



ADETA President's Report

April 24, 2009

Activities and Work Achieved - June, 2008 – April, 2009:

1. Official ADETA Name Change: ADETA registered as the Alberta Distributed Education and Technology Association – September, 2008
2. ADETA user accounts total 660 – as of March 31, 2009
3. The ADETA website is now rebuilt and is a powerful resource for ADETA and other distributed learning partners. With appreciation to Rod Corbett for his efforts and contributions.
4. An updated Strategic Plan 2008 – 2010. The Board shaped this plan keeping in mind what is realistic and what could actually be accomplished by a volunteer board and membership over the next two years. It focuses on the opportunities to build a broad learning community across the K-12, post secondary and workplace communities; ADETA being a catalyst for educational change and professional learning and the creation of strategic liaisons and partnerships in order to advocate for and shape the future of learning in Alberta.
5. Applied for and received Grants from Alberta Education for a Communications Officer and a Conference Convener. Both positions were competed for and subsequently filled by Toni Guffe and Rene Smed, then latterly, by Julie Hirschfeld. The work of these two positions supported the reshaping of an ADETA brand, website and messaging. These staff members and their activities connected ADETA to key distributed learning and community building events such as the Distributed Learning Strategy and Forum, the ATLE conference and the successful offering of Symposium09. The Grants further supported by the development and maintenance of the ADETA and Symposium websites through a contract with Brad Johnson.
6. A SWOT analysis was completed in December, 2008 by the ADETA Board. The SWOT analysis was used to inform and confirm the direction of the Strategic Plan.
7. ADETA was and is represented in several key organizations related to distributed learning and the development of teacher capacity. The first is the Distributed Learning Strategy Advisory Group connected to the DL Forum and the second is the PD Providers' Organization organized by the Alberta Regional Professional Development Consortium.
8. ADETA actively participated and supported the Alberta ECS-12 Distributed Learning Forum, held by video conference across Alberta on November 4, 2008. ADETA is also pleased to partner with the Communities Without Boundaries initiative by hosting the CWoB website, and by participating in and supporting its events such as the very successful vc conference on October 31, 2008.
9. ADETA's financial house is in order. The completion of ADETA's Financial Review of the 2007 – 2008 finances and procedures, plus the proper compilation

of ADETA's finances for the year 2008 – 2009 is now in place. With much appreciation to Bill Fricker for his contribution and determination and to the Financial Review Team comprised additionally of Judy Adams and Janet Sainsbury.

10. ADETA played a key role in the organization and offering of a very successful Distributed Learning Symposium09. Symposium09 saw new partners engaged and a very powerful and informed program. Congratulations and thanks to Symposium09 Program Chair, Cathy Faber and the Symposium Steering Committee members.

Anticipated Work Ahead:

1. Welcome and orientation of a new Board of Directors; appreciation to those stepping down
2. Development of ADETA's committee structures, especially communication, professional development and special events such as another Symposium.
 - Focus on continuing to build an active, engage distributed learning community - especially the workplace community
 - Participation in conversations with key stakeholders in terms of another distributed learning Symposium – with appropriate resource support
 - Key communication efforts which engage and showcase innovation, support the transformation of education and position the use of the ADETA website as a distributed learning community hub
3. Leadership and contribution to a broad distributed learning strategy

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "L. Lucas".

Linda Lucas
President