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## Message from the President



William K. Bogdan, Ed.D.  
President, CEC-PD 2012

I hope this message finds you well and that you are enjoying crisp autumn days and the cool fall evenings.

The Pioneers Press is published three times per year end depending on how you view the year of the educator (school year vs. calendar year), we welcome you to the 2012-2-13 school year. And even though our division represents CEC leaders who have been in the field for 20+ years, we look to each new school year with hope for the millions of

students educated in our public, charter, private, and home school settings and express to our colleagues our best wishes for a successful and fulfilling school year. Learning is a life-long process and we each embrace the opportunity to grow and expand our knowledge and skills. We hope and expect the same for our students and our colleagues.

Typically, the fall edition of Pioneers Press is published in late September/early October. This year, the decision was made to push back the publishing date to accommodate the work of the Division Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

During my term as Division President-Elect, we embarked on a process of study to explore ways our Division may enhance and further develop its services to its members, to CEC, and to the profession at large. An outcome of that work was a set of annual goals that included the amending of the Division constitution

bylaws to reflect revisions to our purpose, our membership qualifications, the role and functions of the Executive Board, and the day to day operations of the Division.

Vice President Jamie Hopkins and her Constitution and Bylaws Committee have proposed constitutional amendments that provide a strong foundation for enhancing services and improving Division operations. The Division Executive Board approved a motion to recommend the adoption of those amendments to the Division membership.

***It is critical that your voice is heard. Please take the time to review and vote on the recommended constitution and bylaws amendments included in this newsletter.*** (pp. 12-26)

## Division Updates

During the months since the Denver April CEC Convention and Expo, Pioneer Division leaders have been busy working on annual goals, strengthening relationships within the CEC community, and promoting the programs offered through the Division. A few highlights are included below.

## Summer Children's Action Network

Division Advocacy and Public Policy Committee Chair and CAN Coordinator, Dr. Jean Lokerson, attended the annual summer CAN meeting and represented the Pioneers while attending public policy seminars at CEC headquarters and meeting key legislators on Capitol Hill. Jean continues to serve as a strong advocate for children with exceptionalities and the professionals working in the field of special education. At a critical time in the field of special education, it is very important for the Division to have a strong voice of advocacy and an experienced and knowledgeable professional who speaks on our behalf in ways to positively influence congressional decisions which significantly affect the lives of children and youth with exceptionalities and those with gifts and talents.

## Summer Division Leadership Institute

President-Elect Lyndal Bullock, Vice President Jamie Hopkins, Historian Diane Johnson (and IDC chair) and President Bill Bogdan (and IDC co-chair) participated in the annual Division Summer Leadership Institute. Divisions were well-represented and the opportunity to collaborate around critical issues was invaluable.

Evaluation of special education teacher performance, policies related to seclusion and restraint, and the impact of the



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automatic federal cuts to education funding due to the sequestration budget rule were of critical importance. Sharing concerns and more importantly, ways CEC and its units, may serve in proactive leadership roles became the critical outcome of the summer institute. The CEC Pioneers Division leaders offered a critical voice of expertise and experience in these discussions.

Vice President Jamie Hopkins serves as the Division representative on the 2013 San Antonio convention Program Advisory Committee. An exciting Division Showcase is planned along with several convention program sessions.

### The New School Year...

The new school year gives us the opportunity to renew our resolve to serve others and to represent to the profession the best that CEC has to offer...knowledge, resources, and support. The premier program of the Division is our mentoring program which is co-sponsored with CEC. Program Chair Dr. Pam Gillet continues to provide exceptional leadership to a growing and most successful program. This year, 19 colleges and universities are participating in the program. Thanks to each of our members and friends who serve as mentors...the best way to positively impact the future professional life of an emerging teacher in the field of special education. We are deeply appreciative of your time and service.

The CEC Pioneers Division continues to enhance its leadership role in supporting the critical work of the Council for Exceptional Children and the professionals working in the field of special education. To continue to strengthen the Division's leadership role, your leadership continues to be critical to our Division's success. Consider your own future leadership within the Division. If you would like to become more involved, share your perspective, or simply drop me a note, please feel free to contact me at [WKBogdan@aol.com](mailto:WKBogdan@aol.com). Thank you.



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## 2013 CEC Convention and Expo Pioneers Division Events



### Wednesday, April 3, 2013

Opening General Session, 5:00 pm

### Thursday, April 4, 2013

Pioneers Executive Board Meeting, Annual Business Meeting, Annual Dinner/Social (times and location will be provided as soon as they are available)

### Friday, April 5, 2013

Division Showcase Session (afternoon)  
Representative Assembly (times TBA by CEC)  
Yes I Can! Awards, 5:30-7:00 pm



**SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**  
**April 3-6, 2013**

Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center



## Save the Date for the 2013 Convention & Expo

San Antonio, Texas

April 3-6, 2013



The Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center

Join us in San Antonio for the CEC 2013 Convention & Expo. Enjoy San Antonio's historical sites, arts, culture and shopping while participating in CEC's premier event for special and gifted education. The Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center will house the Convention and Expo. Located in the heart of the city along the banks of the beautiful River Walk, you will have access to hundreds of sessions that focus on school reform, culturally responsive social skill interventions, autism spectrum disorders, positive behavior supports and bridging cognitive neuroscience and special education. The **Grand Hyatt San Antonio** and the **San Antonio Marriott Riverwalk** are Co-Headquarter hotels. All Division meetings will be scheduled in the **Grand Hyatt San Antonio**.

