing of journal, Communications Budget
2	Treasurer	strikes annual budget for Fall meeting receives membership dues issues payments, receipts invests funds Liaison: Ontario College of Teachers

2. All positions, with the exception of the chair (assumed by Co-chair from previous year) and past chair, are
3. The executive committee shall be elected by a simple majority at the last meeting of the membership year

4. The outgoing executive shall conduct the first meeting of the membership year.
5. Should a vacancy occur in the executive committee for any reason, the remaining officers may appoint a member to serve the remainder of the term.
6. No officers shall hold the same executive position for more than two consecutive terms. No officers shall serve on the executive in any capacity for more than four consecutive terms.

ARTICLE V & MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership fees may be established by -by-law.

ARTICLE VI & AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

1. Proposed amendments to the constitution by a member must be presented to the membership thirty days in advance.
2. In order to carry, a motion to amend the constitution must receive the favourable vote of at least two-thirds of the members present.

ARTICLE VII & BY LAWS

1. By-laws may be established to facilitate the implementation and operation of this constitution.
2. Proposed by-laws must be presented to the membership by a member thirty days in advance of a regular meeting.
3. In order to carry, a proposed by-law must receive the favourable vote of the members present.