



ONTARIO JUSTICE EDUCATION NETWORK

ANNUAL REPORT 2010



A CIVIL SOCIETY THROUGH EDUCATION AND DIALOGUE



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In 2010, OJEN was supported by grants from The Law Foundation of Ontario, The Ontario Trillium Foundation and the Department of Justice Canada
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"OJEN is in good health, with a clear strategic direction, strong governance model, passionate and dedicated staff and Board and a good reputation for accomplishing what it sets out to do."

Final Report – Cathexis Consulting Inc.



We are building a civil society through education and dialogue.

Message from the Chair of the Board

It has been nearly 11 years since the first meeting of the Public Legal Education Task Force in June 2000 chaired by then Chief Justice Roy McMurtry.

Since that time an astonishing amount of activity has been directed towards promoting public understanding, education and dialogue to support a responsive and inclusive justice system. For example:

Operations – From having no office, staff or budget, we now have a staff of 14 and offices in 3 cities (generously supplied by the Law Society of Upper Canada in Toronto, the Ministry of the Attorney General in Thunder Bay and through an innovative partnership with l'Association des juristes d'expression française de l'Ontario in Ottawa). Sustaining funds from the Law Foundation of Ontario and additional funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation and the Department of Justice Canada, provide us with an annual budget of close to \$1 million.

Programming – Our earliest activities focussed on educator support. The 2002 Toronto Summer Law Institute for teachers has now become a highly anticipated annual event, one of several professional development opportunities which were delivered to approximately 600 teachers in Ontario last year.

Our first curriculum resource, *Values of the Justice System*, for Civics teachers – with contributions from the three then Chief Justices, McMurtry, Lesage and Lennox - today is one of the nearly 200 DVD and print resources we provide to teachers free of charge. Last year they were used by approximately 100,000 students. In addition to programs for educators, we now also provide programs for youth and community youth workers. Last year alone 86,000 youth took part in OJEN programs both in classrooms and in hard to reach communities, and 500 community youth workers participated in OJEN workshops.

Geographic Reach – From ad hoc justice education activity around the province, there are currently 13 OJEN committees delivering programs in every region of the province. Today, not only has our reputation been established in Ontario, we also have a strong national presence on organizations such as the Public Legal Education Association of Canada, and growing recognition internationally, last year speaking at justice education conferences in England and Turkey.



Our website, www.ojen.ca has evolved to become a fully searchable online library of resources in English and French, program information, discussion boards, news and events, etc.

Volunteers – From a handful of justice sector volunteers we now have hundreds of participants who contributed 24,000 pro bono hours in the 2009-10 year. Strong relationships between the justice sector and educators have developed that actively promote justice education

Governance – From the original Task Force stakeholders led by the three Chief Justices, and a 10 member Board of Directors actively involved in operations, OJEN's staff now handles day to day operations. The 15 member Board functions on a policy model, the Chief Justices enthusiastically support justice education activities, and the Network partners brings ideas and expertise to the table at yearly meetings. Challenges still remain, the most significant being how to be responsive to the unlimited opportunities to develop sustainable programs without burdening our enormously creative and enthusiastic staff. In the strategic plan adopted in 2009, the Board decided to focus our activities in these areas: Promoting Civic Engagement, Addressing Emerging Needs, Building on Strengths, Involving Youth Strategically, Striving for Diversity, Raising OJEN's Community Profile and Enhancing OJEN's Administrative Capability.

In OJEN's early days, Taivi Lobu helped to launch OJEN and develop initiatives as the first Executive Director. She was assisted by a strong team including Nadine Demoe and Sarah Pole who grew with the organization and continued to provide enormous assistance to OJEN's second and current Executive Director, Sarah McCoubrey. Sarah has overseen OJEN's exponential growth, relying on a committed and talented staff.

