

Charter for the Affiliate Network Professional Council

Purpose

As specified by the Affiliate Relations policy, the Affiliate Network Professional Council (ANPC) supports the Association by advising on aspects of TESOL's affiliation program, including the relationship between TESOL and its Affiliates, and encouraging projects of collaboration between or among participating partners aligned with common goals and values. A key role of the Affiliate Network Professional Council is to facilitate clear and timely communication between and among Affiliates and the Board of Directors of TESOL International Association. In this role, the ANPC represents both TESOL International Association and its Affiliates.

Terms of Service

The ANPC shall consist of 6 to 8 members, plus a staff partner and board liaison.

Members are appointed by the TESOL Executive Committee through an application process, with advice from the Leadership of the current ANPC. The application solicits information regarding education and professional training, relevant experience, and potential contributions to the Professional Council with reference to the Professional Council's goals and objectives. The Executive Committee ensures balanced membership (i.e., representation from a diversity of geographical locations, cultural backgrounds, and generations) to enable the ANPC to carry out its duties and responsibilities.

Once appointed, Professional Council members make a one-year commitment to serve. They may seek to renew their commitment annually, for up to three years of service.

Each year, an Incoming Chair shall be nominated by the TESOL Executive Director through an application process from within the ANPC, with final approval by the Executive Committee. Only those serving on the Professional Council at the time of the application process are eligible to apply. Once appointed, the designee shall

serve for one year as chair-elect followed by one year as chair before rotating off the Professional Council.

Membership Criteria

ANPC members should have knowledge and experience of TESOL International Association, its relationship with Affiliates, and the strategic direction of the Association. Interested applicants will be asked on their application about their level of education and professional experience, their recent leadership experience with a TESOL Affiliate, their understanding of the current TESOL Strategic Plan, the ANPC charter and their ideas as to how they can contribute to the ANPC as it seeks to meet its goals of furthering the relationship between TESOL International Association and its Affiliates. The Council membership shall reflect the widest possible range of professional expertise and experience, with special attention paid to diverse geographical, cultural, and generational representation.

Responsibilities and Duties

The Affiliate Network Professional Council will conduct activities that enhance and foster communication among affiliates and develop a collaborative partnership between TESOL International Association and its Affiliates. It will also provide oversight and advice for projects pursued as part of this partnership.

Counsel and Communication

Facilitate communication among Affiliate and between Affiliates and TESOL International Association, including its governance entities. Activities may include, but are not limited to:

- advise on features of TESOL's affiliation program
- moderate a myTESOL space for Affiliate leaders
- publish a newsletter focused on Affiliate issues and activities and collaborations with TESOL International Association
- support TESOL staff in publicizing opportunities for professional development, publication, and research which are offered by TESOL

International Association and/or Affiliates (e.g. TESOL's Worldwide Calendar of Events, with expanded inclusion of Affiliate opportunities on the Calendar)

- publicize and advise on criteria for the TESOL Affiliate Speaker Grant program
- attend virtual meetings with TESOL International Association, as needed to fulfill the requirements of this charter
- advise TESOL International Association on emerging professional issues.

Professional networking

Facilitate Affiliate-related professional events that address TESOL's Mission, Vision, and strategic goals. Activities may include, but are not limited to:

- organize and conduct professional meetings for Affiliate representatives at the annual Convention
- facilitate the development and broadcast of webinars
- explore and foster inter-council collaborations
- serve as an information exchange hub among Affiliates and TESOL International, e.g., by contributing toward the development of a global knowledge of the field
- advise TESOL International Association on potential joint events