

You Asked Us

Why doesn't TESL...

- Use a less expensive location?
 - TESL has investigated other options. The majority of our delegates come from the GTA. For the purposes of conference assistance, funding is limited and would not be available if there were large numbers needing to travel outside of Toronto area such as Hamilton or Niagara. A downtown Toronto location is most easily accessed by public transit.
- Have pre-registration for sessions?
 - Pre-registration is an expensive process and a cost that we determined could be eliminated a few years ago in order to find efficiencies. Please see the next question regarding rooms
- Do a better job of assigning rooms?
 - This is a priority for 2017! Our new venue will allow for more flexible use of space and will take into account the presentations that we anticipate will have more people.
- Have presenters who focus on specific levels and interests?
 - Our call for presentations may encourage specific areas of interest, but we don't limit content to a specific topic. We welcome and encourage members and others to step forward with relevant topics, or to engage their peers to respond to the call for presentations.
- Have a designated lunch break?
 - Most of our delegates want to maximize their education opportunity, particularly if they are only attending for one day. A lunch break would eliminate a learning opportunity for many. As well, not everyone wants lunch at the same time, some prefer to snack or graze throughout the day as it suits their needs. You may prefer to bring your own snack or explore the many options at the Food Court in Eaton Centre.
- Ask for more funding?
 - Renate, our Executive Director, seeks every funding opportunity there is from both levels of government. Negotiations can take a long time, with varying results. In an ideal world, funding would be secure from year to year, but that's seldom the case.
- Have more / better signage?
 - We heard you, and will make this another priority as well, particularly with a new venue where rooms are easily located in close proximity.