On a personal note, as this is the last Annual General Meeting I will chair, I want to thank Chief Justice McMurtry for having the vision that is now OJEN and for inviting me to participate. I also thank our key funders including the Law Foundation of Ontario whose Trustees have continuously shown confidence in what we do, the Ontario Trillium Foundation for two instalments of program funding, the Department of Justice for partnering on Navigating the Justice System and other projects. While I will no longer be part of the governance team, I have enormous confidence in our energetic Board, Co-chaired by Rob Mewhinney and Justice Gloria Epstein, and our very talented staff led by Sarah McCoubrey.

**The Honourable Madam Justice Fran Kiteley
Chair, Board of Directors**

Directors & Officers

At the Ontario Justice Education Network's seventh annual general meeting, November 25th, 2009, the following were directors of the Corporation:

Justice Gloria Epstein, appointee of the Chief Justice of Ontario
Justice Fran Kiteley, appointee of the Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Justice
Justice Nancy Kastner, appointee of the Ontario Court of Justice
Ann Merritt, appointee of the Deputy Attorney General of Ontario
GINETTE PLOURDE, appointee of the Deputy Minister of Education
Janet Minor, appointee of the Law Foundation of Ontario
Allan Hux, appointee of the Ontario History and Social Science Teachers' Association
Pat Hatt, appointee of Community Legal Education Ontario
Avvy Go, appointee of the Law Society of Upper Canada
Sherry Cameron-Stobie, appointee of Legal Aid Ontario
Angelo Bolotta, appointee of OJEN

In January 2010, **Rob Mewhinney** joined the board of directors as the appointee of the Ontario History and Social Science Teachers' Association, replacing **Allan Hux**. **Jeff Kugler**, **Jennifer Dang** and **Anthony Hutchinson** were elected as appointees of OJEN in January, 2010.

Officers of the Corporation

At the first meeting of Directors following the 2009 Annual General Meeting, the following officers were appointed:

Chair: **Justice Fran Kiteley**
 Treasurer: **Pat Hatt**
 Secretary: *Vacant*
 Executive Director: **Sarah McCoubrey**

New Board Position Filled by Youth

Jennifer Dang is a graduate of the first class of the LAWS program at Toronto's Central Technical School, a second year University of Toronto student and OJEN's youngest Board member. Jennifer joined the Board in January of 2010 after OJEN revised its by-laws to add additional members.



Committees of the Board

Committee membership is as follows:

Organization & Development Committee

Justice Fran Kiteley (*Committee Chair*)

Janet Minor

Julie Mathews

Marion Boyd

Funding Committee

Pat Hatt (*Committee Chair*)

Gail Sinclair

Ann Merritt

Anthony Hutchinson

Programs Committee

Rob Mewhinney

Angelo Bolotta

Ginette Plourde

Justice Nancy Kastner

Communications Committee

Justice Gloria Epstein (*Committee Chair*)

Elise Brunet

Sherry Cameron-Stobie

Avvy Go

Audit Committee, 2010

Pat Hatt

Rob Mewhinney

Nominations Committee

Janet Minor

Justice Fran Kiteley

Julie Mathews

Sarah McCoubrey

*The Executive Director is an ex-officio member of all Standing Committees.

OJEN'S OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Ontario Justice Education Network are to:

1. Foster public understanding of the justice system and the challenges it faces.
2. Support and encourage the values of a public, transparent and accessible justice system through research and education.
3. Encourage dialogue between justice system participants and the public.
4. Develop, coordinate and deliver justice education information and programs to students and others.

Meetings of Directors

Since the conclusion of the seventh annual general meeting, the Board of Directors has met in person five times and has conducted one electronic vote on a time-sensitive issue:

November 25th, 2009
January 20th, 2010
June 2nd, 2010
August 9th, 2010 (*electronic vote*)
September 15th, 2010
November 24th, 2010

Charitable Status

The Corporation has continued its charitable status.

Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance

The Corporation carries Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance with Trisura to a total limit of \$1,000,000.



Chief Justices Smith and Bonkalo with students attending Law Day Symposium.

