

# ASCD-CEN ANNUAL REPORT 2010-2011



ASCD-CEN has enjoyed amazing growth in active membership this year as a result of a number of exciting initiatives and meetings in which members learn and work together. In the coming year, ASCD-CEN looks forward to creating a variety of new and enriching opportunities for Canadian educators to share their experiences and ideas.

## ONLINE CONVERSATIONS

Leaders from each of the constituencies have been meeting online regularly this year to plan events and to share information about what is happening in their part of Canada. With the support of ASCD and our membership we were also able to conduct a series of cross-Canada conversations on high school assessment using *Talking About Assessment: High School Strategies and Tools* by Damian Cooper as an anchor text. We were delighted to have Damian join these discussions and to guide our thinking about this complex topic.

## CANADIAN PERSPECTIVES: EDUCATION COAST TO COAST TO COAST

We launched our online peer-reviewed journal, *Canadian Perspectives: Education Coast to Coast to Coast*, in January. The journal can be accessed from our website or from <http://www.canadianperspectivesjournal.ca>. Authors are encouraged to submit articles that promote a dialogue about educational practices, policies, and perspectives that are uniquely Canadian. Articles will be peer-reviewed and once accepted will be uploaded as they are publication-ready. The Editorial Board consists of the following Canadian educators;

- Dr. Shelley Hasinoff, Coordinator, Independent Education Unit, Manitoba (co-editor)
- Dr. Nancy Maynes, Nipissing University Schulich School of Education;  
Chair of the Concurrent Education Program, Ontario (co-editor)
- Dr. Blaine Hatt, Nipissing University Schulich School of Education, Ontario
- Dr. Lynn Thomas, University of Sherbrooke, Quebec
- Dr. David Mandzuk, Associate Dean, Faculty of Education, University of Manitoba
- Ms. Barb Isaak, Assistant Superintendent, River-East-Transcona School Division, Winnipeg,  
Manitoba President of Manitoba ASCD, Director, Manitoba Association of School Superintendents
- Dr. Karen Goodnough, Associate Dean, Undergraduate  
Studies, Memorial University of Newfoundland
- Dr. Thomas Falkenberg, University of Manitoba



## 2011 ASCD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Thanks to our many volunteers and generous sponsors, ASCD-CEN had an outstanding Annual Conference in San Francisco this year. Pictures of the [Annual Conference 2011](#) are posted on our website in the Gallery. Canadians attended in record numbers this year and many enjoyed the following highly successful ASCD-CEN events:

### WELCOME RECEPTION

Volunteers from every constituency ensured that there was always someone at our Professional Interest Community table at the opening Welcome Reception on Friday night to greet delegates. Visitors received Canadian flag and provincial ASCD pins, Newfoundland, candy, Canadian ASCD journals, ASCD-CEN bookmarks and brochures, and a list of all of the Canadian presenters and events at the conference.

### AGM

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) was scheduled as a working lunch on Saturday to avoid conflicting with conference sessions and was generously sponsored by Pearson Canada. Our well-attended AGM reviewed our Professional Interest Community's accomplishments to date and discussed the results of our recent survey. You can review the results of this survey, completed by 138 members from across Canada, on the website under [Professional Learning](#).

### WINE AND CHEESE SOCIAL

On the Saturday evening, over a hundred members and their guests enjoyed our first annual [Wine and Cheese](#) Social, sponsored by Nelson Education Ltd. This event gave members an opportunity to meet colleagues from across Canada in an informal setting.

### NETWORK FORUM

Our Network Forum *Using Powerful Online Conversations to Change High School Assessment* was presented by Pepi Kotsalis (BC), Jackie Hagel (SK) and Shelley Hasinoff (MB). Attendees learned how our online conversations with Damian Cooper moved from *shared concerns* to *shared purpose* to *shared knowledge* to help us change assessment practices in our constituencies.

### LEADER TO LEADER (L2L)

Leaders of provincial affiliates and Connected Communities attended L2L in July 2010 just outside of Washington, DC. This summer conference is organized by ASCD to train the leaders of various ASCD constituent groups, including state and provincial affiliates (e.g., Manitoba ASCD), Connected Communities, Professional Interest Communities (PIC), and Student Chapters. L2L provides ASCD-CEN with a valuable opportunity to meet and to get to know ASCD staff. It was evident in face to face and online meetings this year with ASCD staff, that the Canadian presence at L2L provided a distinct and positive contribution to the sessions. ASCD-CEN constituency leaders will once again meet at L2L July 21-23, 2011 to demonstrate our commitment to developing a greater Canadian presence in ASCD.



## WEBINARS

Damian Cooper generously delivered our first webinar, *Assessment for Learning: Are We Losing Ground?* on December 9, 2010. Damian used participants’ questions about formative assessment to frame his remarks and answered questions posed during the session. If you missed this webinar, you can access it from the website where it is archived under **Webinars**. Based on the results of our survey and our AGM, we anticipate strong support for holding future webinars with other Canadian educators. Those who cannot attend the webinars will be able to access archived sessions from the website and discuss them in a forum set up for viewer’s comments.

## ASCD ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2012

The 2012 ASCD Annual Conference will be held in Philadelphia from March 24 to 26, 2012. Based on the results of our survey and the theme of the conference, we have chosen 21st Century Learning as the topic of our Network Forum.

ASCD Canadian Education Network (ASCD CEN) is a Professional Interest Community of **ASCD**. It is a value-added benefit of membership in provincial affiliates (**Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, and Ontario**) and Connected Communities (**Atlantic Provinces and Saskatchewan**). ASCD-CEN also includes ASCD members from Quebec and the United States.

ASCD-CEN was initiated by a group of interested educators from across Canada to:

- increase dialogue about educational issues among Canadian ASCD members
- raise the profile of Canadian educators in the ASCD community
- advocate educational practices that enhance student and professional learning

To find out more, visit our website at <http://ca.ascd.ca> or our ASCD EDge group at <http://groups.ascd.org/groups/detail/112951/canadian-education-network/>