

The Lifelong Learner

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President's Message



Carol Vaage, President

It seems to me that the President's message in the newsletter is similar to a "State of the Union" address by American presidents. Citizens (members) want to know that all is well with the country (association). This address may not carry the same weight, but I will attempt to give an overview of what's happening with ELLA and where we're headed.

The courses are the key element of our Spring Session, of course, and the choices in the line-up this year are amazing! And if you have the stamina, the noon-hour lectures are not to be missed either! Congratulations to Liz McCord (Program Development Coordinator) and her specialty team chairs: Gay Maddin, Karen Mills, Jill Swann-Lussier, Sandra Tulloch, and Mary Anne King.

The support systems bolstering the "program" are essential to pulling off Spring Session. Cindy Dew and her cohort of committed volunteers administer the ELLA office, answering your phone calls, sending you mail and managing membership purchase and course registration. A close collaborator is Fred Sawka, who manages the Information Technology component of ELLA which gives us our website, the new online membership purchase system and the Eventbrite registration system. This year, both Fred and Cindy were new to their positions and "hit the ground running" in the late fall. We certainly appreciate their competence and dedication in getting all systems working before Spring Session registration.

Jeanna Baty took on a merger of the Publicity and Communications committees this past year, and with her skilled marketing volunteers has done an exceptional job of targeting

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potential members and raising the public profile of ELLA. Our membership has reached an all-time high. Jeanna's committee was also responsible for producing the Spring Session Course Guide and the ELLA newsletters.

The Board has recognized the importance of developing an efficient system for managing our documents and records. Working with a plan created by Grant MacEwan students, the Board is undertaking collection of records digitally and achieving consistency in maintaining the ELLA brand on its websites and in all public documents.

We all know that without volunteers, there would be no ELLA. From the membership survey, we know that many of you would love to volunteer to help keep ELLA operational. The Board is currently revamping the volunteer recruitment process, and what we really need now is a volunteer who loves working with people to seek out and coordinate volunteers on a year-round basis. ELLA members are somewhat different from most other organizations because of our age range, our professional skills and experience and the diversity of our interests. We travel, we garden, we help manage extended families, we undertake special projects and we work to stay healthy and active. This means that many people are unavailable year round. Therefore, we are looking for someone who can search out talents within our membership and other volunteer pools and match people with volunteer vacancies on committees and for special projects. Could this be you?

Just like the American presidential address, limited time and space for this message prevents mentioning all committee work. However, we look forward to seeing you at the AGM where the Board members recognize the many volunteer contributions to ELLA. Meanwhile, if you see "Volunteer" on someone's nametag at Spring Session, please extend your thanks! ELLA would not be operational without them!

Carol Vaage – President, 2014-15

ELLA Annual General Meeting

Come join us for the ELLA Annual General Meeting (AGM):

Thursday, May 14th at 12:00 noon

Room N2-115, Education North

The notice and Agenda for the AGM is included at the end of this newsletter.

Nomination forms for the Board can be picked up and left at the information table during Spring Session. Member motions must be in writing and should be e-mailed or left at the information table by May 11th, in an envelope addressed to **AGM Motion, President, and ELLA Board**.

Other important dates are:

Monday, May 6th, 11:30 a.m. Deadline for Board of Directors nominations

Wednesday, May 8th, noon All-Candidates Forum in room N2-115

Friday, May 11th, noon Deadline for member motions for AGM

Some Hot Classes You Might Have Missed!



Liz McCord

Registration for ELLA is going gang busters! A reflection of the growing popularity of ELLA's Spring Session, the majority of students have already completed their registration. However, if you haven't registered yet, there are several very interesting classes that still have openings.

Global health - E12 will examine "disease burden" and access to care with national and international experts in both traditional health disciplines and from political science, history and the rural economy. "*The field of global health is a whole new discipline, combining anthropology, sociology, history, and economics with traditional epidemiology and clinical practice.*" So says Paul Farmer in *Reimagining Global Health*. A biosocial approach to understanding health disparities is a long overdue modification to our Canadian health system. There will be ample opportunity to discuss health from this broad perspective and consider its relevance for Canada and our Alberta communities.