## Registration opens in mid-October

Check the CEC Web Site for dates for early bird and hotel registration.



The Alamo is in the heart of San Antonio

The CEC Convention & Expo offers hundreds of educational sessions conducted by leading experts and endless opportunities to network with others working with children and youth with exceptionalities and their families. You will also have the opportunity to learn about new and pending legislation and explore cutting-edge products and services in the exhibit hall.

The Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, is the perfect setting for networking, learning, and relaxing at the end of the day. The second most populous city in Texas supports a vibrant university and military community and is home to many historical and cultural attractions.

### Grand Hyatt San Antonio

600 E. Market Street  
San Antonio, Texas 78205

Discover a San Antonio luxury hotel offering an exciting blend of modernism and Latin culture. With a dramatic design that exemplifies this unique city, Grand Hyatt San Antonio offers warm hospitality, bold colors and exceptional touches creating a luxury San Antonio Riverwalk hotel that is perfect for every guest.

Set amidst a blend of histories and a modern city, it is an urban retreat adjacent to the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, HemisFair Park, and the Riverwalk.



# Pioneers Division Annual Showcase Session Friday, April 5, 2013

We are pleased to be honoring CEC Past President, Dr. Mary Ruth Coleman at our annual Showcase Session at the upcoming 2013 CEC Convention.



Mary Ruth Coleman

Co-leaders, Linda Marsal and Jamie Hopkins are planning a tribute to a great friend and esteemed colleague. Dr. Coleman is a senior scientist, emerita at the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as well as Research Associate Professor in the School of Education. She has directed several federal projects including Project U-STARS (Using Science Talent and Abilities to Recognize Students).

Mary Ruth began her career as a teacher and throughout her career as a senior scientist, researcher and teacher educator, she has never forgotten the importance of the teacher and the child's family in the overall development of the exceptional child. This showcase will highlight her many contributions regarding early childhood, gifted and special education.

Participants will include CEC Past President, Linda Marsal; CEC Past President and Professor at University of Illinois, Dr. Susan Fowler; Dr. Samuel Odom, Professor at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and Past President of CEC TAG, Susan Johnsen. We will also have a very special video presentation by Dr. James Gallagher, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Please plan to join us as we honor a great humanitarian and advocate of exceptional children.



# Important Notice: Pioneers Constitution and Bylaws Revisions

The Pioneers Constitution and Bylaws Committee has reviewed the Constitution and Bylaws has made recommendations for changes to this document. It is included in this newsletter for your review and approval. There are numerous changes so please take a few minutes to take note of them all.

All changes are marked on the copy that begins on page 13. Highlighted wording contains new language. Strikethroughs represents language that is to be deleted. You will also note that the Constitution and Bylaws Committee has inserted numerous "Rationale Statements" for recommended changes. Please note that there are changes proposed in the following areas:

- Purpose of the Pioneers Division
- Membership Qualifications
- Appointment vs. Election of the Treasurer
- Extended Terms of Office for the Secretary and Treasurer
- Changes in Division Representation to the CEC Representative Assembly
- Vacancy of Present Elect
- Vacancy of Past President
- Duties of President Elect
- Elimination of Vice President
- Audit Procedures
- Voting Members of the Executive Board
- Annual Showcase Session
- Eliminating Executive Committee Name
- Annual Convention Program Committee
- Changes in Election Timelines
- New Finance Committee

As noted by President Bogdan in his President's Message, these Constitutional changes represent ways by which the Division may enhance and further develop its services to its members, to CEC, and to the profession at large. Be sure to cast your vote!







## Keeping in Touch

Eleanor Guetzloe, Editor

My sincere thanks to those of you who responded to my plea. We have some good stories here. In fact, they're ALL good stories. These are exactly the kinds of things your friends and colleagues want to hear. Keep 'em coming!

Thanks again to everyone who contributed to this issue. With this great reinforcement of my nagging behavior, you can expect more of the same. This was an enjoyable task for me.

### California

Andy Berg responded with the good news that he is surviving the un-California-like heat. He also mentioned that the Seattle University basketball program had accepted the donation of his 1958 NCAA jacket, which was in great shape for being 54 years old. He added that he would not want anyone to ask if he could still fit into it!

Andy has been involved in re-doing his house and yard since March. The yard (two-thirds of an acre) is now fully irrigated and has new landscaping: new grass in two places; hill plants; and lemon, orange, grapefruit, and avocado trees. The front yard has mostly "low water" plants and some cactus.

