

# Letter from the President

## Greetings WAESOL Friends,

For educators, summer can be a paradoxical time. Those who teach may have less class time and increasing research, writing, or family obligations. Others use summer as an opportunity to teach more than usual, or at least more intensively. Some of us travel, many of us try to take a much-needed break, and others dive into professional development. Too many of us, perhaps, try to do all of these things at once!

Whatever your summer looks like, we hope that it brings you what you need. Here at WAESOL, we are reflecting on connections we made at the TESOL International Convention and Expo in Atlanta, Georgia in April. We are gearing up for the TESOL Advocacy and Policy Summit in Washington, D.C. in June, and we are planning to use some long summer days to get ready for our own WAESOL Conference, [Navigating New Terrain in EL Education](#), on October 25 and 26 at Renton Technical College.

At a time when many in our profession are stretched thin, we at WAESOL are dedicated to creating a community that provides meaningful, accessible, career-long professional development opportunities. We believe that students deserve the best possible instruction, and English Language professionals deserve robust, sustained (and sustaining) engagement with each other. Together, we can share what we know and lift each other up. Thank you so much for being a part of this community!

We hope you enjoy this issue of WAESOL Educator, and we wish you all the best this summer.

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