The Network

Network Participants

At the Ontario Justice Education Network's Seventh Annual General Meeting, the following were represented on OJEN's Network:

- The Chief Justice of Ontario
- The Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Justice
- The Chief Justice of the Ontario Court of Justice
- The Deputy Attorney General of Ontario
- The Deputy Minister of Education
- The Chair of the Law Foundation of Ontario
- The Treasurer of the Law Society of Upper Canada
- The Federal Minister of Justice as represented by the Director of Innovations, Analysis and Integration Directorate
- The President of the Advocates' Society
- The President of the County and District Law Presidents' Association
- The President of the Ontario Bar Association
- The Chair of Legal Aid Ontario
- The President of the Ontario History and Social Science Teachers' Association
- The Executive Director of Community Legal Education Ontario
- The Executive Director of the Association of Community Legal Clinics of Ontario
- The Ombudsman of Ontario
- The Education Director of the Canadian Civil Liberties Education Trust
- The Institute for Catholic Education
- The Ontario Principals' Council
- The ESL/ELD Resource Group of Ontario
- Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres
- The Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants
- Ontario Council of Law Deans
- L'Association des juristes d'expression française de l'Ontario
- The Ontario Business Educators' Association

Network Meetings

The Network met on April 7, 2010 with high attendance and participation of its members. Justice Gloria Epstein chaired the meeting which focused on dialogue between the education and justice sectors and featured presentations by three youth participants in OJEN programs.



*OJEN Network Members Participate
in Group Discussions*

Administration

- Completed a comprehensive organizational and programs evaluation
- Opened Thunder Bay office with support from the Ministry of the Attorney General
- Expanded to 14 staff
- Launched improved website
- Initiated on-line event registration system

Evaluation Shows OJEN's Impact

Throughout 2010, Cathexis Consulting Inc. conducted an extensive evaluation of OJEN as part of the Law Foundation of Ontario's systematic evaluation of its flagship grantees. The evaluation was designed to assess the impact and effectiveness of OJEN's programming and its organizational strengths. OJEN staff took this as an opportunity to learn how to integrate evaluation techniques into their regular programming. The process included interviews with Board members and staff, surveys of OJEN stakeholders and a thorough review of all of OJEN's programs. The final report, nearly 200 pages in length, concludes:

- "OJEN is in good health, with a clear strategic direction, strong governance model, passionate and dedicated staff and Board and a good reputation for accomplishing what it sets out to do.
- OJEN programs are taking place in every judicial region of Ontario and are having a positive impact on teachers, students and youth who use them."

Final Report – Cathexis Consulting Inc.

OJEN will use the conclusions and recommendations from the report to plan for improvement and continuing growth.

Staff

Executive Director

Sarah McCoubrey

Director of Programs

Jessica Reekie

Director of Strategic Initiatives

Mara Clarke

Operations Manager

Maureen Ra

Communications and Grants Manager

Nadine Demoe

Education Coordinator

Andrea Sobko

Program Managers

Enisone Kadiri – *Programming for youth in Toronto's high-risk communities*

Sylvia Seo – *YCJA focused programming*

Stephanie Nilausen – *Elementary school programming*

Asha DaCosta – *Newcomer programming*

Claudia Belda – *Aboriginal programming*

Anna Solomon – *Post-Secondary outreach facilitator*

Francois Ouimet – *Francophone program support*

Christine Poirier – *Francophone curriculum support*

Students, Interns and Other Staff

OJEN hosted three Grade 10 summer interns from the LAWS program, Shanikia Clarke, Yifeng Zhang, Marcus Baker who completed four week placements, assisting with OJEN programming and providing a youth perspective on new initiatives. Nailiah Gordon - Decicieu, a first-year law student completed a ten-week Social Justice Fellowship at OJEN. OJEN had thirty five students from the Osgoode Public Interest Requirement program begin or complete their required 40 hours of public interest work developing curriculum resources since January 2010. Pro Bono Students Canada placements are involved in OJEN's Communications

