

20th Anniversary Celebration
May 21, 2015
Qualico Family Centre
Assiniboine Park



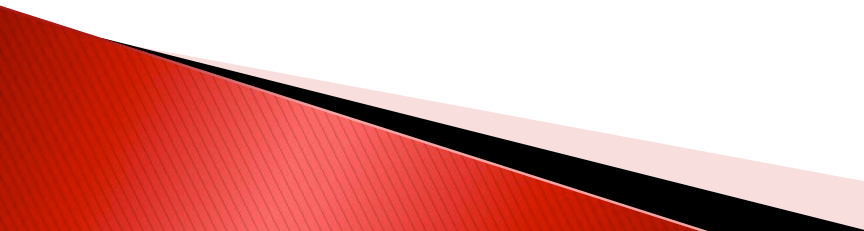
Manitoba Prior Learning Assessment Network



A Trip Back in Time . . .

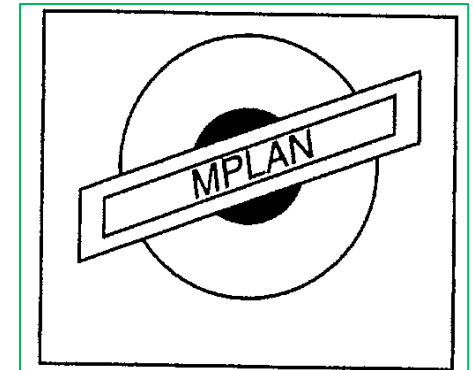


1995 *(only 2 years after Internet began)*

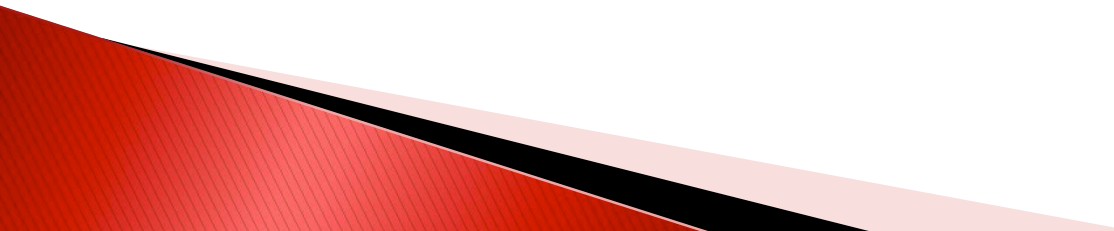
- ▶ MPLAN started by Deb and Donna with reps from education, industry, business & government – 50 invitations
 - ▶ Linked to CAPLA & announced in The Hub newsletter
 - ▶ 8 meetings held – Interim Executive Committee
 - ▶ Resource information displayed at 1st National PLA Forum – Ottawa
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1996 *(Dolly the Cloned Sheep is born)*

- ▶ Response and recommendations to CLFDB Consultation on National PLAR Standards
- ▶ Mission, Vision, Goals
- ▶ Questionnaire – PLAR Awareness
- ▶ Election – 1st Chair and Vice Chair, Deb Blower, Donna Meder
- ▶ Logo created



1997 *(Death of Princess Diana)*

- ▶ 1st local conference – PLA – Creating Partnerships – 80 participants
 - ▶ 2nd local conference – PLA – Flexible Assessment Practices – 80 participants
 - ▶ Conducted survey on behalf of CAPLA – Feedback on National Standards & Accreditation for PLAR Practitioners & Assessors
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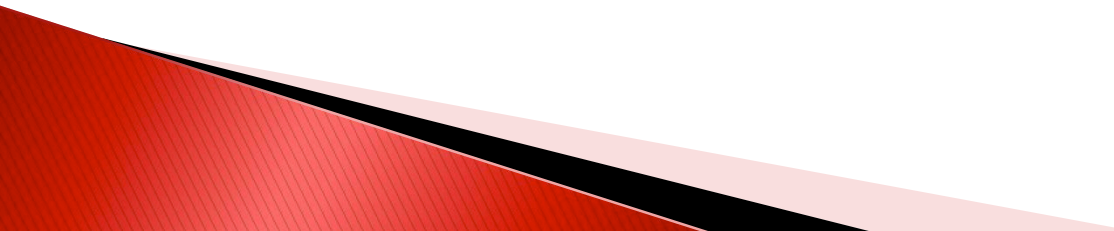
1998 *(Britain abolishes death penalty)*

