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2011 Annual Convention and Expo Council for Exceptional Children National Harbor, MD April 25-28, 2011

It is not too soon to look forward to next year's CEC Annual Convention and Expo. After a most successful convention in Nashville, TN, we turn our sights to the newest of the Gaylord Hotel and Convention Centers in National Harbor, Maryland. As you pencil in the April 2011 convention dates, you will find a new convention date pattern being instituted for the 2011 convention. The convention begins on Sunday, April 24, 2011 and ends on Thursday, April 28th. The general schedule of key includes:

- ✓ Interdivisional Caucus and convention workshops, Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011
- ✓ General Opening Session, Monday, April 25, 2011
- ✓ Division Executive Board Meeting, Tuesday, April 26, 2011
- ✓ Division Business Meeting, Tuesday, April 26, 2011
- ✓ Annual CEC-PD Division Dinner, Tuesday, April 26, 2011
- ✓ Program Advisory Committee meeting, Wednesday, April 27, 2011
- ✓ Yes I Can! Student Awards, Wednesday, April 27, 2011.

One of the responsibilities of the CEC-PD Vice President is serving on the CEC Program Advisory Committee, and building the convention program sessions for the CEC-PD division. As in the past, our Division will feature a Showcase Session which will honor the work and the contributions of a leader in the field of special education through research, the promotion of evidence-based practices, or providing leadership within the field. If you would like to suggest a Showcase honoree/presenter, please share your ideas with Bill Bogdan at WKBogdan@aol.com.

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Summary Report on CEC-PD Goals for 2010
Diane Johnson, CEC-PD Immediate Past President

1. To increase membership in CEC-PD through an active plan for recruitment and retention of members

Membership is critical to the Division. Under the direction of Membership Chair, Pat Seibel, the Membership Committee developed a plan for membership development. A pilot has begun in Pennsylvania and Florida to contact potential members directly. There will be a CEC-PD presence at the upcoming convention at National Harbor in conjunction with CEC Central. Increasing membership, especially during these difficult times will continue to be an area that requires focus.

2. To continue support for the joint CEC/CEC-PD Mentoring Program

The CEC/CEC-PD Mentoring Program has continued to expand. The program continues to provide visibility for the Division and was featured in a recent issue of *CEC Today*. A detailed report of the program and the most recent evaluation was completed in September.

3. To provide a bridge between past history and future development of CEC

The formation of the CEC-PD Work Group on Historical Initiatives was approved by the Board, and has been busy during the past year to complete its assigned purposes: to identify/locate current historical files and information related to CEC and CEC-PD; to determine ways in which the history can be preserved and shared; and to develop a plan that will provide a bridge to link the past to the future with suggested activities and possible timelines. The recommendations of this work group may lead to some additional initiatives that can provide opportunities for greater involvement by CEC-PD members and provide another avenue for CEC-PD to be more visible within the CEC organizational structure.

4. To increase the use of electronic means of communication across CEC-PD as well as with other CEC Divisions and organizational units

CEC-PD has continued to use electronic means for conducting business. As a result a large amount of business has been completed using this format. Because there is only one face to face meeting each year, this has greatly enhanced the ability of the Board to engage in a more active program of work. The

CEC-PD newsletter, *Pioneers Press*, has provided the option for members to receive the newsletter electronically. As more members select this option, there should be a financial savings in the printing and mailing of the newsletter. An email account, cecpdnews@gmail.com, was also established, and this may develop into a means for contacting the Division for general information and to share news and other items. The CEC-PD Member Directory continues to also be offered to members in electronic format as a requested benefit.

5. To increase member participation and leadership opportunities within CEC-PD that also capitalize on the membership diversity

Opportunities have been provided for members to serve on committees, work groups, and to represent PD on special committees. We need to continue to expand these opportunities.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all of the CEC-PD members who were willing to take an active role in our organization, and also to thank those who are active through their continued membership. I have appreciated the opportunity to serve as your President, and look forward to seeing many of you at the annual convention and expo in April.



Important Note: Reduce your carbon footprint: New Electronic Communication Option for Pioneers Press

CEC-PD will always have the option of receiving information via the conventional postal service. However, as more electronic choices become available, this is one way to possibly save some dollars and save the earth! If you would like to receive your copy of the Pioneers Press electronically, please send your name and email address to: cecpdnews@gmail.com. This address can also be used for sending general news items for the Pioneers Press newsletter team.