OJEN'S MISSION

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and a new radio project. OJEN hosted two OISE pre-service education students, Jennilee Sas and Angela MacLennan, for their 4 week practicum. Andy Zhu completed his high-school co-op term at OJEN assisting with administrative tasks for three hours every other school day. Elsa Ascencio, a York University student, and Nadia Gravina, a Seneca College student in the Accelerated Law Clerk program, volunteered once a week to assist with administrative and communications tasks throughout the summer. Linda Gibson completed her Accelerated Law Clerk Program in the month January. Renae Bruce, another student in the Seneca law clerk program, began a weekly placement in October.

OJEN has retained contractors to assist with bookkeeping, design and the updating, layout, development of website and database improvements.

Space

OJEN continues to inhabit office space provided by the Law Society of Upper Canada at 393 University Avenue, Suite 501. This space has been conducive to the staff changes and reorganization undertaken over the year, facilitating collaboration, committee meetings and internships. By renovating the space in March, OJEN found room for continued expansion within this space, but is now at capacity in the Toronto office. The Ministry of the Attorney General generously houses the Thunder Bay OJEN office in the courthouse. OJEN shares two employees in an innovative partnership with the Association of French Jurists of Ontario (AJEFO) who work out of the AJEFO office in Ottawa.

Program Highlights

School-Based Programs

- 100,000 students and teachers used OJEN print and DVD resources
- 70,000 students visited courthouses
- 3,800 students and youth took part in mock trials
- 860 students answered the Charter Survey province wide
- 450 Ontario students entered a Charter Challenge
- 1800 students registered for the Grade 5 Poster Challenge
- 75 students develop action plans in the annual Active Citizens program
- 100 girls from around the province attended the Trailblazers: Meeting Women in Law program
- 390 students participated in the Elementary Civil Mock Trial Program

The OJEN / LFO Mock Trial Fund

Mock trials are a staple justice education activity in some communities where there is longstanding participation of the bench and bar and a culture of friendly competition among local schools. In other cities, there are no mock trial events outside of the school. The OJEN / LFO Mock Trial Fund accepts applications from both and makes small grants to cover the cost of food, student transportation or logistical expenses. Over the three years of the fund, the number of competitions has grown, with Sarnia and Niagara introducing mock trial events into their communities. The Fund has also been able to reduce the operating expenses of some events by sharing good ideas generated in other cities. Most importantly, the fund has reduced or eliminated the cost to schools, ensuring that school or parental resources are not a prerequisite to student's opportunity to argue their first case before a judge. This year 16 mock trial competitions received grants from the fund and will share their photos, ideas and challenges with us so we can continue to improve this great learning opportunity.



High School Students Participate in Active Citizens Workshop



High School Students Argue a Case at the Peel Region Mock Trial Tournament

Elementary Civil Mock Trial Program

OJEN, in partnership with the Toronto Lawyers Association, followed up the successful pilot of the Elementary Civil Mock Trial Program in 2009 with a full year of programming in Toronto area schools. Seven schools took part in the program which exposes students to the role of the courts and the administration of justice in a civil society. It culminates in a mock defamation trial.



Elementary Civil Mock Trial Participants

Outreach Programs

- 32 Afghan refugees and their families participated in a family law mock trial
- 28 students in the Nishnawbe Aski Nation's school in Thunder Bay completed a 6 week program on the role of the jury
- Established new partnerships with: Black Female Lawyers Network, Black Law Students Association Canada, Canadian Association of Black Lawyers, Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers, Ismaili Council of Ontario
- Trailblazers, Sistahs in Law, Wasse Abin Wikwemikong High School Law Symposium, introduced youth with historical barriers to careers in the justice system to career information in this field
- New Post-Secondary Outreach position established – 3 universities and 2 colleges develop new high school outreach programs
- 90 attendees from universities, colleges, high schools and community groups attended the Justice Education Symposium