Andy also mentioned that he attended both the California CEC (CA-CEC) and CEC Chapter 188 Leadership meetings. He is now the senior past-president of CA-CEC. In support of the CEC movement to bring back subdivisions, he was there for CEC-Pioneers, DADD, and CASE.

Andy's travel plans include a trip to Israel later in the year. He said that trip is a gift. We look forward to a later report on that.

### Florida

Pam Gillet has reported that she and her husband spent some time in the Canadian Arctic, where they took a helicopter flight over the large glacier in Greenland and saw polar bears, walrus, and musk ox. They visited many Inuit villages where they interacted with the locals and saw the beautiful beaded and fur work they created. The ship used its ice-breaking skills as they plowed their way through the Northwest Passage following the routes of John Rae, Sir John Franklin, and Roald Admundsen.

### Florida

Thanks to Diane Johnson for this report on a celebration of Landis Stetler. At the Summer Leadership Conference held in Crystal River in June, the Florida Council for Exceptional Children (FCEC) honored CEC Pioneer member Dr. Landis M. Stetler. Dr. Stetler served as Chief of the Florida Department of Education special education program for many years.

The Conference program featured testimonials from former mentees, sprinkled with amusing anecdotal information about Dr. Stetler's skills on the dance floor as well as his expertise in special education. It was noted that he was born in Pennsylvania on Flag Day, in 1924. He began his educational career as a teacher in Baltimore. He completed his doctorate with Dr. William Cruikshank at Syracuse University and, shortly thereafter, came to Florida as head of Special Education at the Florida Department of Education. His ability to provide innovative programming, obtain funding, mentor future leaders, and set an example of hard work and dedication were hallmarks of his 61 years in the field.

Dr. Stetler serves as the historian for Florida CEC and continues his strong support of membership in professional organizations. The Landis M. Stetler Award for outstanding leadership is presented by Florida CEC in his honor during at their annual conference. Florida CASE also sponsors the newly established Landis M. Stetler Scholarship presented at the FCEC conference to an undergraduate or graduate student seeking certification in special education.

Florida CEC was pleased to provide this recognition as part of the Leadership Conference and looks forward to having Landis continue to serve as a role model and mentor in coming years.

## North Carolina

Admitting that he was responding to "arm-twisting," Bill Bogdan has provided some information about the fact that he couldn't stay retired. Bill is currently serving as the Interim Executive Director of the Literacy Council of Buncombe County, North Carolina, until December 1, 2012. During this period of transition toward the hiring of a permanent executive director, Bill will oversee the day-to-day operations of the organization, the strategic planning process, and community relations and fundraising.

## Ontario

Note from the Editor: We hit the jackpot with Hellen, who responded beautifully to the call for news. I am including it almost exactly as she wrote it:

When I retired five years after my husband, we finally got around to traveling around the world. With good health and no time restrictions, we first set off with the goal of leaving our harsh Canadian winters behind. Initially, we traveled in January, February, and March, returning to Canada each spring. Keeping in mind that our most distant traveling should be done while we still had the energy and stamina to manage long flights, we set off for the Eastern continents. It took only one trip to Australia to determine that this is where we wanted to be for the majority of our Canadian winter, so, for the next five years, we traveled to New Zealand, Bangkok, Phuket, Hong Kong, Korea, China, and Fiji, always finishing up with a minimum of six weeks on Australian shores, our favorite being the Gold Coast.

This year, my husband determined that 18 to 20 hours of flying time was too arduous, so we looked at doing two short trips--Puerto Rico in January and Alaska in June. In Puerto Rico, we chose to rent a car. We did this through the web, which provided us with a good selection of options. Little did we realize until we went to pick up the car at the airport in San Juan that the insurance rates were double the price of the rental itself. They have you over a barrel, as the driving and road conditions in Puerto Rico are abysmal. The signage is all in Spanish, and the people who work the toll booths do not speak English. In fact, we were very surprised at the number of people working in the public arena who speak only Spanish.

When in Puerto Rico, one definitely has to tour the "old city" of San Juan. This is a 465-year-old neighborhood originally conceived as a military stronghold. Its seven-square-block area has evolved into a charming residential and commercial district where the streets are paved with cobbles of adoquines, blue stones cast from furnace slag. The stones were brought over as ballast on Spanish ships and time and moisture have lent them their characteristic color. The city includes more than 400 carefully restored 16th and 17th century Spanish colonial buildings. A leisurely foot tour is advisable for those who really want to experience this bit of the old world, especially given the narrow, steep streets and frequently heavy traffic.

The highlight of Puerto Rico for us was a visit to El Yunque National Rainforest, which is located in the Luquillo Mountains. We saw 1000-year-old trees, strange plants with exotic rainbow-colored flowers, and thick vines with great masses of plush red blossoms. All through the forest, one can hear the chanting and chattering of unseen tropical birds, including the two-tone chanting of the Coqui. Access to the forest is on a winding paved road which is approximately 14 kilometers in length. It is absolutely beautiful.

