

Candidate for TESOL Nominating Committee, 2019–2020

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Centro Cultural Dominico Americano
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Education

- TESOL TET DR University of Maryland, Baltimore County
- TESOL Trainers Course DR University of Maryland, Baltimore County
- Lead Instructors for the HSSA Language & Culture Program Council On International Educational Exchange CIEE
- English Access Micro Scholarship Program for Administrators American Embassy Mexico.
- TESOL Essential Skills for Becoming an Effective and Reflective Leader Pre-Convention TESOL
- ETS TOEFL IBT Certification by ETS.
- Shaping the Way We Teach English Coursera University of Oregon (online):
- #1: The Landscaping of English Language Teaching (Planning) with Honors
- #2: Path to Success in ELT (Reflection and Coaching) with Honors.
- TESOL Little Children, Big Challenge: Appropriate ESL Supports for Preschool Students Pre-Convention TESOL
- TESOL Fostering a Community of Teachers Using Learners Lives as Curriculum Pre-Convention TESOL.
- PBL Project Based Learning From BUCK Institute (certified)
- TESOL Graduate Business Certificate Program (Rennert NYC)
- SIT TESOL Graduate Certificate Program (Boston, Northampton)
- Coaching Certification NYC with Jay Cohen
- Became member of TESOL International 2005 (assisted various conferences) until 2018.
- Psychological and Coaching Trainings (New York) (Bob Ditter)
- Bank Street College Teachers College (Columbia University) Teachers Training

Professional Work Experience

- Academic Director: Centro Cultural Dominico- Americano (Santiago) Dominican Republic June 2011- present.
- Academic Director of English Program at CISAMA: Ciudad Santa Maria (Santiago) Dominican Republic June 2011- present.
- Academic Director of English Program at Estancias Infantiles Free Zone: (Santiago) Dominican Republic June 2011- present.
- Academic Coordinator: English Language Institute (ELI) (Santiago) Dominican Republic June 1999-2011.
- Teacher / English Department Monitor Leonardo D`Vinci (Private School) (Santiago) Dominican Republic Sept 1998-1999.
- Counselor / Division Leader: Timber Lake West Camp (Roscoe, NY.) United States June -1990-August 2004.
- Teacher: Park Avenue Synagogue Early Childhood Development. NYC United States June 1995-1997.

Professional Affiliation

- TESOL: Member (2000-2018).
- ABLA: Member (2011-2018).
- CISMA: Ciudad Santa Maria / Volunteer 2011-2018 / Member of the Board Education Committee 2011-2018.

Research and Publications

- La Cámara del Comercio Americana En República Dominicana AMCHAMDR / \
- The Chamber of American Commerce In Dominican Republic AMCHAMDR
- Las Destrezas Del Profesor Mediante La Reflexión y El Coaching / Teacher's Skills Through Reflection and Coaching – May 2013
- We Teach Who We Are!!! Nov./Dec. 2013

Collaborator / Feedback to the development of the series:

- World Link Third Edition National Geographic Learning / Cengage Learning
- Time Zone Second Edition National Geographic Learning / Cengage Learning

Candidate's Statement

What kind of leaders does the association need? Why are you a good candidate to choose them?

The 21st century is one of the most challenging decades to teach in, not only do we have to deal with the aspects of teaching per se but also include all the different aspects students bring on a personal level to our classes. We must keep in mind on what to focus on. As an active participant of TESOL for many years I always found it interesting on how you as an organization give the participants many tools to handle the new challenges that come into play every year. As part of the Board I would like to maintain this since I know how beneficial it is to know that other colleagues experience the same challenges and issues. It is also important to be an active listener to the new trends in technology , sociopolitical issues and aspects one has to keep in mind as Aziz Abu has said teachers have an immense power in the classroom they need to know this and how this can change the life of a student. I believe that TESOL has the responsibility to continue to guide this community that has decided to touch the life of many thru education. It would be an honor and a pleasure to serve on the committee as well as to bring in new ideas that could only benefit this community.