

President's Letter

Dear Friends,

I hope you had a restful, restorative summer. Most of my vacation was spent in Beijing, where I tutored English and lived with my in-laws. China, for me, is quite complex, and every time I visit the country, I have greater respect for our English language learners.

As this is my final letter as president, I'd like to express my sincere appreciation to all those whom I have worked with and learned from since I joined the Executive Board in 2012. I have grown so much because of NYS TESOL, and am forever grateful and increasingly proud to be a member of this organization. I encourage you, the membership, to volunteer as well, and I invite you to take advantage of the many resources that NYS TESOL provides. Whether participating in an event, reading or writing for a publication, or simply networking with fellow members, I am certain you will find that NYS TESOL offers rewarding experiences that will support and enrich your professionalism.

Now that the summer has come to an end, many of us are preparing for the fall and will soon return to the classroom. I hope that this issue of *Idiom* will inspire you with fresh ideas and get you excited about the new semester. I thank the authors for their contributions and all staff and volunteers who worked on this issue, and extend special recognition to Cara Tuzzolino-Werben, *Idiom* editor, who has announced her resignation from this position. We thank her for her contributions as editor and wish her all the best.

Speaking of fresh ideas, the Annual Conference is fast approaching. Maureen Edmonds, conference chair, and her team of volunteers have been working hard to prepare for our biggest event of the year. Information about the conference, including registration and lodging, can be found on our website.

Finally, congratulations to Executive Board members who will soon complete their terms: Tilla Alexander, Maureen Edmonds, Juliet Luther, Fran Olmos, and Ravneet Parmar. On behalf of NYS TESOL, I thank them for their dedicated service to the organization.

I hope to see many of you in Syracuse this November!

Yours in NYS TESOL,

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