- ▶ Manitoba PLA Centre established & joined MPLAN
- ▶ Fair Assessment Practices presentation – Robin Millar, ED MB PLA Centre

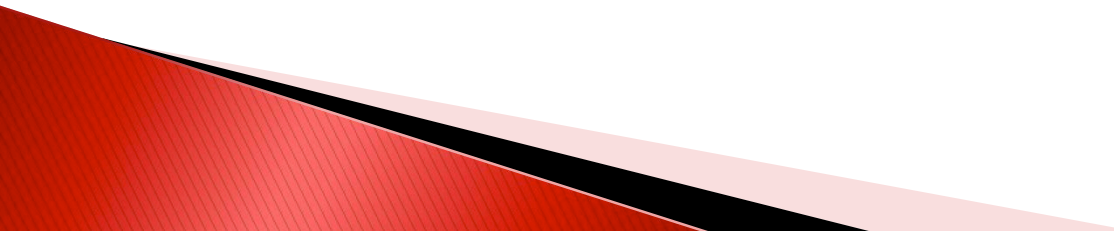
1999 *(Yeltsin resigns as President of Russia)*

- ▶ Members attend and present at national Recognizing Learning Conference, Vancouver

2000 *(World does not collapse)*

- ▶ Workshop on new PLAR research –A Slice of the Iceberg: A Cross Canada Study on PLAR” –Deb Blower
 - ▶ Workshop on Benchmarks for PLAR Practitioners – Paul Zakos, CAPLA Pres.
 - ▶ Presentation: Adult Learner Focused Institutions (ALFI) study – What’s it all About – Paul Zakos, CAPLA Pres.
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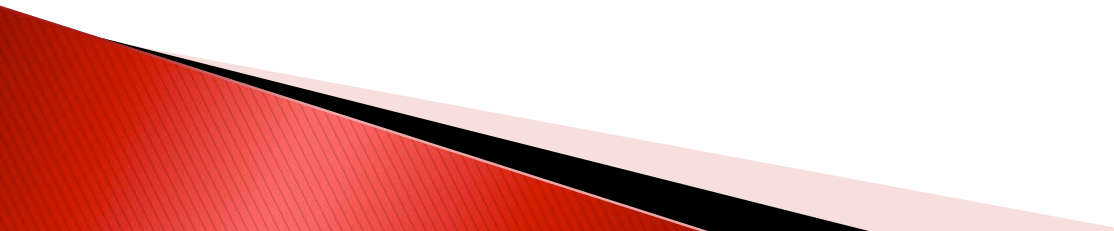
2001 (China admitted to World Trade Org)

- ▶ Fun, Networking & Honouring dinner at WTC to honour the work of MB PLA Centre Staff (Centre
 - ▶ closed after 3 years and government established New Policy Framework for PLA)
 - ▶ Bringing Home the Learning event – highlights from national RL conference in Halifax
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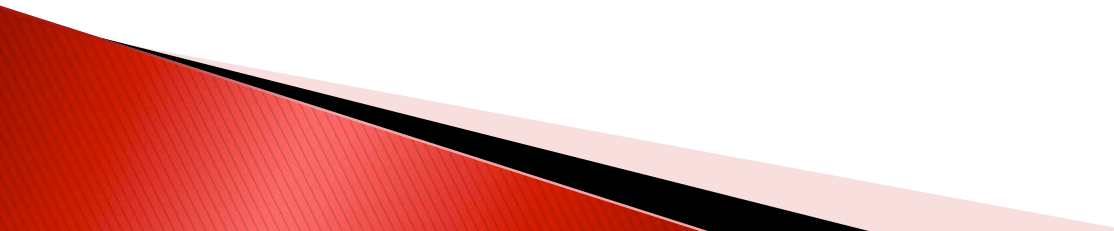
2002 *(East Timor becomes member of UN)*