TCH Youth in OJEN's Mock Trial Program

Connecting with Newcomer Youth

OJEN responded to an invitation from the Ismaili Council of Ontario to provide a Mock Trial program for a group of Afghan refugee youth in June 2010. Twenty girls and sixteen boys worked with lawyer coaches to prepare for a family mock trial and a mock bail hearing. The program culminated with youth staging their mock hearings for each other and their families at the Brampton Court House. The Council was referred to OJEN by the Afghan Women's Association who had participated in the Mock Trial program the year before. The experience fosters self confidence and advocacy skills while at the same time helping the youth and their families develop confidence in Canada's system of rights protection.



Lawyer Volunteer with Mock Trial Participant from the Agha Khan Foundation



Aboriginal Student from Thunder Bay Discusses What He's Learned by Sitting on a Jury

Educator Support

- OJEN Educators' Panel consulted regarding OJEN programs and resources
- 12 Professional Development presentations for teachers
- 600 teachers attended OJEN's professional development sessions
- 7 module resource on Police in Society was developed and then adapted, to address students' questions arising after the G20
- 500 youth workers attended session on Navigating the Justice System, building their professional capacity
- Mock Trial Demonstration DVD produced and distributed free to educators
- 90 teachers attended the Toronto Summer Law Institute

Curriculum Resources

OJEN continues to distribute educational resources directly to teachers and students through its website and email newsflashes. Ten new Landmark Cases were developed and distributed, in print version, to over 200 teachers, and are available online in French and English.

A five module package on Trial Fairness, including sections on expert, eye witness, character and hearsay evidence, has been distributed for use in law and civics classes. New mock trial scenarios in family and civil law make it easier for teachers to engage their students in discussions of these relevant, but less understood areas of law. A new classroom resource on policing allows students to consider the role of the police in society and the importance of various areas of police oversight.

Facilitating Discussions on Diversity in the Justice System

Navigating the Justice System Training Sessions for youth workers and student success teachers have brought front line staff and justice sector professionals together to discuss how youth in high risk communities understand the criminal justice system. Funded by a grant from the Department of Justice Canada, these workshops are designed to give community workers and student success teachers the basic information they need to better support youth who come into contact with the criminal justice system. They also provide a forum for discussion about

the perceptions of racism in the justice system. Judges and lawyers, as well as the youth workers participating in the sessions, describe the candid conversations about diversity issues as one of the highlights.



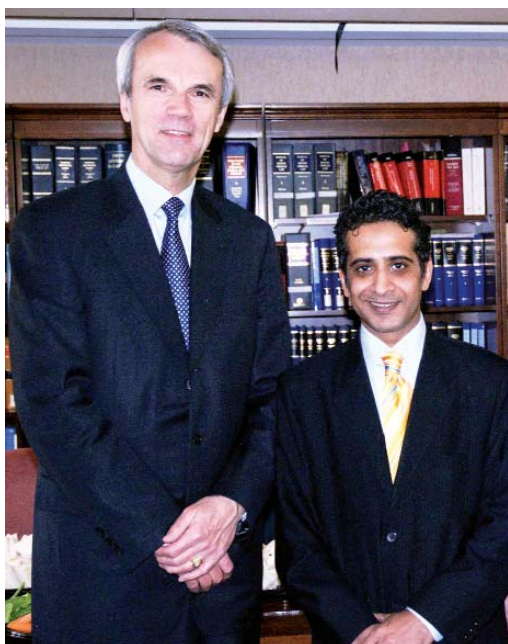
*Community Youth Workers
and Student Success Teachers
Attend Navigating the Justice
System Workshops*

Regional OJEN Committees

The Regional OJEN Committees continue to deliver *Courtrooms & Classrooms* programming at various levels across the province. Each Committee is made up of justice sector volunteers and educators in the region. The contributions of these volunteers cannot be overstated, as local activities would not be possible without them. The level of activity varies according to the time and resources of the volunteers and the enthusiasm and requests generated in each area. The OJEN office continues to offer centralized support to the Committees through resource development, minor funding and promotion of various events. Through a comprehensive evaluation process, the level of activity and needs of each region is being assessed to determine the type of support the provincial office can provide.