Edmonton: Urban Political Issues - EL19 is another morning class featuring former City Councillor Michael Phair. Michael taught for ELLA two years ago and his course was very popular. Michael is still an active and concerned Edmonton citizen. He reflects: "*The Old Court House—GONE, the CP Rail Station—GONE, McDougall United Church??... the Rossdale Generating Plant?? Is it important at this time of massive reconstruction of our downtown core to save Edmonton's Heritage?*" Another subject he'll address, and one which most of us have an opinion on: "*Coming Soon to Your Neighborhood—Bike Routes! Why do we love them and hate them?*" Join him in some lively discussion and fact sharing, enhanced with occasional guest speakers.

Indigenous Peoples: Histories, Knowledge and Understandings - EL28 This course is offered in response to the huge interest in First Nations issues shown by ELLA students last year. Priscilla Campeau and Tracey Lindberg are two accomplished First Nations women who believe that increased dialogue and the formation of relationships create greater understandings amongst peoples. In this course, they will help clarify how First Nations and non-aboriginals have interpreted history since the arrival of the colonists. How does this continue to be interpreted in Canada? How do we need to challenge ourselves to gain a deeper understanding of First Nations culture and politics? The skill of these two women will certainly enhance our knowledge and understanding of the relationships and resulting clashes between First Nations and Canada over time.

There are a few other courses with openings also. Get that registration in soon and join us for ELLA Spring Session, April 27th - May 15th, 2015. We are looking forward to seeing you on campus soon!

Liz McCord, Program Development Coordinator

Instructor Profile: Meet Frank Weichman



Learn about alternate energy sources with Frank Weichman at Spring Session 2015.

Like many of the courses presented at the ELLA Spring Session program, **Alternate Forms of Energy** brings you information about a timely and critical issue – what energy sources are actually realistic alternatives to coal and gas? Frank Weichman, a Professor Emeritus in the Physics Department of U of A, will unveil many of the mysteries about potential energy sources: How renewable are alternate sources? What other resources are they utilizing to look “greener?” What is their cost efficiency from production to utilization? What stands in the way of further development? What can we do as individuals to influence climate change?

Frank’s interest in renewable energy sources is a reflection of his career in physics, but the passion comes from his concern about the world his grandchildren will inherit. There will be lively demonstrations to provoke thinking. Be ready to join in rambunctious discussions and ask questions such as: Many of the articles we read in the media present very one-sided views – does this make sense? Are alternate sources of energy really feasible? Why are people trying to reduce their reliance on oil and gas? How realistic is it to depend on sun or wind power on a year-round basis? Is nuclear power a viable alternative? Electric cars depend on coal-fired plants which continue to add to our greenhouse gases –are they succeeding (or misleading) in their claims of carbon reduction? You will be examining the physics and the chemistry, and the economic and the biological impacts so you can intelligently discuss the pros and the cons of alternate forms of energy.

If you want to keep up with Frank Weichman, you’d better grab a pair of X-country skis, some hiking boots and a bicycle. Life is not all about books! Like many physicists, Frank is an inventor; this year – a back-packer’s wood stove. Frank continues to write articles for a Science Journal and delights in providing “Show and Tell” Physics demonstrations to local schools. He is also closely involved with his McKernan Community and is a member of the Board of Directors for the iHuman Youth Society.

Julie Milne

Volunteer Recognition: Germaine Chau

ELLA Spring Session online registration opened on Monday, February 23 at 9:30 a.m. Within two hours 11 courses were full, and by late afternoon 423 members were happily registered. By the end of the week, registrations reached 505, nearly the total registrants for all of 2014 (508). Online registration was a tremendous success, in large part due to the ELLA “Energizer Bunny,” Germaine Chau.

Germaine has a lot of experience and knowledge about ELLA, and has developed a number of innovations during her four years of service on the ELLA Board. She used her work experience with the University of Alberta student system to develop an ELLA database with fellow volunteer, John Chandler. For three years Germaine chaired the Program Implementation Committee where she had responsibility for classroom bookings in the Education Centre, and many of the logistics at Spring Session including the ELLA Information Table. As Chair of the Administration Committee in 2013-14, Germaine looked after the ELLA office and implemented the first year of online registration. As noted in Carol’s President’s Message, this year both Fred Sawka, the IT Committee Chair, and Cindy Dew, the Administration Committee Chair, were new to their roles. It was great that Germaine could take time away from her international travel and many volunteer commitments to again pitch in to lead the online registration team.