A golfer would be in Heaven in San Juan. There are golf courses everywhere. Eating at the hotels is expensive, but there are many restaurants with excellent food and reasonable prices.

We chose to go to Alaska at the end of June, on the advice of many friends who had traveled there. We chose a Holland America cruise tour, starting with the land portion in Anchorage and completing with the cruise in Vancouver. The temperature in Anchorage was in the 80s, and their growing season was well on its way. Alaska grows the biggest vegetables on record (carrots at 20 pounds each and cabbage at 50 pounds). This is because of their 24-hour days and heat during their short summer season. We boarded the McKinley Explorer domed railcars, which Holland America operates from Anchorage, traveling Talkeetna-Denali-Fairbanks along the old historic Alaska rail line. What a sight! The history of this rail line is fascinating to read about, but far more interesting to actually experience. We did manage to see black bears, moose, elk, mountain goats, sheep, and many eagles. Highlights included staying at Denali National Park, a hydroplane ride over five glaciers (a sight etched forever in memory), and a rail ride through the White Pass and Yukon route, which is designated as an International Historic Civil Engineering landmark. On Day five, we boarded our cruise

ship in Seward, Alaska. If one travels on a smaller cruise ship, there is an opportunity to spend a day in Glacier Bay, up close to the glaciers that are "birthing." Glacier Bay Inlet has to be experienced. It is a homeland, a natural laboratory (National Geographic was the only other boat in the Bay), a wilderness, a national park, a United Nations biosphere reserve, and a world heritage site (quite the resume!). It is absolutely a jewel of Mother Nature!

We completed our trip in Vancouver, where we visited with our son before flying home to Kingston. Our next trip will be to Australia, New Catalina Islands, and New Zealand, in January, February, and March, 2013.

### South Carolina

Elsewhere in this issue, there is a more dignified column about the passing of Kay Wright Rush, a long-time Pioneer and advocate for children and youth with exceptionalities. Thanks to Laura Mohr for helping with our remembrances of Kay. Laura sent the following: A couple of years ago, Kay and I were getting off the elevator at the convention hotel and looked around the lobby. She asked, "Where are all the old timers?" and I looked at Kay and said, "We are the old timers!" Kay was indeed a very special "special educator." We have memories of her fun ways as well as her more serious leadership.

From the Editor: As an illustration of her "fun ways," at our probably-most-unusual-ever Annual dinner in Nashville, my family and I were privileged to have Laura Mohr, Linda Marsal, and Kay Wright Rush at our table. All of us will remember that we had a sing-along with our hillbilly band. One of their (and our) best renditions was "Rocky Top," and no one in the house was out-singing Kay. It is a very fond memory. We'll miss her.

Send your news to Eleanor Guetzloe, 812 Woodside Avenue, Clearwater, FL 33756 or [ccbd1@aol.com](mailto:ccbd1@aol.com)

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## Coming Soon

**The PIONEER Division will be asking for your support by making donations to a fundraiser planned to start in 2013.**



**A choice of one of two vacation options will be the grand offering along with a second offering of a genuine, hand-sewn Amish Quilt from PA.**

**Look for more information in the not too distant future.**



# In Memoriam: Kay Wright Rush

Kay Wright Rush passed away Sunday August 19, 2012. She was born on December 10, 1944 in Lancaster, SC a daughter of the late Ernest and Eva Mae West Wright. Memorial services were held on Thursday August 23, 2012 at Barr-Price Funeral Home and Crematorium Lexington Chapel with the Rev. Leon Rawl officiating.

Dr. Rush is survived by her husband, Jake Rush, daughter, Kacie Rush, son, Jeffrey Rush and wife Melissa, grandchildren, Damien, Payton, Haley, and Silas Rush, brother, "Joe Ben" Wright of Ruby, SC.



Kay Wright Rush

She earned a B.S. in Physical Education from Winthrop University where she was a Distinguished Member of the Physical Education Alumni Association. After graduating from Winthrop, Dr. Rush began coaching and teaching physical education at Greenwood High School. She also taught in the Department of Defense Schools

at RAF Bentwaters-Woodbridge Air Bases, Woodbridge, United Kingdom for two years.

Upon her return she began teaching special education at Spring Valley High School. Dr. Rush became interested in teaching children with special needs and was among the first group of teachers in South Carolina to earn a Master's Degree in Special Education in 1975 at the University of South Carolina. In 1985 Kay earned her doctorate in Special Education and began work in Lexington School District One as the Director of Special Education. Dr. Rush retired from Lexington One in 2006 but remained active serving as a member of the School Improvement Council and substitute teacher for the Lexington One Alternative Learning Center. Throughout her career, Dr. Rush was active in professional associations. She was a founding member and president of the local chapter and a board member and Governor of the South Carolina Council for Exceptional Children and was a member of the Executive Board and Chairman of the Finance Committee for International CEC.