Anders Martin Berg, Jr. Completes 50 years with CEC Governance

CEC Pioneers Division Annual Dinner and Social Event

Tuesday, April 26, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Moon Bay Coastal Cuisine Restaurant

Gaylord National Harbor Resort/Convention Center

National Harbor, MD

CUSTOM MENU

Appetizers

**Chef Daily Prepared Soup*

**Mixed Greens*

Entrée

**Fresh Penne Pasta*

**Grilled Atlantic Salmon*

**Pan Seared Tangle Wood Organic Chicken Breast*

Guiltless Desserts

(Chef's Choice)

Reservation Request

Dinner: \$40.00 (includes sales tax and service charge)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of Dinner Reservations: _____ (dinner selection will be made at time of event)

Please return reservation and personal check by March 15, 2011 to:

Bill Bogdan

5502 E. Galbraith Road

Cincinnati, OH 45236

Phone: 828.989.0796

Email: WKBogdan@AOL.Com

Note: Annual Business Meeting will be conducted on Tuesday afternoon, April 26, 2010, immediately following CEC PD Executive Committee meeting (same meeting room).

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION FOR THE CANDIDATES

VICE PRESIDENT (2012)

JANET BURDICK, IDAHO

Janet Burdick has been a Director of Special Education in two districts. She has also been a consulting teacher. In 2007 she was the recipient of the Professional Achievement Award, College of Education Idaho State University.

Janet's education includes a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish at the University of Colorado, and a Master's Degree in Advanced Exceptional Child at Idaho State University. She also has a Consulting Teacher Endorsements, a Secondary School Principal Administrative Certificate and Director of Special Education Administrative Administrator Certificate all from Idaho State University.

Janet was the international CEC president in 2003. She was also Governor at Large, U.S. and Idaho Unit President. She has participated in the CEC/CEC-PD Mentoring Program since its inception.

If elected as the Vice President of the Pioneers Division, Janet has indicated that her goals for CEC-PD would be as follows:

- Expand the mentor/mentee program especially in the west and internationally as practicable.
- Increase CEC-PD membership to include "younger" pioneers.
- Utilize the experience and expertise of CEC-PD members to advance public policy advocacy.
- Work alongside CEC Board of Directors to promote CEC's strategic plan.

JAMIE HOPKINS, OHIO

Jamie Hopkins is currently Field Supervisor/Adjunct Instructor, University of Cincinnati, OH (since 2007). She previously served in a number of roles including: teacher and students with disabilities; supervisor of special education; director of student services; and coordinator of special education.

Among Jamie's contributions to education in Ohio, are: she participated on Ohio Issues Task Force, in county-wide Autism Task Force; and in district planning and implementation of an Intervention Based Assessment Model (precursor to Response to Intervention Model); served on Ohio Learning Outcomes Panel, appointed by the governor to develop new standards for Ohio's schools.

Jamie has served in many CEC positions at various levels including President of student, local chapter and Ohio CEC organizations; Ohio Governor for CEC Board of Governors; Member at large CEC Board of Directors; President CEC; and was a member/chair of several CEC committees (e.g. Nominations Committee, Finance committee). Her experience with PD has been as a member of the Mentor Project for the last two years.

If elected as the Vice President of the Pioneers Division she "would like to expand the mentoring program to include aspiring leaders within CEC and postgraduate students who are working in areas of administration or higher education. The Pioneers could also provide opportunities to share their experience and expertise with CEC workgroups and committees as they advocate for the needs of exceptional children and their families"

TREASURER (2012-2013)

HELLEN BOGIE, ONTARIO

Hellen Bogie is presently contracted with Ministry of Education – Chair, Provincial Committee on Learning Disabilities; and Education Consultant - Hasting Children's Aid Society.