Germaine Chau

To enable the smooth implementation of online registration, innumerable steps and hours were contributed by a team led by Germaine and composed of ELLA’s Information Technology Committee (Fred Sawka, Steve Hoskins and Jean Posyniak), Cindy and Barbara Leung. Because of changes in Eventbrite since Spring 2014 (such as page layouts, search functions, the “invitation” function), ELLA’s online registration for 2015, involved:

- Testing all required functions.
- Three days training and reviewing Eventbrite functions with the IT Committee.
- Rewriting all training documentation with brand new screenshots.
- Testing all ELLA customized reports.
- Drafting a new registration steps document.

With just days before “live” registration, Liz McCord, Program Development Coordinator learned that **Journey Through Science** had to be cancelled. Liz quickly found new instructors and courses. Germaine initiated a detailed plan and worked with Cindy, Jeanna Baty, Chair of the Marketing Committee, and Barbara to make revisions to the Course Guide, registration form, website and Eventbrite, prior to registration opening.

On behalf of the ELLA Board of Directors and members, a heartfelt thanks to Germaine Chau for her leadership, IT expertise and ongoing commitment to ELLA.

Barbara Leung

Edmonton's Historian Laureate

Teaching at ELLA's 2015 Spring Session is not the first time that Danielle Metcalfe-Chenail has had her name in the public eye and had a positive effect on students in her class.

Before being named Historian Laureate for 2014–2016, she had served as the youngest and first female president of the Canadian Aviation Historical Society, been named Maverick of the Year by *Chatelaine*, and touted as one of Edmonton's 40 under 40 "stars" by *Avenue* magazine.

With a Master of History degree from UBC, and a grandfather and father who worked as professional pilots, Danielle has successfully combined her education and family background into a writing and research career that has led to the publication of *Polar Winds: A Century of Flying the North*, and *For the Love of Flying*.



Learn the ins and outs of creative non-fiction, memoir, stories for young readers and magazine writing with Danielle Metcalfe-Chenail.

Danielle's honorary role as the city's Historian Laureate affords her opportunity to cover stories related to the work of the Edmonton Heritage Council and the city's Museum Project. As well, she is able to keep abreast of what's happening both at City Hall School, and in other parts of the city.

Somehow she also manages to juggle her busy schedule to teach for the U of A's Department of Extension, do freelance writing, and work on the draft of her first novel.

Danielle will be back at Spring Session for the second consecutive year to inspire and teach her class participants about the ins and outs of creative non-fiction and memoir, stories for young audiences, and magazine articles in her course **The Write Stuff**.

"There is nothing better than having someone tell me they pitched a story, got it accepted, and it is now published," she said. Under her capable guidance, that may again be a strong possibility subsequent to this year's course.

Ann Campbell

ELLA Spring Session – *Much more than classes and noon hour speakers!*

On the first day of Spring Session, come early, pick up your nametag, sit down and enjoy your free cup of tea or coffee with fellow ELLA members. Take the size of Starbucks's coffee you want, as the coupons are good for all sizes. But remember, the coffee/tea coupon is good for the first two days of Spring Session only!

The next big social event during Spring Session is the Noon Hour Luncheon. This event starts at 11:45 a.m. on Tuesday, May 5th in the 4th floor lounge in the Education Building. ELLA volunteers receive free tickets to the luncheon. Last year 94 tickets were given out to volunteers in appreciation of the work they do for ELLA. The remaining 150 luncheon tickets are sold to ELLA members. Make sure that you pick up luncheon tickets early as this event sells out every year. Tickets cost \$15.00 each and are available at the ELLA Information Table during Spring Session. Again this year ARAMARK Euromarket, the company that runs the cafeteria in the Education Building, is catering the luncheon. Come and enjoy this opportunity to visit with fellow lifelong learners.

The final and most exciting social event during Spring Session 2015 is the Wind-up Party at the Faculty Club. This event starts at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13th. A selection of cocktails is served. For all chocolate lovers a fresh fruit chocolate fountain is part of the menu! A cash bar is also available at this event. Tickets for the Wind-up Party can be purchased at ELLA tables in the hallway of the Education Building for \$20.00 each. This popular event provides another great opportunity to visit friends, instructors and fellow lifelong learners....and share experiences of this Spring Session.

