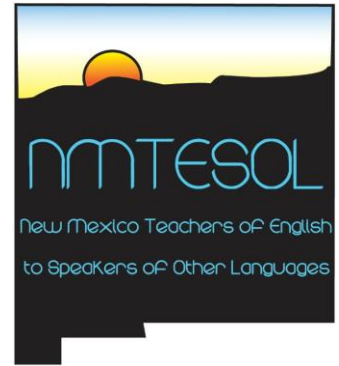


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Vision Statement

NMTESOL envisions bringing together and supporting English language educators throughout New Mexico, strengthening instruction for English language learners at all levels, and providing leadership and advocacy for both.

Mission Statement

The mission of NMTESOL is to:

- promote networking and collaboration among NMTESOL members and colleagues
- provide professional development opportunities for English language teachers, tutors, and administrators
- represent our teaching and learning community to policy makers and the general public

Board Member Elections

It is time again for the members of NMTESOL to elect three members of the Board of Directors: President, Treasurer, and Web Coordinator. The term of service for these Board members will be the years 2014 and 2015.

Before the voting can take place, though, we need your help in finding the best candidates for these positions. Please take a moment to consider whether you or someone you know would be able and willing to serve in one of these capacities.

The **President's** primary job is to lead the association, for example, by conducting meetings, representing the association to other professional associations and government offices, and taking a major role in organizing conferences.

The **Treasurer** has responsibility for maintaining the association's financial records and serves as liaison with the association's accountant, and other duties. (Knowledge of QuickBooks is preferred but not required.)

Web Coordinator has responsibility for the association's email and online presence, and other duties.

In addition to being willing to fulfill the basic duties outlined above, the candidates must meet these criteria:

1. They must be willing to become a member of NMTESOL (if not already a member).
2. If elected, they must be willing to serve in the position for the duration of their two-year term.
3. If elected, they must be willing to take part in monthly NMTESOL Board of Directors meetings, which are generally conducted online using Skype.

Anyone can recommend a person for the NMTESOL Board. If you wish to recommend yourself or someone else, please send recommendations to nmtesol@gmail.com along with a short introduction of the candidate.

Voting will be conducted online between January 3rd, 2014 and January 17th, 2014. Results will be announced at our annual meeting on January 25th, 2014 and via email.

Board of Directors

President: Bill Ancker

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Secretary: Penny Mortier

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Newsletter Editor: Vacant

Web Coordinator: Melanie Mullen

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Contributions Welcome

If you, or someone you know would like to contribute an article to our newsletter, please contact the editor at nmtesol@gmail.com



Amy Christensen, Associate Dean at CNM, welcomes conference participants.

2013 Conference Re-Cap

Attendance

We are pleased to report that attendance in this year's NMTESOL/NMAEA conference, "Rising to Meet Tomorrow's Challenges" held October 25th and 26th at the CNM Training Center in Albuquerque, increased dramatically over attendance in the three previous conferences. Our first conference held at UNM Valencia in November 2008 had approximately 150 participants and 18 academic presentations. The 2013 conference had approximately 260 participants and 30 academic presentations. The exponential growth of the conference reveals that there is a growing need for professional development in the fields of English language teaching and adult education in New Mexico.

Keynote Speakers

Once again one of our keynote speakers was a member of the NM legislature. In his remarks on Friday evening, State Senator Gerald Ortiz y Pino, who represents District 12, explained unique characteristics of New Mexico's "citizen legislature" and also contrasted the legacies of Presidents John F Kennedy and Ronald Reagan. In his keynote titled "Motivating Learners: What is My Role?," Brigham Young University professor of linguistics and English language and former President of TESOL International Association, Neil J. Anderson discussed how to effectively use motivational strategies to improve learning by explicitly weaving 4 motivational moments into each lesson plan. He presented 8 motivational strategies and gave examples from his own marathon training and racing. NMTESOL hopes to continue to provide similar quality keynote speakers.

Thanks

We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to those who contributed to the success of this year's conference. Special thanks are due to Central New Mexico Community College, our event hosts. CNM's School of Adult and General Education and Dean LouAnne Lundgren worked hard to make this a great event while keeping the costs low. Additional thanks go to CNM's Workforce Training Center and Administrative Support Specialist Heather Womack for outstanding support before and during the event. Thanks to the 34 presenters who gave academic presentations. Quality professional development requires speakers like these who are willing to share their time and expertise with participants from around the state.

Whatever tomorrow may bring for the English language teaching and adult education communities in New Mexico, we can rely on our talented and supportive colleagues to successfully meet those challenges.

See conference photos on our website or our new Facebook page:

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TESOL 2014

International Convention
& English Language Expo

26-29 MARCH 2014

PORTLAND, OREGON, USA

We're on Social Media Sites!



Let's face it, everyone is on some form of Social Media these days, be it Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Tumblr, Flickr, or any of the popular smart-phone apps out there. NMTESOL is trying to keep up with all of our membership and for many that means a Facebook page is the best way to find and share information. For others, that means 140 characters is the easiest to digest and retweet. Now you'll be able to find us online not only via our website (which will still be the primary place to find information) but also on Facebook and Twitter! We look forward to interacting with you on these sites. Please jump over to our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com//Nmtesol> and give us a "Like" or hop on Twitter and follow us, @NMTESOL!

Annual Meeting

Each year in January we hold our annual membership meeting, as required by our bylaws. This meeting serves several purposes. First, it is an opportunity for members to network and catch up on professional and personal topics. Second, we announce Board of Directors election results. Another important purpose is for members of NMTESOL to offer suggestions of what they would like to see the organization do in the new year. This is your chance to help shape NMTESOL's goals for 2014. This year, NMTESOL will host the meeting at a restaurant in Albuquerque on Saturday, January 25th from 1-3pm. Members can expect an email nearer the date with more information and a request for RSVP.

Affiliation with TESOL International Association

Since our incorporation in November 2008, NMTESOL has worked to provide leadership and support to the English language teaching community in New Mexico. The NMTESOL Board of Directors now feels we have the structure and the financial stability to begin the process of affiliating with TESOL International Association (based in Alexandria, Virginia). Being an affiliate of TESOL International Association gives us access to a global network of other English language organizations as well as national and international opportunities for professional development. For more information about TESOL International Association and the affiliation process, visit their website at <http://www.tesol.org>.