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Dear SPELD community,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you as the new president of SPELD for 2010.

I am a speech pathologist with over 30 years experience and a long standing professional interest in the areas of dyslexia and learning difficulty. I have worked for a range of government departments including education and in 1997 established Extra Ed – a private practice in the Eastern suburbs of Melbourne. I am also the co-author of ‘One in Eleven’ and ‘Working Together’ – both texts for students with language and literacy difficulties and published by ACER. Since 2008, I have increased my voluntary work in the not for profit sector and mentoring people who wish to work with students with language learning disabilities. I continue to work for Extra Ed one day per week.

In 2009, I served as a member of the SPELD Committee of Management (CoM) before being elected to the position of president this year. I look forward to meeting as many people as possible either informally or at official SPELD meetings and functions. Dates for May will be advised by the Director Lukas Silver.

Everything is in place for an exciting and productive year at SPELD and I look forward to working with you all.

Mandy Brent-Houghton.