

**Editors' Association of Canada/Association canadienne des réviseurs
Report on National Executive Council Meeting
February 25 and 26, 2006, Toronto**

Key points raised in reports and discussion at this meeting include:

Reporting responsibility shifts to secretary

Responsibility for preparing the report to members you're now reading shifted from the vice-president to the secretary.

Coalition to remove GST from books

EAC accepted the Canadian Booksellers Association's invitation to join its coalition to remove GST from books.

Certification initiative moves ahead

The certification committee is working on three of the tests, and doesn't expect the fourth test (Structural and Stylistic Editing) to launch until 2008. Pilot testing of the Elementary Knowledge of the Publishing Process and Proofreading tests is tentatively scheduled for April 1 in Toronto. Those two tests will be offered for the first time in late fall 2006.

The executive provided feedback on the first page proofs of the *Certification Study Guide, Volume 1*.

2006 conference shapes up

The annual conference program and promotion is close to confirmed. The executive discussed how extensively to prepare conference materials in French, given that the conference (which will be in Vancouver) has no French sessions scheduled. (No francophone members indicated that they planned to attend and only one francophone session proposal was submitted.) It was decided to prepare the general welcome message and registration materials in French, and to include a statement that the 2007 conference (which will be in Ottawa) will be bilingual.

Mediator's role recognized

There was concern that the association mediator's role is not well enough known within the organization. The executive discussed highlighting information on the mediator (and other services) on the members' home page on the website.

***Les Normes* nearing completion**

Les Normes, the French editing standards, are projected to go forward for member approval in 2006.

Website rollout successful, French site to follow

The association's new English website rolled out on February 14, as planned. The French site will follow later in the spring.

The "Ask National" section of the discussion board is for people who have questions about national policies, services and activities. The executive discussed who will answer the questions that members post.

The executive also passed a motion that national office staff be given posting rights to the members' email forum and the discussion board.

The executive judiciously considered all of the entries in the website launch contest, and reached consensus on a short-list with remarkable ease. The members will choose the winner.

Branch policy developed

The executive adopted in principle a draft policy on the formation of new branches and related issues. After a final set of revisions, the policy will be circulated for member consultation before being proposed for approval at the annual general meeting.

Membership Review Committee presents recommendations

The executive discussed this committee's recommendations. After a final set of revisions, a proposal will be circulated for member consultation before being presented for approval at the annual general meeting.

Committee manual and training session in the works

A manual for EAC committee chairs and committee members is expected to see the light of day in June 2006. A training session for committee chairs is planned for the fall.

Nominating process and policy clarified

A new nominations policy was discussed and amendments suggested. *Update: The revised policy was passed by an email vote of the executive on March 17, 2006, and is now uploaded to the members' area of the association website, in the section called Read up.*

Tom Fairley Award policy revised

The policy on the Tom Fairley Award (first passed in June 2005) was discussed and amendments suggested. *Update: The revised policy was passed by an email vote of the executive on March 20, 2006, and is now uploaded to the members' area of the association website, in the section called Read up.*