- ▶ PLAR in West Man at Brandon University/ACC and one in Winnipeg – Adult Learning Centres – Lois Morin, ALL
 - ▶ PLAR & the Trades – 1 day event in collaboration with Apprenticeship MB & WORKFORCE MB – Susan Simosko
 - ▶ PLAR & Public Post-Secondary Institutions in MB – panel presentation
 - ▶ Reflections on PLAR in South Africa – Paul Zakos, CAPLA Pres.
 - ▶ Conference – PLA in Action
 - ▶ Networking, Sharing & Fun – bringing home the learning event
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2003 *(Bob Hope dies at 100 years)*

- ▶ 1st PEARL Awards
 - ▶ Hosted National RL Conference in Winnipeg with MPLAN workshop – Let's Connect
 - ▶ Networking lunch, activity update & member survey for future MPLAN events
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2004 *(10 states join European Union)*

- ▶ Table Talk event – 2 discussion areas:
Education and Trades & Professions
 - ▶ Breakfast Meeting: Essential Skills,
Employability Skills, & RPL Practitioners
 - ▶ Began collaboration with RRC & eTV studio
to livestream learning events to rural MB
 - ▶ Moving PLA Forward event – 70 participants
 - ▶ Lunch and overview of CAPLA Fall Focus
workshops Toronto
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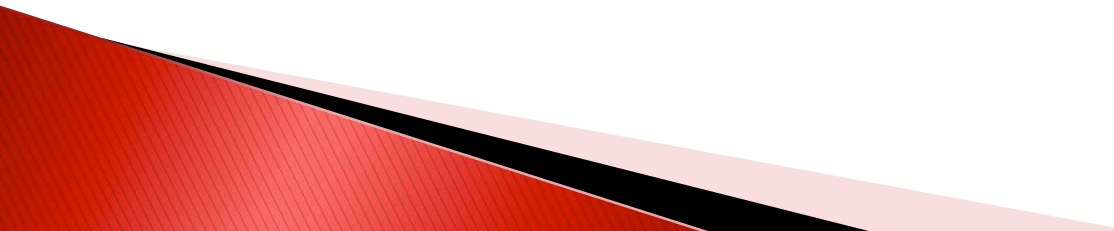
2005 *(Pope John Paul II dies)*

- ▶ Emotional Intelligence: How it Ties to PLAR & Adult Learning wkshp – Dr. Karen Magro, UW
- ▶ 10th Anniversary Celebration – ePortfolios – the New Management of Learning – Dr. Kathryn Barker, Chair LiflA
- ▶ Soft Launch of New MPLAN Logo
- ▶ Creation of New MPLAN Brochure
- ▶ MPLAN Song – Ann Pedersen
- ▶ Unpacking the Process Model for QR – Ximena Munoz (Settlement and Labour Market) & Gail Hall (CAPLA–RFL)

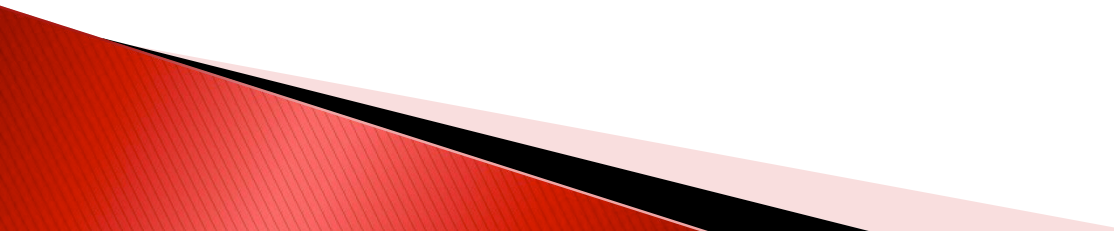
2006 *(World population now 6.5 billion)*