She also was a member of the South Carolina Association of School Administrators where she served as a board member and president of the Allied

Division. As a member of the Lexington County Education Association-Retired she held leadership positions as a board member and president of the association. Dr. Rush was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church where she was a den mother in the Boy Scouts of America Pack #309. Dr. Rush enjoyed singing and was a member of the St. Peter's Lutheran Church choir and of the Lexington County Choral Society. Memorials may be made to St. Peter's Lutheran Church Building Fund, 1130 St Peter's Church Road Lexington, SC 29072 or Relay for Life.

## Tribute to Kay Wright Rush

by Pat Hensley

This week a great friend and mentor of mine passed away. Her name was Kay Wright Rush from Lexington, SC and she was an awesome person.

I met Kay many years ago in the SC Council for Exceptional Children. When I was elected to serve on the Board of Directors for CEC, I was thrilled to know that I would be there along with Kay. It was kind of exciting to know our national board actually had two members from South Carolina. It is there where I really got to know Kay a lot of better. She was always pushing me to expand my horizons and loved to celebrate my successes.

I can't tell you of a time when we were together that we didn't spend the time gabbing and laughing. Whenever people were around her, she filled their lives with laughter. Kay was always telling the most interesting and funny stories and I couldn't wait to hear more. If you ever needed something, she would be there to give a helping hand.

At any national or state convention I attended, Kay always went out of the way to include my husband and me in any group happenings she would gather up. We loved joining her group for dinner or an adventure. In Salt Lake City we all went out to dinner at a place that had just cleaned up from a snow avalanche! In Charleston one evening, she took a group of us to this fantastic seafood place on Bowen Island (which looked sketchy if you didn't know the place. In fact, I heard the music of Deliverance in the back of my head!). Kay, you were a dear friend and I will truly miss you! The world was a better place because you were in it!





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Division for Research (CEC-DR)	\$29 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$39 <input type="checkbox"/>
CEC Pioneers Division (CEC-PD)	\$20 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$20 <input type="checkbox"/>
Council for Educational Diagnostic Services (CEDS)	\$25 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$45 <input type="checkbox"/>
Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities (DADD)	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$45 <input type="checkbox"/>
Division for Communicative Disabilities and Deafness (DCDD)	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$42 <input type="checkbox"/>
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Division for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Exceptional Learners (DDEL)	\$20 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$23 <input type="checkbox"/>
Division for Early Childhood (DEC)	\$35 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$50 <input type="checkbox"/>
Division of International Special Education and Services (DISES)	\$29 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$15 <input type="checkbox"/>
Division for Learning Disabilities (DLD)	\$25 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$50 <input type="checkbox"/>
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FORM CEC036R (REV 1/12)

# The CEC/CEC-PD Mentoring Program

Pamela Gillet, Coordinator

The CEC-CEC/PD Mentoring Program is entering its sixth year of operation. There are 107 mentors and 19 colleges/universities involved in the 2012-2013 Program. Ten of the colleges/universities are repeats with nine being new to the Program. The Program is in the process of receiving the completed Student Information Sheets so that the matching process can begin. Currently, we have 33 mentees matched with mentors.

For the 2012-2013 year, the development of a list serv or on-line community for Program participants is being investigated to be used for the purpose of communication exchange among the mentors, mentees, and faculty advisors. The Program continues to partner with the IDEA Partnership. In addition, there is a committee that has been appointed to review the historical development of the Program; study the changes that have been made during the last five years; and make recommendations to the Pioneers Board and to CEC relative to the future of the Program.

The evaluation of last year's Program was completed by the various participants in the Program. Eighty six percent of the mentors and 82% of the mentees said that the Program had provided many direct benefits to the participants. Among the benefits cited by the mentors were (1) involvement with future educators; (2) opportunity to share information and experiences with prospective teachers; and (3) the materials from the coordinator that were prepared to share with the mentees. The students reported that the mentors provided guidance from an experienced educator and gave another ear for hearing a discussion.

Seventy six percent of the students said that through their participation in the Mentoring Program, they were encouraged to continue their student membership in CEC or transition into the professional membership category upon graduation.

The types of mentoring provided were:

- help with instructional and electronic resources
- information relative to a specific child situation in student teaching
- job search, interviewing, resume' development, and the job application process
- feedback on research papers, lesson plans, theses, and dissertations

- general support
- up-to-date information on topical issues in the field

According to responses of the participants in the evaluation process, some of the comments made about last year's Program were:

## FACULTY ADVISORS

"Outstanding program as students have benefited from the advice of their mentors."

"This is a wonderful program that should continue. Kudos to all the great mentors who have shared their time and talents."

## MENTORS

"This was my first year of participation in the Program and I found it personally satisfying."

"I had a wonderful year of interacting with a vibrant new professional. Through this experience, I became more motivated."

## STUDENTS

"This was a great program and I would like to thank CEC and the Pioneers for creating it. I will always remember these experiences."

"I absolutely loved the program. My mentor was extremely helpful and definitely provided me with experiences and information I would never have received through my college classes. Thank you so much."

