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IBPFT Caucus Leaders

Tamara Rollie..... Chair
open position Chair elect
Willisa Roland.. List serve
Marvelyn Rowe Bucky.... Editor
open position Secretary
This year we will select new
leadership!
We will elect a new Chair-elect,
Newsletter Editor and Secretary.

Elections will be held at the
Open Meeting
Thursday, April 11, 2002, 6-8 p.m.

Caucus Colloquium: Race, Diversity, and ESL

By Tamara Rollie

This year the TESOL Caucuses have the opportunity to present at the 2002 Conference in Salt Lake City. The Caucus Colloquia were given to create a larger forum for each Caucus to present and discuss caucus-related topics and ideas. Not only does it present our membership with additional time to discuss topics, but it also gives non-members the opportunity to learn more about the caucuses and their concerns.

The International Black Professionals and Friends in TESOL Caucus colloquium demonstrates the use of multicultural lessons, and materials for ESL students that dispel misconceptions of people of color. The presenters discuss challenging ideas from popular culture and media to create the opportunity for students to increase awareness and create a better understanding of diversity in the United States.

In order to increase ESL students' awareness of their host or target culture and their own cultural behavior and stereotypes the presenters will discuss the development and use of materials which reflect the cultural and ethnic diversity that exists in the United States.

The presenters will begin by identifying the negative stereotypes that ESL students may have from popular culture and media. Following, the presenters will demonstrate lessons that dispel stereotypes to inspire personal growth towards a greater understanding and acceptance of diversity. Presenters will address the approach of teaching ESL through various cultures with the use of multicultural materials and literature, with exercises that focus on aspects of cultural awareness and multiculturalism, and explore universal issues of diversity. Then the use of authentic and historical materials will be presented, and the importance they have to bridging the gap of cultural information ESL learners have to create a greater context for the social differences they are confronted with in the United States. Finally, presenters will discuss how ESL resources, such as texts and testing materials are becoming more inclusive and presenting a more positive image of different ethnic groups.

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The IBPFT Booth Needs Members to Volunteer

This year at the SLC Conference, the IBPFT needs members to volunteer to represent the caucus at our booth. If you are attending the conference please make yourself available to volunteer a couple of hours.

The days and hours of the booths will be Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9 to 5 and Saturday 9 to 1. Contact Tamara at trollie@amity.org for scheduling

New members from Atlanta volunteer at the booth in St.Louis