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The original idea of designing a calendar for ESL Week 2008 came from Rose J. Shah, president of the Peel/Halton/Etobicoke affiliate of TESL Ontario. The executive committee decided upon a large, one-page format for the calendar, highlighting the most important dates for professional development in the Peel/Halton/Etobicoke affiliate as well as the major conference for our province, which is always held in Toronto in November. The calendars have been distributed to all those ESL practitioners and administrators who attend professional development in our affiliate. At our most recent event – our AGM and professional development evening – the membership was polled and more than ninety percent preferred the bigger version of the calendar to a smaller one that displays each month on a different page.

After the success of the ESL Week Poster Competition and the Reading, Writing and Drawing Competition (both designed in other years by our affiliate), we decided to honor those ESL practitioners, researchers, and administrators who live or work in our province by giving our local members who attend our professional development evenings a copy of the newly designed calendar. It has proven to be another success as we salute once again the important work being done in Ontario to help our newcomers settle in our beautiful country.

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