The 2012-2013 Program is still in need of additional mentors. Please share your knowledge and experiences with aspiring new special educators. As a member of the Pioneers Division you are a "natural" to assume the role of mentor. The actual mentoring time involved ranges from an hour to two hours per month. Go to:

<http://www.cec.sped.org/Content/NavigationMenu/AboutCEC/Communities/Divisions/2011-2012MentorInfoSheet.pdf> where you will find the application to become a mentor.

I look forward to working with you all in the 2012-2013 CEC/CEC-PD Mentoring Program.



# 2013 Romaine P. Mackie Annual Award for Leadership

**Purpose:** The Romaine P. Mackie 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; publications. The individual should be nominated by someone who is familiar with the nature and quality of his/her work and who can speak to the nominee's character.

The Award is named for Romaine P. Mackie who was a U.S. Commissioner of Education, a devout supporter of special education in the early years, and an active member of CEC who promoted the mission of CEC in all of her work.

## Nomination Materials Include:

- Completed Nomination Form (below)
- Letter of nomination
- Brief vitae or resume of the nominee
- At least two (2) letters of support (no more than four (4), please)

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## Nomination Form

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

CEC Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nominating Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

The brief vitae or resume for the individual nominated should include educational background, employment history, length of service, special projects undertaken, awards received, and other information which will assist the Awards Committee in making a decision.

All nominations and materials must be received by **Thursday, January 31, 2013**.

Submit your nomination packet to:

Michael Weinroth, Awards and Honors Chair  
335 Hunting View Ct. NW  
Atlanta, GA 30328-2779  
C 404-357-1188  
Email: [mikeweinroth@aol.com](mailto:mikeweinroth@aol.com)



**CEC Pioneers  
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# CEC's Children and Youth Action Network (CAN) Report

Jean Lokerson, PD CAN Coordinator

## CEC CAN Summer2012 Update

**Sequestration.** Perhaps the most talked about concept was the continuing threat of “sequestration”. When President Obama signed the Budget Control Act (BCA) in mid-2011, it created a Bi-Partisan Supercommittee charged with identifying \$1.2 trillion in budget cuts for the next decade for every federal program not specifically excluded (e.g., Medicaid, Child Nutrition, Veteran’s benefits, and Federal Retirement Benefits) beginning January 1, 2013. Defense and Education were prominent examples of cuts that would automatically reduce \$3.5 billion from the Department of Education, including Parts B, C, and D of IDEA and Special Education Research. CEC noted that the cuts would come when previous cuts had already “reduced essential services” for children and youth with disabilities.

## Performance Evaluation of Teachers and Principals.

The move toward data-based evaluations as an important component of annual evaluations, contract renewals and tenure decisions has raised questions about what factors and how many should be incorporated into Performance Evaluation. In addition, concerns are being voiced about how evaluations can be developed for teachers in inclusive, self-contained, and other settings that serve students with disabilities. Models developed in Massachusetts, Washington D.C. and Rhode Island were discussed. These models emphasize challenges such as (1) accurately measuring growth, (2) using value-added models, (3) augmenting existing measures of instructional practice that consider the specific curricular needs of students with disabilities, and (4) observation training specific to the roles of special educators.

## Restoration of the 30% cut in funding of the National Center for Special Education Research (NCSER).

CEC, joined by dozens of researchers addressed the importance of restoring the \$71 million to continue ground-breaking research that has guided the use of positive-behavioral intervention systems and the implementation of Response to Intervention systems, among others. NCSER Commissioner, Deborah Speece, reviewed the program’s goals and priorities before describing some upcoming projects: (1) middle school intervention for transition from alternative to home schools, (2) computer-based state tests to increase accessibility to students with visual impairments, (3) multimedia to assist hearing parents in low SES families in the rehabilitation of deaf toddlers, (4) a mentoring program for early career development of researchers, and (5) academic achievement acceleration in students with learning disabilities.

## Other topics included:

### Input into the NCLB Reauthorization process

including the value of full funding, the Maintenance of Effort provisions impact on school districts, the effects of RTI on identification and eligibility decisions, and possible changes needed in Part C—Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities and streamlining discipline procedures.

### The use of various “adaptive assessments” to

provide a better measure of student performance at the top and bottom of the proficiency distribution, especially for NCLB and Common Core State Standards purposes. One promising computerized, standards-based adaptive testing method is fairer and more appropriate because all students see the full range of content, each has the opportunity to demonstrate the same range of cognitive skills, and item difficulty rather than cognitive complexity adjusts to student performance.

### The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,

moved into a new stage of ratification when the Obama Administration submitted it to the United States Senate for its advice and consent. With bipartisan support, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee approved ratification this summer, so the US can be represented at an important September Committee meeting.

