

Manitoba Association for Distributed Learning and Training (MADLaT)

Annual General Meeting 2017

President's Report

May 5, 2017

The 2016-17 year has been a successful year for MADLaT. The 2016 conference, held at the Exchange District Campus of Red River College saw attendees participate in workshops and sessions that fostered discussion on *Open Resources, Open Learning and Open Minds, What do these mean in 2016?* Topics such as digital citizenship, 3D printing, blended learning, open resources, open badges and many more stimulated the conference discussion.

We started this year off with some new board members and met after the 2016 conference in May to determine officers for the MADLaT board. In the second year of my two-year term as president, I worked with the members of our board to plan for our conference in 2017. We were very pleased to be able to secure the Université de Saint-Boniface as our venue. We determined our conference theme of *Levelling the Learning Landscape*. The theme of this year's conference acknowledges the movement toward the recognition and development of multiple pathways to access learning. The board of directors and I have worked tirelessly to craft and implement a vision with this year's conference that we hope will help facilitate further discussion on the direction of distributed learning and training in Manitoba.

MADLaT has continued to engage leaders at various institutions with respect to how we can help meet their professional development goals. Details on upcoming initiatives are yet to be determined, but we will continue to work with our contacts to make MADLaT more responsive and relevant to their needs.

The board of directors of MADLaT will see some changes shortly after the conclusion of this year's conference. My term as president will end and I will move to the position of past president. We will also see some members leave the board and I would like to thank the following for their tireless work for MADLaT:

- Frederic Jubinville (Secretary)
- Lynnette Phyfe (Vice President)

- Jim Hounslow (Communications)
- Claudius Soodeen (past president)

Of course, without a Board, a President is just a figurehead so I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of this year's board and conference committee:

Board/Conference Committee: Lynette Phyfe (Vice-President), Nadine Ogborn (Treasurer), Frederic Jubinville (Secretary), Jim Hounslow (Member-at-large, Web/Communications), Karen Keppler (Member-at-large), Sol Chu (Member-at-large), and Claudius Soodeen (Past-President) and Kathy Joss (Conference Manager)

It has been my pleasure to serve as President this year, and I look forward to the year to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jo-Anne Spencer". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Jo-Anne Spencer