In addition to the events mentioned above be sure to mark the following noon-hour events on your calendar.

- Meet and Greet - 11:45 a.m. on Monday, April 27th: Bring your lunch and enjoy the company of other ELLA members.
- Candidates Forum - 12:00 p.m. on May 8th; N2-115, Education North: Meet the candidates who are interested in being on the ELLA Board of Directors.
- Student Art Show - 12:00 p.m. on May 13th, 4th floor lounge in the Education North Building: View the art work created by ELLA members during Spring Session 2015
- ELLA AGM and Election of Board of Directors - 12:00 p.m. on May 14th, 2015 in N2-115, Education North: All ELLA members are encouraged to attend.

John Elliot, Past President & Chair, Social Events

Sherwood Park Interest Group

Many of us who attend ELLA classes feel a little bit sad when the classes end. The Sherwood Park Interest Group is one way to continue to see the new friends that all of us have made through the ELLA program. Last year, Regina Price took the initiative to start this group and gathered e-mail addresses of interested ELLA students who live in Sherwood Park. Thanks to Regina, we now get together on the third Wednesday each month (1:00 pm.) to connect and chat with our fellow ELLA students. Our gatherings take place at the Common Ground Café at 50 Brentwood Blvd - a community café in an old medical facility, which is run by volunteers many of whom go to ELLA. The number of attendees varies from four to 10, depending on everyone's availability. Anyone is welcome. Just contact Regina at: 587-269-4524 or reeprice@shaw.ca.

Sometimes we just chat over coffee, whereas other times we have a pre-announced topic (such as Recycling Tips). On other occasions, we attend guest speakers at the Sherwood Park

Library such as a recent three-part series featuring Dr. Margaret Ann Armour. We always share lots of useful information about upcoming lectures or events in the community. Now that the program for ELLA 2015 is out, I can imagine our next get-together will involve lots of excited discussions about which courses we'll each be taking. Maybe we will see you there! Thank you to Regina for organizing and leading our Sherwood Park Interest Group.

On page 13 read tips on how to form your own ELLA student-led interest group.

Mary Fairhurst (mary.fairhurst@shaw.ca)

Our Interest in Learning Has Never Waned

When I perused the courses for ELLA's 2012 Spring Session, Dr. Cristina Stasia's course title, **You've Come a Long Way, Baby?** caught my eye. Its description gave me pause.

At 4:00 pm on the first day of classes, I left the Education Building eager, enthused and excited about my excellent course selections and Cristina's course in particular. Each day I sat at the front of her class as I didn't want to miss a thing.

She discussed topics such as first and second wave feminism, "riot grrls", and the possible future implications of my granddaughter dressing and thinking like a Disney princess. Half these things I'd never heard of; the rest I'd never fully acknowledged as they'd unfolded over the years.

With the stage set, thankfully a classmate took the initiative to suggest we continue our learning through a book club. Cristina set up an organizational meeting spot, and then left us on our own to decide next steps.

The committed nine-member "Radicals"

Book Club that formed out of that get together has gathered monthly since September 2012 in members' homes or a city park. Our reading list is limited to fiction and non-fiction works with a feminist bent that are written by female authors. Occasionally with our new-found friends, some of us attend talks on women's issues presented by prominent speakers or favourite authors. Member Diane Kozens sums up our group this way: *"It is a place where women from diverse backgrounds share thoughts, feelings and experiences with mutual respect and laughter while opening our minds to new ideas and literary works."*

What I like best is that our book club has enabled me to continue my learning post-Spring Session. I can't think of a better deal than this.

Ann Campbell, "Radicals" Book Club Member



"Radicals" Book Club reconnected with Dr. Stasia at the Spring Session 2014 Windup Party.

Instructor Profile: Meet Johanne Yakula

This year we welcome Johanne Yakula, a new instructor with ELLA. She will present an exciting new ELLA course, **Introduction to the Mysterious World of Antiques**.

Johanne comes to us with an impressive background. For thirteen years she operated the antique store From Times Past in Edmonton, and since its closure in 2007 her focus has been on appraisals and private sales. She is also an interior decorator and restoration consultant specializing in heritage homes. In 2013, Johanne published the book, *Historical Interiors of Alberta: A guide to restoring and decorating heritage homes*.

