

Manitoba Association for Distributed Learning and Training (MADLaT)

2015

President's Report

May 28th, 2015

This was an interesting year for MADLaT. For the first time in our 14-year history we did not hold a conference! This was a strategic decision based on the fact that there were several national conferences being held in May and it was not in our best interests to compete with them. Logistically, we would not have had a venue nor could we count on a volunteer and participant base.

Instead, we held two free webinars: **“Connecting Public Educators – Media and ‘Public’ Education”** – Rushton Hurley; **“Gamification”** – Richard Van Eck. Both were well attended and are available as archived videos on the MADLaT website. This exploration of new programming has allowed us to see what works and gain some experience organizing and arranging events outside of our annual conference. Our plan is to continue offering webinars or F2F sessions that complement our goals and our conference. We will continue our annual conference in 2016.

I'd like to thank my Board for their hard work and dedication to MADLaT:

Stevi Dram (Vice-President/Treasurer), Kathy Snow (Member-at-large), Melissa Goulbourne (Secretary), David Larocque (Member-at-large), Terralyn Mckee (Member-at-large, web/communications), Ryan Nicholson (Member-at-large/Asst. Treasurer/website).

Leaving the board will be Stevi Dram, Kathy Snow, Terralyn McKee. Ryan Nicholson will also step down from the board but will remain as a committee member. I look forward to meeting the new members and seeing where MADLaT goes in the coming year.

It has been my pleasure to serve as President for the past 2 years and I look forward to taking on the role of past-president.



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