TESOL's mission is to develop and maintain professional expertise in English language teaching and learning for speakers of other languages worldwide.

- **The 2008 New York Worlds of TESOL Convention in April attracted close to 9,300 attendees. Over 1,100 education sessions were offered, and more than 150 exhibitors showcased their newest products and services.**

TESOL appreciates the sponsorship support for 2008 programs and events provided by the following companies and institutions.

- **Platinum**
  - College Board Accuplacer
  - Franklin Electronic Publishers
  - National Geographic School Publishing/ Hampton Brown
  - The New York Times Knowledge Network

- **Gold**
  - AMIDEAST
  - Full House Productions
  - Heinle, Cengage Learning
  - Millmark Education
  - Promethean
  - Rigby
  - Santillana USA

- **Silver**
  - Kaplan Aspect
  - IELTS

- **Bronze**
  - Avant Assessment
  - Cambridge University Press

- **TESOL continued to expand professional development programs and educational resources.**
  - The TESOL Resource Center (TRC), which allows TESOL members to find and share online a wide variety of resources for classroom use and professional development, now offers 190 peer-reviewed resources.
  - Over 1,800 people participated in TESOL's online courses and Webcasts. In October, TESOL partnered with the New York Times Knowledge Network for a Webcast on the high dropout rate for adolescent English language learners.

- **Advocacy Leadership Recognition**

At the annual convention, TESOL recognized two prominent leaders who have helped to increase the visibility of English language learning.


Elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2002, Rep. Bishop had previously served as the Provost for Southampton College since 1986. As a member of the House Education and Labor Committee, he has advocated for increasing the affordability of education for all Americans. He has also focused on reforming No Child Left Behind (NCLB) by meeting with educators in his district and staying informed on special challenges faced by English language learners under the law. Rep. Bishop is also an advocate for immigration reform, and supports the H-2B visa program for guest workers and their families.

**Global Advocacy Leadership Recognition of Dr. K. Lakshminarayana**

A public official with the government of Andhra Pradesh for over 25 years, Dr. Lakshminarayana served as the Joint Secretary/Additional Secretary to the Chief Minister from 1995–2004. Through his leadership to bring innovative changes in the academic and administrative areas, Dr. Lakshminarayana helped establish the Andhra Pradesh State English Lecturers Retraining Program. A collaborative project with the U.S. Regional English Language Office in New Delhi, the program's objective is to improve the communication proficiency in English of local undergraduate students through professional development of English language lecturers.

- **More than 1,150 professionals took part in Pre- and Post-Convention Institutes, the Leadership Development Certificate Program, the TESOL Academy in Chicago, and symposia in Australia and Spain in collaboration with TESOL affiliates in those countries.**

- **TESOL introduced seven new book titles:**
  - Standards for ESL/EFL Teachers of Adults
  - Global English Teaching and Teacher Education: Praxis and Possibility
  - Classroom Management
  - TESOL Technology Standards Framework
  - Language Games
  - Paper to Practice: Using the TESOL English Language Proficiency Standards in PreK-12 Classrooms
  - Language Teacher Research in Africa

- **The TESOL Board approved five new position statements:**
  - Academic and Degree-Granting Credit for ESOL Courses
  - Status of, and Professional Equity for, the Field of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages Teacher Preparation for Content-Based Instruction
  - Professionalization and Credentialing for Adult ESOL Educators
  - English as a Global Language

- **TESOL provided comments and recommendations on the following:**
  - Proposed regulations on Title III of the No Child Left Behind Act, as well as the reorganization of the U.S. Office of English Language Acquisition
  - Presidential transition team of U.S. President-elect Barack Obama
  - Anti-bilingual education Measure 58 on the Oregon state ballot

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**Highlights of 2008**

(Based on TESOL Fiscal Year 2008, November 1, 2007 to October 31, 2008)
Membership Statistics

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*Of the 14,082 members, 76.9% are from the United States, and 23.1% are from 158 countries outside the United States.

Membership increased slightly in the past year, primarily through the Part-time and Student membership categories.

2008 Financial Year-End Review
(Based on FY2008, November 1, 2007 to October 31, 2008)

Despite escalating economic challenges, the fiscal year 2008 ended with a balanced operating budget while achieving the association’s member-service objectives.

However, TESOL’s investment reserves were adversely affected by the downturn in the global stock markets. As of October 31, 2008, TESOL’s investment reserves had declined 33% and totaled $2 million, down from a high of $3.1 million.

During the last 10 years, TESOL leadership has endeavored to build reserves to enable the association to address financial demands such as the current global economic downturn. As in the previous fiscal year, pro-active financial management will continue, and operating revenue and expense line items will be monitored and adjusted as necessary.