She is currently vice-president of the Highlands Historical Society, a member of the Historic Resources Review Panel and an instructor at the University of Alberta for the Residential Interiors Program and the Fine Arts Certificate Program. In 2013, she was presented with an award from the Edmonton Heritage Board for her long-term contribution to the heritage community in Edmonton.



Johanne Yakula will demystify the world of antiques at Spring Session 2015.

Johanne's aim is to inspire her students to appreciate antiques in general and to learn more specifically about the objects they have inherited or accumulated. Such information may prove compelling enough for their descendants to want to keep such objects in their families. Tips and trade secrets related to the selling and buying of antiques and navigating the darker side of the antiques business will also help participants if they are ever tempted to sell their items.

Each day the class will focus on a particular type of antique: china, silver, furniture, textiles, jewellery, etc., and participants will learn exciting things about the history of these artifacts and how to look after them. Each session includes a lecture about the featured category (post 1850s) and an opportunity to handle objects. Students are also invited to bring in their own old treasures to share with the class and learn more specific information about them.

Johanne is excited to reveal the mysterious world of antiques to ELLA students.

Helen Gillespie

Member Survey Results

Thank you to the 350 members who completed the survey last fall! Your input helps us respond to member interests. In summary:

ELLA learners:

- 69% are 60-74 years old, 11% below 60, and 20% over 75.
- We love learning, as this chart shows (Figure 1).

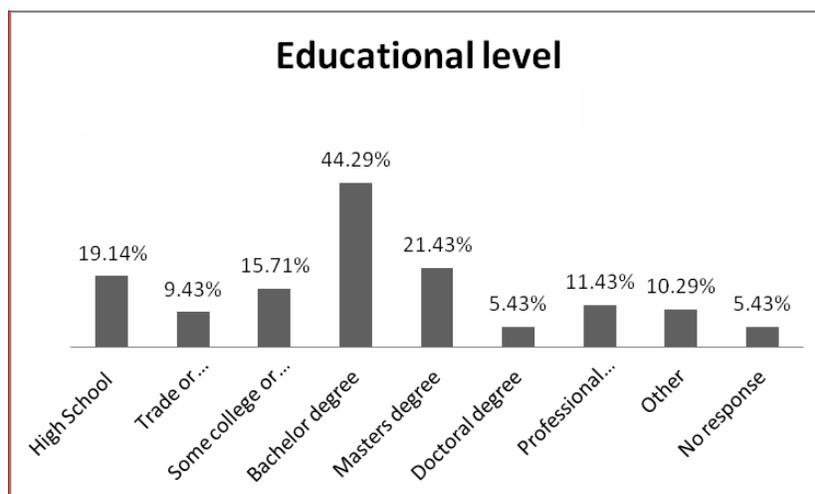
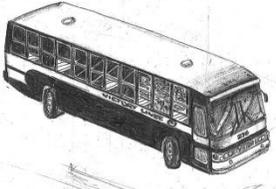


Figure 1

- 62% of us have been members for three years or less. Long-term ELLA members, (six plus years), account for 17%.

About Spring Session:

- Our members attend Spring Session based on several factors: 28% depend on wellness (self or family); 43% is based on course offerings; and 26% are affected by travel plans.
- Less than half of ELLA members drive to class! Here is how we get to spring session:

			
40%	44%	5%	11%

Individual Challenges:

- Hearing loss affects one out of every five respondents. During spring session organizers encourage these members to sit near the front, will use provided microphones, and request that students reduce ambient noise.
- Mobility is an issue for 3% of respondents. We have secured an additional and more accessible parking lot this year and are examining other possibilities.
- Reduced vision challenges 4% of respondents. We ask that the front seats of classrooms be kept available for them.

Technology use:

- When asked about computing skills, 69% feel competent. 25% report limited skills, while 5% do not use or have access to a computer. We will continue to offer printed materials for registration and membership.
- With regards to current use of electronic devices, there was a very interesting dispersion!

<p>Smartphone - 40%</p> 	<p>iPad - 28%</p> 	<p>Tablet - 21%</p> 	<p>Other - Kindle, iPod, e-reader, phone (landline)</p> 
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Our current U of A website:

- 70% visited the website and agreed it was easy to navigate and informative.
- 86% of web users said that a “Learning Events” page with announcements would be useful.