Communications

- 7,500 OJEN newsletters mailed to justice professionals in Ontario
- OJEN highlighted in the Lieutenant Governors' remarks at the Opening of Courts
- Local newspapers and television covered Mock Trial events across the province
- OJEN website revamped and re-launched in August
- 8 Art-in-the-Courts Grade 5 Student artwork hung in Ontario Court Houses
- 7 Association of Justices of the Peace Bursaries awarded throughout the province
- Chief Justices' Award presented to Grace Russell
- Susheel Gupta received inaugural Lennox Award



Former Chief Justice of the Ontario Court, Brian Lennox with Inaugural Recipient of the Lennox Award, Susheel Gupta

OJEN continues to produce an annual *Courtrooms & Classrooms* newsletter and a quarterly 'Dialogue' a communication tool that focuses on tips and ideas for enhancing justice education. OJEN has developed its website to improve its search ability and created a data management system that allows OJEN volunteers and teachers to better access regional information.

Two annual awards were presenting during the year, recognizing leadership in justice education. The Lennox Award, endowed by the Ontario Conference of Judges in honour of former Chief Justice Brian Lennox' leadership, is given annually to someone in the East Region who has promoted justice education. It was awarded to Ottawa lawyer Susheel Gupta at a ceremony in April. Grace Russell, a very active court staff member in the Old City Hall courthouse received the Chief Justices' Award for her years of welcoming students and teachers into the courthouse and coordinating community and classroom programs in other Toronto courthouses.



Grace Russell, far left – 2010
Chief Justices Award Recipient
with the 3 Chief Justices of the
Ontario Courts.

Funding

The Law Foundation of Ontario continues to provide core funding for OJEN, supporting program expansion and maintenance of core programming and administration. OJEN's relationship with the Law Foundation of Ontario is very positive, supporting collaboration and integration of justice education initiatives.

The Department of Justice again funded the Navigating the Justice System Training Sessions. The funding provides for ten Youth Worker and Student Success Teacher training sessions around the province and four sessions for parents of youth involved in the criminal justice system.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation grant that began September 2009 continues to support OJEN's Program Manager based in Thunder Bay to strengthen OJEN's relationships with remote and Aboriginal communities in the North.

OJEN acted as trustee for the Courts Accessibility Project, funded by the Law Foundation to do research into judicial training regarding the issues faced by people with disabilities in the courts.

The Law Society of Upper Canada provides significant support of OJEN through its donation of office space, computer and telephone equipment and support, facilities and web hosting space. These contributions have allowed a small organization to operate with relatively few operational difficulties.

Other in-kind support is provided by Network partners, including use of facilities in Osgoode Hall, translation of resources, distribution of educational resources and other in-kind contributions as required.

**ONTARIO JUSTICE EDUCATION NETWORK/
RÉSEAU ONTARIEN D'ÉDUCATION JURIDIQUE**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARCH 31, 2010

AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members, Ontario Justice Education Network / Réseau Ontarien D'Éducation Juridique

We have audited the statement of financial position of Ontario Justice Education Network / Réseau Ontarien D'Éducation Juridique as at March 31, 2010 and the statement of operations and net assets for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at March 31, 2010 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.



