

English Language Arts Council Executive for 2017/2018 Slate

- President: Shelley Grey-Sortland. Shelley is currently ELAC's past-president.
- Past President: Chandra Hildebrand. Chandra is currently ELAC's president.
- President Elect: Kevin McBean. Relevant Experience and Skills / Previously Held Positions: Chair, Inclusive Literature Committee; one-day conference co-chair; substitute secretary. Educational Interests and Experience: ELA Teacher with experience in grades 7-12; MEd student; interested in LGBT issues in Ed, YA Lit,. Other Leadership Experiences / Information for Voter Consideration: 9 years of non-profit board experience including 3 as chair
- Treasurer: Vic Mensch. Relevant Experience and Skills / Previously Held Positions: I have been the treasurer of ELAC for the past few years and enjoy what I do very much. Educational Interests and Experience: I am the English Department Head for ADLC. I have been treasurer for many committees and boards. Other Leadership Experiences / Information for Voter Consideration: Leadership and Accountability are important, as it is to use members' money wisely and judiciously.
- Secretary: Jennifer Bartlett. Jennifer is currently ELAC's secretary.
- Alberta Voices Editor: Dr. Marg Iveson
I have experience in editing this journal for several consecutive years so am familiar with the process of receiving manuscripts, arranging the peer reviews, submitting the issue to Barnett House for editing and design. That makes me a reader open to a range of articles and other submissions and familiar with creating an issue of the journal from those submissions. I have also edited anthologies and teacher guides for junior and senior high school. Previously on ELAC, I was conference co-director (2 years), President Elect, President, Past President, and University Representative. An avid reader, film and theatre attendee, I enjoy wide reading and viewing. I mostly read fiction with poetry as my second genre. I read a play a year to keep my head in that kind of reading. I am also interested in writing (expressive, critical, and creative), Baroque music, and observing my grandchildren grow as people who are lively language and literacy practitioners. I enjoy the joy they experience so freely as well. Retirement also means more time for my own literacy. To stay grounded in school practice, I am engaged in research at one faith-based school working with LA teachers and school head. As a retired ELA curriculum professor, I have knowledge of the theories, research, and practice that inform teaching in Alberta. For over 20 years, I taught my curriculum course embedded in a junior high school to support experiential learning by student teachers. I was a teacher, department head of English, and district consultant for Edmonton Public prior to my university teachers. I enjoy the ongoing contact with teacher-leaders through ELAC Executive work.

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- New Teacher Liaison: Frances Korpela
Relevant Experience and Skills / Previously Held Positions: Presently holding this position. Educational Interests and Experience: Language Arts/ Social Studies/ ESL. Other Leadership Experiences / Information for Voter Consideration: Masters in Education - Educational Leadership
- 2017-18 Conference Director: Tannis Niziol. Tannis is currently holding this position and was voted in at our previous AGM.
- Website Coordinator: Angela Contrada. Angela is the current Website Coordinator
- Communications Coordinator: Laura Schmaltz. Relevant Experience and Skills / Previously Held Positions: I am just finishing a 3 year Presidential term with ELAC. Educational Interests and Experience: I am currently teaching English Language Arts at a 9-12 school. Other Leadership Experiences / Information for Voter Consideration: I love social media, so this role is a great fit. I hope to continue serving on the ELAC executive.
- Calgary Regional Representative: Caterina Letizia. Relevant Experience and Skills / Previously Held Positions: 2016-2017 Regional Representative; Secretary Calgary Regional 2008-2012. Educational Interests and Experience: 10 years teaching experience ELA at all levels and ELL at all levels. Other Leadership Experiences / Information for Voter Consideration: 2017 Poetry, Suds and Such Event; 2016 BTC session; 2009 ELAC Conference Organizational Committee