Our newsletters:

- 78% read the 2013 newsletters.
- 77% read them online and agreed that they are informative and enjoyable. Please look forward to hearing more about ELLA’s website and newsletter changes.

Future Growth and increased membership:

- 75% did NOT want to restrict membership.
- If ELLA’s membership continues to grow, 75% thought we could expand Spring Session to other University buildings.
- Should ELLA add courses **off campus** during Spring Session? 48% disagreed, 14% agreed.

Ripple Events (learning activities offered outside of Spring Session).

- 72% agreed this was a good idea.

Thanks to all who participated in this survey to guide the future of ELLA! And a big thank you to those who created the survey: Betty Grudnizki, Jim Macdonald, and Linda Smyth.

Betty Grudnizki & Carol Vaage

Noon Time Delights

- A time to sate our hunger.
- A time to quench our thirst.
- A time to satisfy our need for mental stimulation.

ELLA's Spring Session Noon Hour presentations are back better than ever. We have 10 great speakers lined up, with a smorgasbord of topics. Start by exploring the changing nature of Edmonton with our own Nature Nut, John Acorn. Spend some soothing time listening to, and learning about, Beethoven with a familiar ELLA face, Dr. Michael Roeder. Once again, get excited about the changing face of Alberta politics stirred up by Ricardo Acuna. Dig deep into the remote recesses of the brain with Dr. Maggie Tweddle who will lead us through Forensic Psychiatry.

Cancer has touched all of us. Marie Butler will teach how healing art can be in combatting this horrid affliction. Dr. Peter Mahaffy will help to discover boundaries, avoid thresholds and tell time. Sounds obvious but surely not! Expand your geopolitical horizons to Ukraine with Dr. David Marples. While women have been writing through the ages, Dr. Isabel Grundy explores a new way of looking at their creations. Popular and introspective Edmonton Journal columnist, Paula Simons, explains how news is covered in the digital age. Finally, are scientists untrustworthy? Dr. Susan Jacobs will lead us through a thorough examination of society's views.



Ed Posyniak

Forty-five to 50 minutes of stirring our brains between classes can't be more enjoyable! The noon hour lectures are just an added benefit to ELLA registrants and are offered in the amphitheatre at no extra cost. Come join us!

Ed Posyniak

Renewing Your ELLA Membership

Did you know you can update or purchase your new ELLA membership online? And it takes less than 2 minutes! Purchasing your membership online saves many volunteer hours for ELLA office staff and those working at the Information Table during Spring Session.

Do you have an E-Mail address? Good.
Just click on: <http://my-ella.com/>

Your current annual membership is active until October 1, 2015; however, it is helpful to the ELLA organization for you to purchase your next season's membership as soon as you can. Then you will be "good-to-go" until September 30, 2016 and you won't miss out on all our news. Why not go online NOW and get it done!

Tips for Forming an ELLA Student-Led Interest Group – a quick how to guide

1. Determine by the end of week two of Spring Session if any of your classmates are interested in forming an interest group post-Spring Session.
2. Invite all class members to a lunch-hour or 4:00 pm organizational meeting before the end of week three.
3. Limit the interest group's membership to those who took the class so all will have the same class-generated background.
4. At the organization meeting, decide:
 - What will be the group's focus. Keep it narrow and based on an aspect(s) of the course.
 - How will the group operate — e.g. read a book and discuss; attend events and debrief; engage expert speakers. Consider costs that may be associated with the chosen approach.
 - Where and when will you meet next time. Note: Free meeting space with parking may be difficult to find.
 - Who will act as host for the first "official" interest group meeting, send out meeting notices, etc.
 - What will be on the agenda and the first topic of interest.
5. At the first meeting, devote sufficient time to the previously planned topic. End the get together with a review and confirmation of the group's focus, and set the date, time and topic(s) for future gatherings.



Ann Campbell

Ann Campbell

Newsletter Production Team

In addition to the several writers who have contributed to the newsletters this year, a number of others work behind the scenes. Many thanks to all of them.

- Jan McGregor, editor
- Jane Hopkinson, editor and proofer
- Barbara Leung, editor and layout
- Ed Posyniak, writer and runner
- Photographers: Cecilia Mullikin, Art Breier, Adrian Pearce
- MooChee Mah, Extension printing shop
- Jeanna Baty, writer, editor and fusser.