Cowperthwaite Mehta

Chartered Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants

September 13, 2010
Toronto, Ontario

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT MARCH 31, 2010

	2010	2009
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash	\$ 452,950	\$ 20,266
Amounts receivable	3,629	24,333
Grants receivable	25,860	4,500
	\$ 482,439	\$ 49,099

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

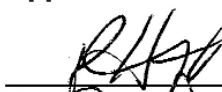
Current liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 39,452	\$ 41,292
Deferred revenue (note 5)	385,600	–
	425,052	41,292

Net assets

Unrestricted	57,387	7,807
	\$ 482,439	\$ 49,099

Approved on behalf of the Board:

 _____, Director

 _____, Director

see accompanying notes

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND NET ASSETS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2010

	2010	2009
REVENUE		
Grants <i>(note 6)</i>	\$ 915,280	\$ 594,178
Registration fees	3,330	3,515
Donations	2,471	7,989
Program cost reimbursement	34,005	24,800
	\$ 955,086	\$ 630,482
EXPENSES		
Personnel	\$ 656,576	\$ 480,148
Publication and production	93,890	41,565
Programming	83,025	37,213
Office and general	30,061	11,886
Meetings, conference and regional network development	21,728	12,553
Organizational development	12,614	39,095
Corporate	7,612	6,646
	\$ 905,506	\$ 629,106
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR	\$ 49,580	\$ 1,376
Net assets, beginning of year	7,807	6,431
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 57,387	\$ 7,807

see accompanying notes

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARCH 31, 2010

1. THE ORGANIZATION

Ontario Justice Education Network / Réseau Ontarien D'Éducation Juridique is a not-for-profit organization incorporated under the Canada Corporations Act without share capital.

The organization is dedicated to promoting public understanding, education and dialogue to support a responsive and inclusive justice system.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Management is responsible for preparation of these financial statements. The accounting policies of the organization are in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year. Outlined below are those policies considered particularly significant:

Revenue Recognition

The organization follows the deferral method of revenue recognition. Under the deferral method, grants received in the year for expenses to be incurred in the following year are recorded as deferred revenue. The organization's principal sources of revenue and recognition of these revenues for financial statement purposes are as follows:

- i) Grants are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Grants are recognized as revenue when they are received or receivable if the amount received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.
- ii) Fundraising and donations are recorded as revenue when funds are received. Donated materials and services which are normally purchased by the organization are not recorded in the accounts.
- iii) Event registration fees are recognized in the period in which the event occurs.
- iv) Interest income is recognized as revenue when earned.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. These estimates are reviewed periodically, and, as adjustments become necessary, they are reported in the period in which they become known.

3. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

The organization's financial assets and liabilities are carried at cost, which approximates their fair value due to their short-term nature.

It is management's opinion that the organization is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks.

4. MANAGEMENT OF CAPITAL

In managing capital, the organization focuses on liquid resources available for operations. The organization's objective is to have sufficient liquid resources to continue operating despite adverse events with financial consequences and to provide the organization with the flexibility to take advantage of opportunities that will advance its purposes. The need for sufficient liquid resources is considered in the preparation of an annual budget and in the monitoring of cash flows and actual operating results compared to budget. As at March 31, 2010, the organization had met its objective of having sufficient liquid resources to meet its current obligations.

5. DEFERRED REVENUE

Deferred revenue is composed of the following:

	2010	2009
The Law Foundation of Ontario	\$ 352,100	\$ nil
The Ontario Trillium Foundation	33,500	nil
Deferred revenue, end of year	\$ 385,600	\$ nil
Continuity of deferred revenue for the year is as follows:		
Deferred revenue, beginning of year	\$ nil	\$ nil
Add cash received from grants in year	1,300,880	594,178
Less grants recognized in year (<i>note 6</i>)	(915,280)	(594,178)
Deferred revenue, end of year	\$ 385,600	\$ nil

6. GRANTS

Grants recognized in the year were as follows:

	2010	2009
The Law Foundation of Ontario	\$ 750,182	\$ 556,678
Department of Justice Canada	131,598	–
The Ontario Trillium Foundation	33,500	–
Youth Challenge Fund	–	37,500
	\$ 915,280	\$ 594,178

7. INCOME TAX STATUS

The organization is exempt from income tax in Canada as a registered charitable organization under the Income Tax Act (Canada).