# LONDON COUNCIL FOR ADULT EDUCATION

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**67th Annual General Meeting**

7 June, 2012 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Hosted by London Employment Help Centre, 1275 Highbury Ave., London, ON

**PRESENT:** Donna Moore (UWO, Toastmasters), Tom Crouch (LEHC), Nancy McQuillan (LEHC), Amanda Burdick (Literacy Link South Central), Frances Shamley (Elgin Middlesex Oxford Board), Kym Wolfe (London Military Family Resource Centre), Gloria Pickering (Goodwill Career Centre), Kristen Caschera (London Public Library), Henry Kooy (City of London), Monica Giorgini (Individual), Bev Payne (Thames Valley District School Board), Vanessa Piccinin (LDCSB), Jenny Fitzgerald (Fanshawe College), Kevin Dickens, (WOTCH), Michelle Hepburn (WOTCH), Maria Forte (London Public Library), Laura Sherret (Contact North), Linda Speers (Goodwill Career Centre), Anne Walker (WIL), Carolyn Young (Continuing Studies at Western), Michael Mics (UWO), Michelle Cialacu (EcoLiving), Paul Tufts (Thames Valley District School Board), Anita McCallum (London Public Library), Catharine Dishke Hondzel (UWO), D. Ripon (UWO), Deborah Dawson (UWO), Kristen Irvine (UWO), Toni Klages (UWO), Ashley Clark (UWO), Jocelyn Vranckx (UWO), Shauna Delaney (UWO)

1. **Welcome & Call to Order** - Amanda Burdick, LCAE Co Chair
2. **Approval of 2011 Minutes** - (noted - 1 minor change “one annual submission of auditor’s report) Motion to accept the minutes (Donna Moore; seconded by Kristen Caschera) Carried.
3. **Guest Speaker** - Carolyn Young introduced Dr. Vicki Schwean, Dean of Faculty of Education, Western University since August 2011. Formerly from the University of Calgary, Dr. Schwean is a highly respected educational leader and strong advocate for educational reform for children at risk. Her presentation focussed on two themes:
4. Dr. Schwean outlined some of the exciting program changes in the Faculty of Education.
* Currently in planning process is a Diploma in Professional Education, laddering to a MA / PhD.
* Idea of “Professional Programs” is a relatively new concept at Western with design based on the Adult Learning Model.
* Building on students’ disciplinary knowledge and professional skills, students an opportunity to apply prior experience and new critical thinking skills through “Laboratories of Practice.”
* With new technology / social media playing a significant role in programming, Dr. Schwean referred to the concept of “connectivism” which fosters new knowledge gained through students connecting with other students anywhere in the world.
1. Dr. Schwean spoke about her “real passion” - advocating reforms to a currently broken educational system in regard to addressing needs of children with mental health challenges.
* Delivery of mental health services are particularly lacking in isolated areas.
* What’s missing is a “single funding envelope.”
* Those children in need require care and so do their families (many families are disenfranchised from their child’s school)
* Currently a working group, comprised of key educators in the London area, is in the process of developing a proposal to the Ontario government to bring about much needed reforms.

Kym Wolfe thanked Dr. Schwean for a dynamic presentation, offering her with a gift from LCAE.

1. **Highlights of LCAE General Meetings:** Amanda introduced Kristen Caschera, LCAE Committee Speaker Liaison to provide a summary of this past year’s meetings:

September 20, 2011 - General Membership Meeting

October 18, 2011 - Panel discussion concerning adult learners support services for adult learners to ease transition to school.

November 15, 2011 - Catherine Dishke-Hondzel (Associate, UWO presented research on how people learn.

January 17, 2012 - Update of the 8 Employment Ontario Service Providers in London

February 21, 2012 - John Dyson (employee of TD Canada Trust) spoke on managing disabilities as an adult learner

March 20, 2012 - Ann Marie Curtain, Literacy Links South Central conducted workshop on Principles of Clear Writing.

April 17, 2012 - Frances Shamley shared her experience and insights about online education.

