



***Niagara Branch
Annual General Report
2009-2010***

President's Report

This year has been very successful for the Niagara Branch. We began the year with several new board members that brought many new thoughts and ideas to our board executive.

This year we were able to once again co-host the Awards of Excellence with the ECCDC in mid-November. The turn out was fantastic and the event was enjoyed by all. In late November we were able to connect with Niagara College to host a student evening. The students were able to hear about the AECEO membership and had an opportunity to hear Shannon McNevean from Maplecrest Early School speak about her program and eco-friendly programming. We were also able to present an award to a Niagara College student for her commitment to the field. In February we hosted a Members Appreciation and Trivia Night at the ECCDC. The evening was enjoyed by all and was a great opportunity to thank our long standing members for all of their support.

Throughout the year we have been planning for our Annual Spring Conference held on March 27th. We are looking forward to another year of success and always look to our members for information in regards to what they would like us to do for professional development.

Thank you.

Jamie Pignotti
AECEO, Niagara Branch President
(2009-2010)

Membership Report

As Membership Chairperson, it has been my responsibility to accept, change, and compare membership lists from the provincial office on a regular basis. As of March 9, 2010 membership for the Niagara Branch is at 50 members. Our membership numbers have fluctuated during the year, but 50 members is equivalent to last year's numbers.

For the upcoming year the branches goal is to increase membership. Hopefully through their hard work and determination they will be able to fulfill this goal.

If you have any suggestions or comments, or know someone who is interested in becoming a member, we would be more than happy to hear from you.

We are also looking to strengthen our Executive committee and would welcome anyone interested in joining us. Why not join your professional association and also join the Executive Committee for some fun and professionalism for 2010?

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Cole
Membership Chair (2009-2010)

Professional Development Report

This 2009/2010 year we have planned and successfully organized four events:

- 1/ **Awards of Excellence**: Once again the Niagara Branch was honored to co-host the annual Awards of Excellence with the Early Childhood Community Development Centre. It was a very successful evening again this year.
- 2/ **Student Night**: This event was an opportunity to advocate for our Association. It was hosted at Niagara College where the E.C.E students got to meet the Niagara Branch Board Members and learn more about whom and what the A.E.C.E.O. is all about. Not only did we provide some excellent professional development for the students, we also awarded one outstanding student for her excellence and commitment with the A.E.C.E.O award.
- 3/ **The Members Appreciation Night**: This event was hosted at the Early Childhood Community Development Centre. The night consisted of honoring the some of our long serving members for their outstanding commitment and support for the Association over the years. Even though there were only a dozen of the members there it was fun and exciting as they were divided up into teams and battled it out with some trivia.
- 4/ **Spring Conference**: Each year the annual spring conference has proven that continuing our education is important to all child care professionals. This event brings out both members and non-members across Niagara. The Niagara Branch went above and beyond this year to provide a variety of workshops from different parts of our professional field. Most impressively we were able to put together a panel of experts who play a very important role out there in the community for the future of the children and Early Childhood Educators. This panel replaced our key note speaker and we were confident that our choice this year would be very beneficial for everyone. These events both, small or large were organized in honor of our current and future members and we hope to see you all again next year.

Brandie Camilleri R.E.C.E.

Note: This report does not reflect the income/revenue or expenses of the Spring Conference 2010. Bank statements for March 2010 have not been processed. As a result the report below is as of Feb. 2010.

Association of Early Childhood Educators Ontario

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

BRANCH: Niagara

YEAR: April 2009-February 2010

Balance Sheet

ASSETS:	\$	\$	LIABILITIES:	\$	\$
Bank Balance	\$1,803.23		Accounts Payable		
Other (specify)			Other (specify)		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,803.23		TOTAL LIABILITIES		

Income Statement

INCOME/REVENUE:			EXPENSES:		
AECEO wear	\$59.00		Bank Fees	\$14.40	
Membership from Provincial Office	\$84.00		Keynote speaker @ Spring Conf	\$422.10	
Spring Conference	\$447.50		Flowers for Conference	\$112.32	
Refend DBL pmt Invoice 2007-041	\$40.00		Children's Services Pin (2007-156)	\$40.00	
Niagara College Student Night	\$90.00		Portfolios	\$10.64	
			Wrap up dinner meeting	\$69.47	
			Graduation Award/Membership	\$35.00	
			Flowers for ECE graduation	\$50.80	
			Niagara College Foundation	\$100.00	
			Sponsorship for AOE	\$350.00	
			Student night reimbursement	\$85.21	
			New AECEO cheques ordered	\$127.73	
			Stamps for Christmas cards	\$34.02	
			Display board	\$440.88	
			Student membership	\$35.00	
			Cake for members meeting	\$9.99	
			Members evening	\$83.49	

TOTAL INCOME	\$729.50	
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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,021.05	
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SURPLUS (DEFECIT) Total Income less Total Expenses	\$511.68	
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Date Submitted: March 26, 2010	Submitted by: Leah Philbrick
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