Editorial Comment



Jeanna Baty

It is with some regret that my three-year term with the ELLA Board of Directors concludes this spring. This has been the most invigorating volunteer experience I have had in a lifetime. Yes, the tasks have been challenging at times, but I have enjoyed learning new skills for coping with them. The job as Chair of the Marketing Committee has given me an outlet for using a variety of work and personal skills, and I know there are many other ELLA members with an abundance of skills and experience. Come and join us!

What I will really miss are the people with whom I have worked. ELLA is remarkable. It is an organization run entirely by volunteers, but it works extremely efficiently. I have never been on a Board where individuals have so readily taken on tasks and then worked so effectively to resolve problems and complete the

tasks well and punctually!

So much of ELLA breathes teamwork. In the Fall, the Program Development folks depend on receiving results from those summarizing member surveys, so they can begin determining the courses and instructors we want for the following Spring Session. Before Christmas, the Marketing Committee gets the list of courses and instructors from Program Development and finalizes the Course Guide. Next, Marketing produces a newsletter for ELLA Members promising renewed excitement the following Spring. Marketing also assists the Administration Committee and the Information Technology Committee to update the ELLA website which keeps members informed about new developments, and beckons the wider community of older learners to purchase a membership and join us at the next Spring Session. Meanwhile, the Administration Committee handles requests and enquiries by phone, mail, e-mail, and in person from walk-in customers. The pace steps up during February and March. By then, everyone is working in synchrony for a smooth and successful spring registration! Program Implementation's job is to have all the bits and pieces in perfect order for opening day of the Spring Session. Whew!!

And these are only the most obvious tasks.... There are many individuals involved in organizational planning, financial management, systems analysis and management, recruitment, and a variety of production tasks. All these are being managed by teams of skilled individuals, behind the scenes. Without all of these committed volunteers, ELLA would founder!!

I hope you have considered giving some time to ELLA for two or three years! Come join our work teams and have the satisfaction of accomplishing good work and having fun with the individuals you work with as well. Just contact the ELLA Administration Office or volunteer [online](#), and someone will get in touch with you to discuss where you might best fit in. "Many hands make light work" and we have a job for everyone!

Jeanna Baty, Chair, ELLA Marketing Committee

Information Centre

ELLA Board 2014 – 2015

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Office Hours:	<p>March 2 to April 24, 2015 Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Closed April 3 (Good Friday) & 6 (Easter Monday)</p> <p>April 27 to September 30, 2015 (closed during Spring Session and over the summer)</p> <p><i>* Our office is run entirely by volunteers. When the office is closed, volunteers check regularly for voice mails, emails and Canada Post letters. Efforts will be made to respond promptly to all messages.</i></p>
Website:	www.extension.ualberta.ca/ella

NOTICE
ELLA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.
N2-115, Education North
Education Centre, University of Alberta

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Welcome to the AGM:** Carol Vaage, President
- 3. Adoption of Agenda**
- 4. Approval of Minutes:** Previous AGM, Tuesday, May 13, 2014
- 5. Introduction of the Board of Directors:** Carol Vaage
 - Administration - Cindy Dew
 - Bylaws and Policy - Linda Smyth
 - Finance Committee - Shirley Zylstra
 - Information Technology - Fred Sawka
 - Marketing - Jeanna Baty
 - Membership Survey & Evaluation - Betty Grudnizki
 - Past President - John Elliot
 - Program Development - Liz McCord, Jill Swann-Lussier, Karen Mills
 - Program Implementation - Colleen Burton-Ochocki & Roger Delbaere
 - Recruitment - Judith Hibberd
 - Ripple experiment - Gay Maddin & Campbell Ross
 - Vice-President - Jill Swann-Lussier
- 6. Reports of Officers**
 - a. President: Carol Vaage
 - b. Treasurer: Shirley Zylstra -Audited Financial Statements Oct. 1, 2013 - Sept. 30, 2014
- 7. Auditors for Oct. 1, 2014 - Sept. 30, 2015 Fiscal Year:** Shirley Zylstra
- 8. Registration Report:** Cindy Dew, Chair of Administration Committee
- 9. Introduction of Candidates for the Board of Directors:** Judith Hibberd, Chair, Recruitment Committee
- 10. Election of Directors:** Judith Hibberd
- 11. Closing Remarks:** Carol Vaage, President

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