Hellen's education includes the following:

- Specialist Certification: Special Education: Ministry of Education
- Teaching Certificate: McGill University
- B.A. Sir George Williams University
- M.Ed. McGill University
- Principal Qualifications: Ministry of Education
- Supervisory Officer Qualifications: Ministry of Education
- Alternative Dispute Resolution Certification: University of Windsor

Hellen has been a regular and special education teacher at both the elementary and secondary levels. She has also been a Department Head; Vice-Principal, Principle. Special Education Consultant; Co-coordinator, Student Services Department;

Education Officer, Supervisory Officer, Director of Education; University lecturer in the field of special education (teacher training) – McGill University, University of Ottawa, Queens University.
Hellen has published “Curriculum/Evaluation Strategies for Basic and General Level Students,” a School Board Publication. She has also written articles for CCEC and Ontario CEC newsletters.

Hellen has served in all local chapter positions and Ontario CEC Federation positions including treasurer, vice president, president elect, president and past president. She has been on the CCEC Board of Directors as Member at Large and Governor. For International CEC, she has served on the Board of Governors and CEC Board of Directors. Hellen has been International CEC President.

She has been an active member of Ontario CEC-PD. Hellen has attended provincial conferences and helped with nominations for awards. She serves as a mentor to two university graduate students. Hellen’s goal statement for CEC-PD is as follows:

“The Pioneers are struggling to maintain membership I would actively support the direction of PD executive committee in exploring the concept of divisions in their role within CEC. Review the mission, the core functions, the purpose etc. Declining membership leads directly to few financial resources and therefore programs and services are curtailed. As treasurer, I would investigate other means of generating revenues. We need to ask the question: how can CEC-PD best served the council? The expertise within the Pioneers membership is vast. CEC-PD can and should lead in this direction.”

MICHAEL THEW, PENNSYLVANIA

Michael Thew is currently serving as the Executive Director of the Lincoln Intermediate Unit 12 (one of 29 educational service agencies in PA).

Michael's education includes a Bachelor of Science; Master’s of Education and Supervisory Certificate in Special Education. He also has a Doctorate Degree (Ed.D.) in Education Administration.

Michael started his career as a classroom teacher for students with severe mental retardation and then worked with elementary developmentally delayed students. He then became a Supervisor of Special Education Services for the Lincoln Intermediate Unit 12 in Pennsylvania for 13 years, followed by eight years as an assistant superintendent and superintendent of the Eastern York School District in Pennsylvania.

Michael has served as local officer (all levels) for the local Pennsylvania CEC chapter. He has also served in every office of Pennsylvania CEC including being president in 1994.

Michael has served as the Pioneer CAN representative and is currently the Treasurer for the Pioneer Division.

Michael's goals for the office of Treasurer are “...to continue to refine the budgetary process for the division, work to institute procedures for the creation and adoption of a budget that will allow for support to our officers and committee chairs while still maintaining a fund balance for the organization to use as a cushion for maintaining the organization in the future. This goal can only be done with the cooperation of the division members, by supporting the membership chair’s goal of increasing our members and in looking for ways to create new funding streams or have successful fundraisers”.

CEC REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY MEMBER (2012-2013)

CATHY COSTELLO, FLORIDA

Cathy Costello’s education is as follows:

- Associate of Science- Monticello College
- Bachelor of Science in Education– University of Tennessee
- Master of Education- University of Memphis

Cathy has been a Special Education School Administrator for 27 years. She has also been a Special Education Teacher and a Special Education District Program and Project Administrator.

Cathy is a founding member of Gatorland CEC Chapter 1024. She is Past President and currently serves as Chapter Advisor for that chapter. She is also a founding member of the Florida Association of Exceptional School Administrators. In addition, Cathy is Past President of Florida CEC Pioneers Subdivision.

Cathy states that her goal for CEC-PD activities and promote out Mentoring Program for CEC student members. I would also work to recruit many more long-term members of CEC to join our ranks and encourage other states and provinces to organize CEC-PD subdivisions.”

SUSAN GREENE, ILLINOIS

Susan Green’s education is as follows:

- BA Illinois Wesleyan University. (Liberal Arts-English).
- MA Colorado State University. (History of Public Address).
- MA Eastern Michigan University. (Special Education).

Susan has been a Special Education teacher for 40 years with CONTACT, Waukegan, Illinois Public Schools. She has also been a Director on Illinois State Board for Learning Disabilities of America, and President of local LDA chapter.