- ▶ Cultural & RPL event – Lynn Campbell (LIM)
 - ▶ ALFI Principles event – Paul Zakos
 - ▶ ePortfolios & Workers in Transition – Stacey Thorarinson–Hoff and Rick Smith
 - ▶ Launch New MPLAN website & New MPLAN Logo
 - ▶ Consult with MB Gov't reps on Fair Registration
 - ▶ MPLAN Info booth at ITN Conference, Winnipeg, Shannon MacFarlane & Ann Pedersen
 - ▶ HR & PLAR event
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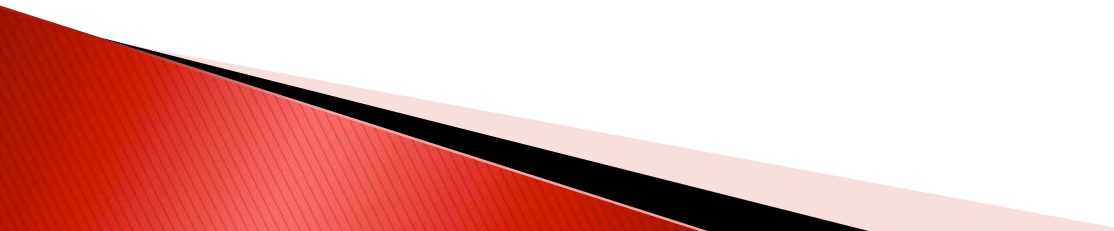
2007 *(first iPhone)*

- ▶ Launch of Newsletter
 - ▶ ALFI–Can event and RPL with Immigrants to Canada – combined event – Paul Zakos, Margaret Riffell, Ximena Munoz
 - ▶ The Power of PLAR conference
 - ▶ Fall Visioning session
 - ▶ Working to Integrate Newcomers – D’Arcy Phillips
 - ▶ Christmas Lunch
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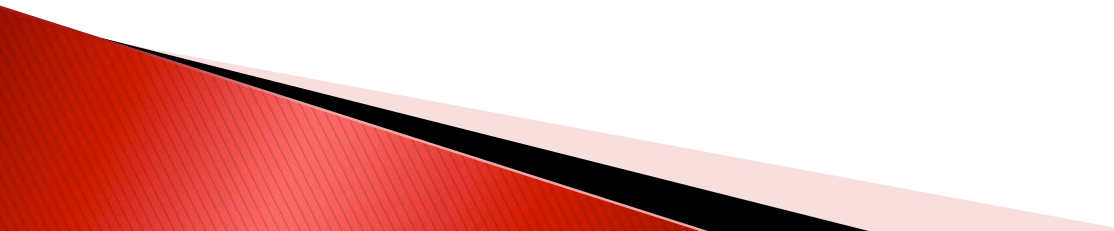
2008 *(UN says Norway best place to live)*

- ▶ Livestreaming event: ePortfolios, Recognition for Learning site, KSA's for RPL Practitioners, SK RPL and quality assurance
 - ▶ Breakfast Mtg – MB Career Dev. Initiative – Gail Langlais, MB Compet, Train. & Trade
 - ▶ Quality Assurance in PLAR (PSE) – Joy Van Kleef
 - ▶ Celebrating Learning & Networking from Banff
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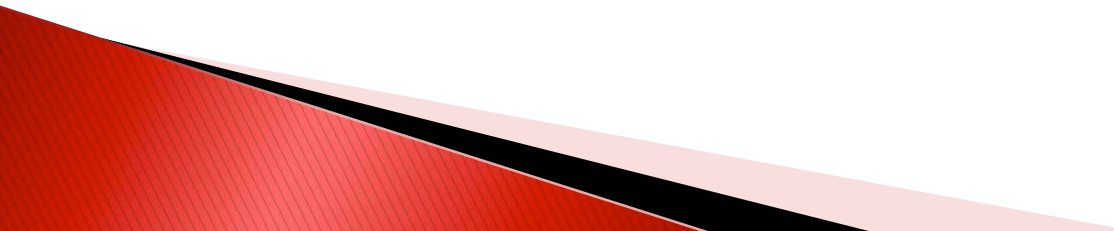
2009 (*Obama inaugurated as US Pres.*)

