

## Conference Committee Report to the Board December 2020

We know that ACTEM members will join us in thanking the Conference Committee and Subcommittee members. Our committee members showed great trust in us when they agreed to help with a virtual conference. As we learned more about how to run a successful virtual conference, we realized that the help that we needed most were moderators assigned to each presentation. Our committee members eagerly accepted their assignments. So, if you see a presenter or a moderator throughout the year either on a Google Meet or a Zoom meeting, please be sure to thank them!

Huge kudos to Gary Lanoie and Chris Daggett for putting together the conference in the back-end of HopIn. Their willingness to learn the ins and outs of HopIn, through many training sessions and conversations with the vendors, resulted in the seamless experience for attendees, presenters, and exhibitors.

### Conference Committee and Subcommittee members 2020:

Amy Tucker  
Andy Wallace  
Anne MacDonald  
Barbara Greenstone  
Cheryl Oakes  
Chris Daggett  
Crystal Priest  
Deb White  
Dennis Crowe  
Dennis Kunces  
Gary Lanoie  
Jaime Ela  
Jason Bersani

Jon Pratt  
Julie St. Hilaire  
Michael Richards  
Mike Arsenault  
Rachel Guthrie  
Richy Vickers  
Scott Nason  
Sean Malone  
Stephanie Cheney  
Susie Simmons  
Vince Vanier  
William Backman

### **New 2020 Committee Members**

Amanda Nguyen  
Eric Lawson  
Jonathan Graham  
Laurie Delaney

### **SubCommittee Members**

Gwyenth Maguire  
Julie York  
Karen Abbott  
Kurt Mason  
Suzanne Dix  
Tammy McNulty

### Statistics from the Conference using **Hopin Platform**:

- 383 Attendees
- 96 Presenters
- 66 Workshop Sessions
- 26 Exhibitors and those exhibitors allowed us to offer the conference essentially for FREE to members for just their \$20.00 membership! THANK YOU!!

Cheryl and Stephanie are happy to stay on as co-chairs for our 2021 conference. We already have one Keynote lined up. Mr. Michael Matera who presented a session during our virtual

conference has agreed to serve as one of our keynotes for the next fall conference. We look forward to welcoming Michael Matera to Maine. He also has books “Explore like a Pirate,” “Engage, Enrich, and Elevate Your Learners with Gamification,” and “Game-inspired Course Design” that we can promote in the ACTEM store as well as in Overdrive! We will actively seek out another keynote speaker in the coming weeks.

The Conference Committee will meet online in **Early March 2021** to decide on a theme for the conference! The Call for Proposals will officially open in May and extend through the end of June 2021. The LIVE conference is scheduled for the Augusta Civic Center on Oct. 14-15, 2021. At this point we are hopeful that we will be able to hold an in-person fall conference but if necessary, we will pivot to a virtual conference and are confident regardless of format, we will be able to pull off a fantastic experience.

Sessions requested for 2021:

- Best of Best session (similar to David Trask’s)
  - Grade level and content-specific sessions
  - Desmos
  - PBL in Computer Science
  - How to transfer instructional content to remote learning
  - Using online databases
  - Protection of student data
  - How to do green screen
  - Ideas for remote learning
  - Online game resources
  - Media literacy
  - Science-online labs and science data resources
  - Different ways to use Wakelet
  - WeVideo tutorials
  - Kindergarten and ipads
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