Susan has made presentation for three different International Learning Disabilities of American conventions. She is a trainer of trainers for the American Federation of Teachers’ Education program in Classroom Management and Beginning Reading and Reading Comprehension. Susan has been the Treasurer of a 5,000 member Lake County Federation of Teachers. She has also been on the State of Illinois Special Education Task Force.

Susan has been local chapters 226’s Secretary, Membership and President. She has also served ICEC governmental relations as Spring Conference Chairman; and Registration Committee Chair for annual convention Regional Director.

Susan has been Treasurer IL for the Federation Pioneers Subdivision and has attended Pioneers meetings at New Orleans and Nashville.

When asked about her goals for CEC-PD Susan states: “The other day I happened upon a bumper sticker which read “A child who is special is special to me.” This statement reflects my feelings about special education and our responsibility to insure that this segment of our country must not be ignored or forgotten. As a member of the Pioneers, I can represent the thoughts and passions from an historical perspective which can be of value as CEC Delegate Assembly debates positions and ideas. The pioneers are always interested and supportive of CEC. As the RA Delegate I would assume the responsibility of providing CEC information both ways – from the membership to the RA and from the RA back to the membership of the Pioneers.”



Official Pioneers Division Ballot
2011 Election

Candidates elected will start their terms on January 1, 2012.

Place an "X" on the line before the name of the candidate for each position for which you are voting. Then, fold the ballot; place tape or staple to secure; and place a stamp on the front, showing the address where the ballot is being sent (CEC Headquarters). Please make sure that the address for the ballot is placed on the outside fold.

BALLOTS MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE FEBUARY 28, 2011.

Select only one candidate for each position.

Vice President

Janet Burdick

Jamie Hopkins

Treasurer

Hellen Bogie

Michael Thew

Representative Assembly Member

Cathy Costello

Susan Greene

Please insert CEC Membership Number _____

Fold here.....

Place
Stamp
Here

**Anna Henderson, Coordinator of Division Services
Council for Exceptional Children
2900 Crystal Drive
Suite 100
Arlington VA 22202-3557**

Fold here.....

THE 2010-2011 CEC/CEC-PD MENTORING PROGRAM

Pamela Gillet, Coordinator

The current year of the Program includes the largest number of participants thus far. There are ninety-nine mentors from the United States and Canada with twenty mentors having been with the Program since its initiation; fifteen universities and colleges; and one hundred one mentees. In addition, there are mentees involved this year who were also mentees last year. Both undergraduate and graduate students participate in the Program.

The Program is now linked with the IDEA Partnership of which CEC is an active member. This affords mentors access to additional cutting edge materials that can be shared with the mentees during the mentoring process.

A Facebook page has been developed for the Program. Content information emails are distributed on a regular basis to the mentors so that this information can be shared with their mentees where appropriate.

A professional program session will be offered at the April CEC convention focusing on the findings of conducting a virtual mentoring program as well as the sharing of some personal experiences by the mentors and mentees who have been involved with the Program.

The PD Membership Directory is available electronically or hard copy. To request a copy please email Membership Chairperson, Patricia Seibel at drtrisha2002@yahoo.com or phone 412.561.1258. Make sure to indicate whether you want an electronic or a hard copy.

Historical Initiative Work Group Appointed to Address CEC-PD Goal and Assist CEC

The purpose of the Work Group is to: identify/locate current historical files and information related to CEC and CEC-PD; determine ways in which the history can be preserved and shared; and develop a plan that will bridge and link the past to the future with suggested activities and possible timelines. Included in this plan will be continued support of the CEC Archives.

Work Group members are Jamie Hopkins, Chair, Linda Marsal and Jean Hebel. Watch the next newsletter for updates.

Note from the Editor:

I want to express my sincere thanks to those who sent contributions for this issue. Pioneers, your friends want to hear from you! Please send reports of your activities for the next issue.

Also, please make your plans to attend our meetings during the CEC Convention in National Harbor, Maryland, in April, 2011.

We've changed the schedule and events to some degree, to make it even easier to see your colleagues and to enjoy the convention.

We hope to see you there.

