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## TESOL Welcomes New Executive Director

Alexandria, VA (April 2010)—The Board of Directors of Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, Inc. (TESOL), is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Rosa Aronson as TESOL's new Executive Director, effective April 19, 2010. Dr. Aronson succeeds Mr. Charles S. Amorosino, Jr., who retired on March 28 at the close of the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual TESOL Convention & Exhibit in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, having served in the position since 1998.

A former Fulbright exchange teacher, Dr. Aronson started her education career as an English as a foreign language (EFL) teacher in France. She holds an MA in English Linguistics from the University of Aix-en-Provence, France, and a PhD in Social Foundations of Education from the University of Virginia, in the United States. Dr. Aronson earned the Certified Association Executive (CAE) designation from the American Society of Association Executives. She is the author of *At Risk Students Defy the Odds*, published by Scarecrow Press in 2001.

Dr. Aronson brings to TESOL 24 years of experience in nonprofit association management with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), headquartered in Reston, Virginia, USA. Her experience at NASSP includes advocacy, policy development, educational initiatives, standards, grant development, research, and program management. Dr. Aronson's most recent executive-level position with that association was as Senior Director for Advocacy, Alliances and Student Programs.

TESOL President Brock Brady stated,

I am very pleased to welcome Dr. Aronson to the association. Her strong background in association management—as well as her diverse educational experience—will be strong assets for TESOL. Dr. Aronson's experience as an EFL teacher will also bring a new perspective to the association's activities as the field of English language teaching continues to expand globally.

Dr. Aronson explained,

The field of English language teaching is a dynamic and exciting profession, and one that is

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facing new challenges both in the United States and globally. Having once been an English language instructor in France, I am very excited to begin service as the Executive Director of TESOL, the global professional association. I look forward to working with the Board of Directors in helping TESOL address these new challenges and opportunities for both the association and the field as a whole.

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**ABOUT TESOL:** Incorporated in 1966, Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, Inc. (TESOL), is a global association for English language teaching professionals headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia, USA. TESOL encompasses a network of approximately 52,000 educators worldwide, consisting of more than 12,000 individual members and an additional 40,000 educators within the 100 plus TESOL affiliate associations. Representing a multifaceted academic discipline and profession, TESOL offers members serial publications, books, and electronic resources on current issues, ideas, and opportunities in the field of English language teaching. TESOL also conducts a variety of workshops and symposia, including an annual convention, regarded as the foremost professional development opportunity for English language educators worldwide. TESOL's mission is to develop and maintain professional expertise in English language teaching for speakers of other languages worldwide.