May 10, 2012 - Annual Adult Learner Awards ceremony

1. **Adult Learner Awards** - Kym invited Tom Crouch, Adult Learner Awards Committee Chair, to speak about highlights from the 22nd Annual Adult Learner Awards ceremony held May 10th at the Wolfe Performance Hall, Central Branch, London Public Library. 13 adult learners were nominated by 11 different organizations and received due recognition for their individual accomplishments. Always a highlight of LCAE, the annual awards ceremony is a special and touching event. Tom acknowledged the London Public Library and staff, London Training Centre servers and members of the Awards Committee for helping make the event a success.
2. **Treasurer’s Report** –Amanda invitedDonna Moore (Treasurer) and Frances Shamley (Auditor)presented their reports for 2011/2012.

Report was circulated and the LCAE financial situation was reviewed

- We had the largest sum of money ($2250.00) at year end (30 April 2012) since last 5 years, and we must maintain this level to continue LCAE.

- The closing balance for the year is $11,330.11

* $1,920.00 total donations were received from 11 organizations and 9 individuals.
* Donna expressed appreciation for all donations while referring to the financial statement.
* Donna turned it over to Frances who voiced her appreciation of her role as Auditor as it supports the existence of LCAE.
* LCAE, a Charitable Organization, relies 100% on member donations. Tax receipts are issued.
* LCAE is solely membership based, member driven, and run by volunteers.
* Frances thanked the LCAE committee for exercising fiscal responsibility with expenditures, and using funds wisely for worthy causes such as the Awards Ceremony.
* Total expenses for this year was $1900.00
* Income for this year was more than our expenses.
* The majority of funding ($1,091.00) was spent on the Awards Ceremony (it was noted that expenses for this event and the AGM have been streamlined over the last few years.)
* The Auditor’s report is submitted once annually.

Motion to accept Treasurer’s report (Donna; seconded by Ann Walker) Carried.

1. **Elections -** Kym thanked the LCAE executive for their commitment and support throughout the past year. Due to busy work schedules and time constraints faced by committee volunteers, Kym announced the LCAE will hold Executive meetings every 2 months, instead of a monthly basis.

The current members of the LCAE Executive Committee include:

Amanda Burdick and Kym Wolfe - LCAE Co-chairs \*both stepping down

Donna Moore - Treasurer

Kristen Caschera - Speaker Liaison

Tom Crouch - Chair Annual Awards Committee

Monica Giorgini - Executive Secretary

Jennifer Stapleton, Carolyn Young and Gloria Pickering - Members at Large

Vacant - Membership Secretary

Nominees for vacant positions:

Kristen Caschera - LCAE Chair

Ann Walker - Speaker Liaison

Nancy McQuillan - Member at Large

Bev Payne - Member at Large

Linda Speers - Member at Large (Designate for Gloria Pickering)

 Recording Secretary position remains vacant - LCAE executive will look to recruit for this role

Kym nominated Ann Walker as Speaker Liaison - she accepted

Donna nominated Vanessa Piccinin - could not accept

Motion to accept the slate of officers for 2012/2013 (Amanda; seconded by Carolyn Young) Carried.

The Slate of Executive for 2012-2013 consists of:

**Chair** - Kristen Caschera (London Public Library)

**Past Co Chairs** - Kym Wolfe (London Military Family Resource Centre) & Amanda Burdick (Literacy Link South Central)

**Speaker Liaison** - Ann Walker (WIL Employment Connections)

**Executive Secretary** - Monica Giorgini (Independent)

**Treasurer** - Donna Moore (Western University)

**Auditor** - Frances Shamley

**Awards Committee Chair** - Tom Crouch (Goodwill Career Centre)

**Members at Large** - Carolyn Young (Continuing Studies at Western), Nancy McQuillan (LEHC), Bev Payne (TVDSB) and Gloria Pickering / Linda Speers (Goodwill Career Centre)

**Membership Secretary** - Rotational role shared by Members at Large

1. **Announcements** - Amanda invited attendees to make business announcements:
* Vanessa Piccinin (LDCSB) - LDCSB Newsletter article by Jenny Stapleton
* Carolyn Young (Continuing Studies at Western) - Michael Mics Bursary
* Bev Payne (TVDSB) - expressed appreciation of the functionality of LCAE
1. **Adjournment** - Kym - 6:05 pm