Send your news to Eleanor Guetzloe, 812 Woodside Avenue; Clearwater, FL 33756 or by email to ccbd1@aol.com

President's Message:

Greetings and Happy New Year to all our Pioneers,

Along with the "dropping of the ball" in Times Square comes the passing of the gavel of President of CEC-Pioneers. We are looking forward to a productive year, with some changes already in progress and more to come.

Under the superb leadership of Diane Johnson, we have several ongoing projects of which we are very proud. Our CEC-PD Mentoring Program, directed by Pam Gillet, has received very positive evaluations and is expanding. In line with recommendations by our working group, we will be working with other interested groups and individuals to put together the CEC Archives, as well as our own. President-elect Bill Bogdan is chairing a committee (which will meet on Monday of the CEC Convention in National Harbor) which will make recommendations regarding the restructuring of the Pioneers in order to meet the needs of our members and the demands of the time. We have two other committees working to deal with specific issues that we must address: Increasing membership and division finances (the latter depending almost entirely on the former). With all these activities in progress, it would be premature to write goals for the year. Those will be included in the Newsletter after the convention.

I would like to express my appreciation to Diane Johnson--who has been a model president-- and to our executive committee (EC) members who have completed their terms. I would also like to welcome our new EC members. We are looking forward to working with you.

Further, I am inviting all of you to attend our social events, professional sessions, and EC meetings in National Harbor. We look forward to your participation. I look forward to serving as your president. We are anticipating another great year.

Contact President **Eleanor Guetzloe**
CCBD1@aol.com

Romaine P. Mackie Annual Award for Leadership

The purpose of this Award is to honor an outstanding professional who has demonstrated leadership in CEC and other organizations for an extensive period of time in various areas within the field: service delivery; teacher education and professional development; research; policy; assessment and publications. The individual should be nominated by someone who is familiar with the nature and quality of his/her work and who can also speak to the person's character. Nomination materials should include:

a letter of nomination which indicates the name, address, phone number, and email address of the nominee; reasons for making the nomination; the nominee's CEC identification number; and other information which might be helpful to the Awards Committee as the members study the information provided. The name and email address of the person/unit making the nomination should also be included.

A brief vitae or resume' for the individual nominated which shows educational background, places of employment, length of service, special projects undertaken, awards received, other information which might assist the Awards Committee in making a decision, and at least two (2) letters of support, but not more than four (4).

All nominations and materials must be received by January 31, 2011.

Submit the nominations packet to: Michael Weinroth, CEC-PD Awards Chair
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Atlanta, GA 30328-2779
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Preserving CEC History and Linking to the Future Important CEC-PD Activity

The June Jordan Fund was established in 1994, by the Pioneers Division in honor of June Jordan who was a former CEC staff member. June was instrumental in providing the leadership and support for establishing the Pioneers Division. In addition, she led CEC in the collection of documents and other types of information of historical significance to CEC and the field of special education. The official title of the fund is "The June Jordan 'I have a Dream' Memorial Fund". The purpose of the fund is to support The Council for Exceptional Children in maintaining the Archives and history of the Council. The Archives are maintained by a CEC Archivist who has a non-voting position on the CEC-PD Board. The Fund is financed through direct contributions to the Fund. These funds are then allocated for expenditures to support the expansion and maintenance of the CEC Archives. In the past, the support for the CEC Archives has consisted of providing dollars from the June Jordan Fund to purchase supplies needed by the CEC Archivist, and to provide assistance to the Archivist by other members of the Pioneers Division in preparing and in placing materials in the CEC Archives from time to time. It is hoped that the plan developed by the History Initiative Work Group will provide additional opportunities to share, as well as, preserve the history of CEC and CEC-PD. Please consider donating to the June Jordan Fund using the form below to assist with this important activity.

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THE JUNE JORDAN "I HAVE A DREAM" MEMORIAL FUND CONTRIBUTION FORM

Mail contributions to: Michael D. Thew, 4524 Valley Acres Road., York, PA 17406

My contribution to the June Jordan Fund is \$_____.

Name _____ Phone/email _____

Address _____
Street City State/Province Zip/Postal Code

Indicate if in memory/honor of _____

Please provide name and address for acknowledgment card:

Name _____

Address _____
Street City State/Province Zip/Postal

Please make checks payable to the Pioneers Division of the Council for Exceptional Children and attach to this form. Thank You!
