

E-Bits

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Hello ABEABC Members and supporters,
This is a short E-Bits with some information prior to the Groundwork Magazine being published. Please share this information with your colleagues.

Groundwork Magazine

An edition of the Groundwork Magazine is to be published in March.
If you have an article or photo to contribute, please send it to Tacey Ruffner by March 10. Tacey, by the way, has been doing a wonderful job of this volunteer position. You can reach her at tacey_ruffner@yahoo.com
A lot of details about the conference will be in the March edition.

Our Board

Please remember we are all volunteers! We need YOUR help to fill our Board for 2014-2015.

If you wish to see who your regional representative is, or contact other board members, please check out the list at:

<http://www.abeabc.ca/contacts.htm>

We have functioned this year with vacancies for the following positions:

- President Elect
- Secretary
- Cariboo/Okanagan Regional Representative
- Kootenay/Boundary Regional Representative

According to our By-Laws, the following positions are due to be elected in even-numbered years. Elections will be held at the AGM at in May for:

- The President-Elect
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Chairperson of the Groundwork Committee
- half of the Regional Representatives (Metro Vancouver, Fraser Valley and Vancouver Island)

Please consider joining the Board. We have only about 3 meetings per year, and now other than the AGM they are conference calls.

The 2014 ABEABC Conference and AGM

Our conference team has been busy organizing for our annual conference in Harrison Hot Springs.

Registration, workshops and activities will take place at Harrison Hot Springs Resort. This year we have decided not to offer entertainment after the banquet because a lot of people want to go to the hot pools.

Dr. Justin Davis of justin@nognz.com is our keynote speaker – invited to return again this year due to many requests from last year's attendees.

- Information on the conference and registration forms can be found on our website: www.abeabc.ca
- Don't forget the dates for Conference - **May 15 and 16.**
- The conference schedule is almost finalized. Watch for details posted on the website.
- Several workshop slots are still open. If you would like to present, (especially on an ESL or math theme) please contact Allison Kilgannon at abeabcnews@gmail.com

Workshop presenters will include:

- David Hobson - Improving Your Confidence in the Classroom
- Lorraine A Argatoff - When Teaching Doesn't Translate into Learning: the Teachability Factor
- Rick Raible - The Wireless Teacher: Using a Teacher Website for Instruction
- Amie Wolfe - Issues in Aboriginal Adult Basic Education—Exploring Contemporary Approaches
- Morgan Sargent The (Other) Gendered Education: Teaching, Men, and Masculinity in the Classroom
- Decoda Literacy Solutions - Speed Dating with Decoda
- Judy Larsen - Flipping and Shifting: - Capitalizing on the Online Environment
- Michelle Vandepol - Writing Tools: Mastering Documentation Writing for Program Security
- Violette Baillargeon - The Five Ways Of Learning: Lesson Planning for All Types of Learners

Membership!

- € Just a reminder to all our *ORGANIZATIONAL* members that in order to receive a bursary for the 2014-15- academic year, memberships should be paid for by April 10th, 2014. On occasion special arrangements can be made to accommodate variances in bursary award dates.
- € Remember that bursaries can be in any multiple of \$100.
- € For those individuals who attend the conference, one year of individual membership is included and are valid for 12 months from payment date.
- € To renew your membership if you don't attend the conference, contact information for membership and application forms are on the website.
- € The Groundwork magazine is sent out to all members.