- ▶ Fair Registration Practices in Regulated Professions Act proclaimed
 - ▶ Spring Spotlight on Recognizing Learning – self-assessment, mature workers, ePortfolio
 - ▶ RPL – Made In Manitoba – Sandi Howell & Lois Morin; also Essential Skills and Office of MB Fairness Commissioner
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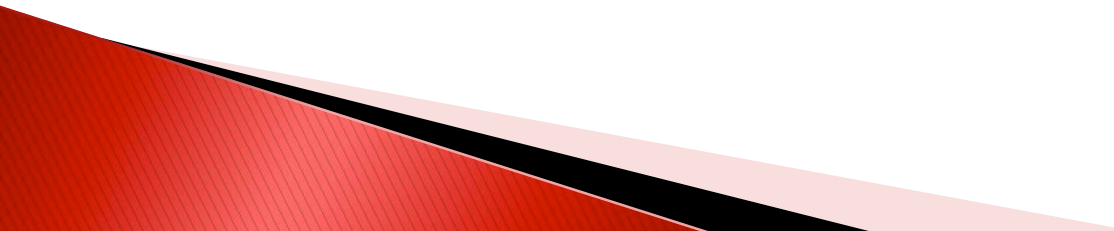
2010 (Earthquake in Haiti)

- ▶ Blue Group – Trades Essential Skills Inventory presentation
 - ▶ Integration Services and Adult Language Training in Manitoba – Immigration Div.
 - ▶ Highlights from CAPLA Conference – Banff
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2011 (Prince William & Kate Middleton)

- ▶ Spring Into Learning Breakfast meeting – Sandi Howell
 - ▶ Cashing in on the Riches of Prior Learning – presentation at CAPLA on RPL Networks – Lauren Waples
 - ▶ Meeting – ED of Literacy Partners of MB to discuss potential coordination and/or collaboration of professional development events
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2012 (Queen Elizabeth II - 60 years reign)

- ▶ Strategic Planning workshop – Board
 - ▶ Technology in Training: Maximize the Potential of your Workforce – Carol Paul & John Luxford
 - ▶ Website Redesign and Update
 - ▶ Highlights from CAPLA Conference – Halifax
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2013 *(first non-European Pope elected)*

- ▶ Hosted Danish Study Tour
- ▶ Winter Flurry learning event and CAPLA Conference Highlights

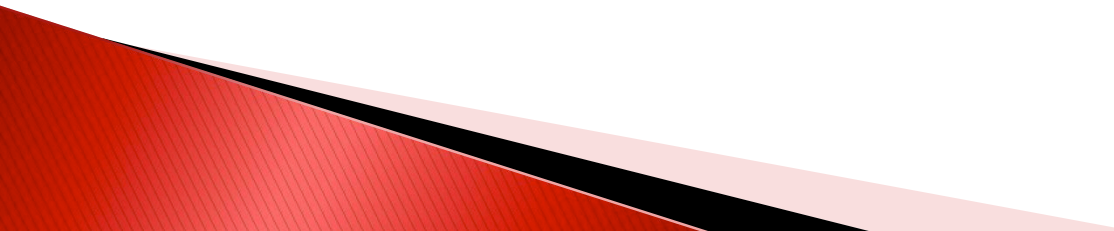
2014 *(death of Robin Williams)*

- ▶ Board planning session on Special Interest Groups
- ▶ Presentation and workshop: Assessment of Prior Learning – Is it a Positive Return on Investment?

2015 – Today!!

- ▶ Employer event – ROI of RPL
- ▶ 20th Anniversary Celebration – Longest continuously serving regional network in Canada

Future

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 - ▶ Where do YOU want to go?
 - ▶ What RPL related information do YOU want to learn more about?
 - ▶ What have you heard that other know or don't know about RPL?
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Thank you for 20 Great Years!



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