## CEC CAN September Update

**Continuing Resolution.** Before leaving Washington for the “election season,” the 2012 Congress passed a bi-partisan Continuing Resolution (CR) which continues federal agency funding to continue at present spending levels after the Fiscal Year 2013 begins on October 1, 2012. After the election, either a lame duck 2012 Congress or a new 113th Congress in January may freeze the budget at 2012 levels, or either cut or raise specific areas of the budget. Neither the Senate nor House are said to want a government shutdown.

**Sequestration** .However, the Budget Control Act (BCA) is scheduled to go into effect January 2, 2013, triggering the 8.4 percent across the board cuts, or sequestration. In addition, the President just signed the Transparency Act of 2012, which requires a detailed report on how much reduction must be made for every account, along with what the impact will be. The report is due within 30 days of its enactment, which was September 6, 2012; exactly 30 days before the election.



# Proposed Amendments

October 10, 2012

## PIONEERS DIVISION OF THE COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

### ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Pioneers Division, a division of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC).

### ARTICLE II PURPOSE

#### Section 1.

The Pioneers Division shall be a not-for-profit educational association.

#### Section 2.

The primary purposes of the Pioneers Division shall be to ~~provide a~~ offer services to the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC); to support and make available benefits and services to its members; to provide a service to the professional community, both general and special education, by rendering time, effort, expertise, and leadership to activities which promote the education and welfare of exceptional children and youth; and to bring recognition to those who have been longstanding members of CEC for twenty (20) years or more and/or have provided leadership that has positively impacted the lives of exceptional children and youth. Specifically, the Pioneers Division intends to assist and provide support to CEC in all efforts on behalf of children and youth with exceptionalities and to participate in all appropriate governance activities of CEC subject to the general supervision and control of CEC, provided however:

#### Section 3.

The Pioneers Division intends to assist and provide support to CEC in all efforts on behalf of children and youth with exceptionalities and to participate in all appropriate governance activities of CEC subject to the general supervision and control of CEC.

#### Section 4.

These services and programs are provided as long as:

- a. No part of the Pioneers Division's net earnings or assets shall either directly or indirectly inure to the benefit of the Pioneers Division's founders or any of its officers, members, their families, or otherwise to any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or on behalf of the Pioneers Division and payments and distribution may be made in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II).
- b. No substantial part of the activities of the Pioneers Division shall consist of disseminating propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as may be permitted by the most recent United States Internal Revenue Code). The Pioneers Division shall not participate in nor intervene (including the publication or distribution of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Nor shall the Pioneers Division engage in any activities that are unlawful under applicable federal, state, provincial or local laws.
- c. The Pioneers Division shall not be operated for profit and shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an association exempted from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code or by an association to which contributions are deductible under the most recent revision of the United States Internal Revenue Code.
- d. If at any time, the Pioneers Division is deemed to be a private foundation as defined in the United States Internal Revenue Code, the Pioneers Division shall distribute its income and principal, if necessary, in such a manner as not to subject the Pioneers Division to tax liability under the United States Internal Revenue Code. The Pioneers Division shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in the United States Internal Revenue Code; retain any excess business holdings as defined in the United States Internal Revenue Code; nor make any taxable expenditure as defined in the United States Internal Revenue Code.

#### Section 3.

~~The Pioneers Division shall provide a service to the general community to increase awareness of the educational needs of exceptional children and youth and the services available to them.~~

**Section 4.**

The Pioneers Division shall provide a service to the professional community, both general and special education, by rendering time, effort and expertise to activities which promote the education and welfare of exceptional children and youth.

**Section 5.**

The Pioneers Division shall provide support to CEC programs and activities by contributing volunteer time, effort and expertise.

**Article II**

**RATIONALE FOR CHANGES IN THE PURPOSE OF THE PIONEERS DIVISION**

The CEC Pioneers Division holds a unique leadership position among the CEC units. The creation of the division occurred as a unit structure of CEC to recognize longevity of CEC membership as well as leadership services provided by individual members. The division purpose statement has been strengthened to not only recognize individual members but also to advance the leadership capabilities of the division in supporting the mission of CEC as well as the field of special education. The CEC Pioneers Division offers its collective leadership experience as well as the many years of talents and leadership experience of its individual members to the Council for Exceptional Children and, in turn, the field of special education.

**ARTICLE III  
MEMBERS**

**Section 1. Qualifications**

Any person who has been a member of CEC for a period of at least ~~twenty (20)~~ fifteen (15) years, has served as an officer of a CEC Division or state/provincial unit, or is a Past President of CEC shall qualify for membership.

**Section 2. Minimum Membership Requirements**

The Pioneers Division shall maintain a minimum of one hundred (100) paid members who shall meet the membership requirements as established by both CEC and the Pioneers Division.

**Section 3. Unified Membership**

All members of the Pioneers Division must hold concurrent membership in CEC. The Pioneers Division may not accept enrollments for division or subdivision membership only.

**Section 4. Membership Term**

The policy pertaining to the membership term shall be consistent with the policy of CEC.

**Section 5. Membership Eligibility**

The Executive Board shall determine any questions of eligibility for membership in accordance with the membership policies of CEC and the Pioneers Division.

