

A Message from the President

As I step down from the Board, I want to thank all the CLC members for their continued involvement with our organization. Thank you for joining CLC and for supporting its many activities and goals. I particularly want to thank the other members of the Executive and board (Debra Russell, Bonnie, Heath, Lisete Figueiredo, Angela Sasso, and Kiran Malli) for their ongoing and tireless support and commitment to promote and advance the goals of community interpreting and Critical Link Canada, and for making my role easier by doing so much work. I also want to give a special thank you to Dini Steyn who kept us organized, on-time, and on-task. Together, we accomplished a lot, and we hope that others will pick up where some of us are leaving off and continue to carry on this important work. Thank you all for allowing me the privilege of being President of CLC these past two years!

Respectfully,



Suzanne Barclay
President, Critical Link Canada

Upcoming Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM will be held at the Marriot Pinnacle Downtown (the conference site) in Pinnacle Ballroom 1 on Wednesday, May 6, 2009, starting at 5.15pm (PST). We are seeking to fill several board / executive positions.

Critical Link Canada / The Provincial Language Service Conference is Here!

From Kiran Malli, Conference Chair

Well, after many months of planning, the CLC / PLS **Global Voices, Local Results** International Conference kicks off this week and we are very excited that the day is finally here! We are pleased to see so many national and international delegates registered and look forward to creating discourse and dialogue around interpreting with such a high caliber group of experts and language specialists. This is truly a unique and exciting opportunity to fulfill CLC's mission of developing community interpreting and I have no doubt that all will come away from the conference with new perspectives and fresh ideas for today's ever-changing markets.

Looking Back, Looking Forward

CLC continues to build on its experience and to strengthen its commitment to the development of the community interpreting in Canada. CLC has endeavoured to develop policies and an organizational structure that embraces its priorities in a manner that is best suited to today's competing interests especially in time and resources. As a Board we have managed to have monthly conference calls using a very cost effective call in process. We have had annual face to face Board meetings where we reviewed the environments we work in with the goal in mind of placing CLC at the forefront of the issues in community Interpreting. In spite of our limited resources we were able to hire Dini Steyn—our capable admin assistant—who has collected all the archival documents for the organization; corresponded with members; supported all the committee work and generally kept us going forward with CLC initiatives. In the future CLC wishes to respond to Media stories, advocate on behalf of practitioners and as always heighten and strengthen the awareness regarding our field. Using our website and all other electronic means to disseminate information has been a priority—if you wish to assist in this dynamic organizations growth sign up and believe us - any assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Call to Membership

Please see other side for details on membership with Critical Link Canada. One of our goals for this upcoming fiscal year is to actively recruit new members, both individuals and organizations.

Membership Form

Family Name:			
First Name:			
Title:			
Affiliation:			
Address:			Postal code:
Email:			
Telephone:		Work	Home
Languages spoken/signed:			
Primary professional role:		Community interpreter Interpreter educator Health or social service professional Interpreting services administrator Researcher Other (specify) _____	
I am interested in participating in the following committees (check):		Standards and Training Communications/Public Relations Journal National Conference Planning (Spring 2009)	
Signature:			Date:
<p>Annual Dues: \$20.00 Individual; \$40.00 Organization (Fiscal year April to March)</p> <p>Please make your cheque payable to Critical Link Canada, and return to the Treasurer:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Debra Russell Critical Link Canada 228 Scenic Glen Place NW Calgary, AB T3L 1K3</p>			