**Section 6. Rights**

All members shall be entitled to all rights, privileges, benefits, and services of the Pioneers Division that will include:

- a. Voting
- b. Receiving all benefits, services and products provided by the Pioneers Division
- c. Attending CEC-Pioneers Division meetings
- d. Holding office
- e. Serving on the Executive Board, committees, and work groups

**Article III**

**Section 1. Qualifications**

**RATIONALE FOR CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS**

Qualifications for membership in the CEC Pioneers Division align with the core purpose of the division, that being, to offer support to its members and as importantly, to offer the collective expertise and experience of its members to CEC in support of the Council’s mission, programs, and services. The three membership criteria, offered separately or in combination, recognize CEC membership longevity, leadership within CEC or one of its units, or service to CEC as a past president of the Council.

**ARTICLE IV  
DUES**

**Section 1. Dues**

The Executive Board shall propose dues for membership and all changes in the dues structure. Action to adopt changes to the Pioneers Division dues' structure and any special assessment will require a simple majority vote by the Executive Board to bring the recommendation forward to the general membership at the annual business meeting. A simple majority vote of those members present and voting shall be required to change the amount of the Pioneers Division dues or to approve any special assessments.

### **Section 2. Payment of Dues**

Annual Pioneers Division dues shall be paid at the same time as CEC dues are paid. Members whose dues are not paid by the last day of their membership year shall be considered delinquent, and they shall be dropped from membership in the Pioneers Division.

## **ARTICLE V ORGANIZATION**

### **Section 1. Relationship with CEC**

The Pioneers Division shall be an affiliated unit with CEC.

### **Section 2. Fiscal and Administrative Term**

The fiscal year and administrative term of office shall be January 1 through December 31.

## **ARTICLE VI OFFICERS**

### **Section 1. Elected Officers**

The officers of the Pioneers Division shall be a President; a President Elect who shall succeed to the office of President; a Vice President who shall succeed to the President Elect; an Immediate Past President; a Secretary; and a Treasurer; and two Representatives to the CEC Representative Assembly. All officers shall be elected by the general membership of the Division with the exception of the Treasurer who shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board.

### **Article VI**

#### **Section 1. Officers**

##### **RATIONALE FOR THE APPOINTMENT vs. ELECTION OF THE TREASURER**

With limited income over the past three years and ongoing expenses for the operation of the Division, there is a need to ensure that the Treasurer of the Division has a background in financial management, budgeting, and accounting procedures as well as creative ideas for ways that the Division might accrue revenue from outside resources, including fund raising activities. Having the ability to seek out an individual having this background and experience and then make the appointment of Treasurer based on these documented skills and experience will better serve the Division and its membership. The appointment process recommended for the office of Treasurer includes both the President and the approval of the Board. Thereby, there is more than one member of the Board involved with the appointment process. In addition, this is the board model currently used by CEC.

### **Section 2. Prerequisite to Nomination and Election**

All officers must be members of CEC and the Pioneers Division at the time of their nomination and election/appointment and remain so throughout the duration of their terms of office.

### **Section 3. Terms of Office**

The terms of office are as follows:

- a. The President, President Elect, Vice President, and Immediate Past President shall serve for one (1) year.
- b. The Secretary shall serve for ~~two (2)~~ three (3) consecutive years. ~~The election of the Secretary shall be held in even numbered years.~~
- c. The Treasurer shall serve for ~~two (2)~~ three (3) consecutive years. ~~The election for the Treasurer shall be held in odd numbered years.~~

### **Article VI**

#### **Section 3. Terms of Office**

##### **RATIONALE FOR THE EXTENDED TERMS OF OFFICE FOR THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER MOVING FROM A TWO YEAR TERM TO A THREE YEAR TERM**

**b. Secretary.** The various responsibilities of the Secretary (minutes, board roster maintenance, and the updating of the [Board Handbook](#) and the policies/procedures for the Division) require a learning curve for the individual assuming the position of Secretary. Having an individual serve a three (3) year term rather than a two (2) year term provides more continuity for the record keeping of the Division. The Secretary would still remain eligible to run for a second term. However, the second term would be for three (3) years rather than the current two (2) year term.

**c. Treasurer.** Due to the amount of orientation that is necessary for the individual who assumes the office of Treasurer; the time involved in changing the banking documentation for the Division's accounts; the procedure for filing the annual taxes for the Division; and the process the Pioneers' President and Board will use for the search and appointment of the Treasurer, it is recommended that the term of office for the Treasurer be extended one year; making it a three (3) year term rather than the current two (2) year term. In addition, with the added responsibility of chairing the Finance Committee together with the long term financial planning the Division is undertaking, a three (3) year term for the treasurer is more appropriate. The Treasurer would be eligible to be appointed for a second three-year term. Currently, the Treasurer may run for a second two (2) year term.

#### **Section 4. Representatives to the CEC Representative Assembly**

The two (2) Representatives from the Pioneers Division to the CEC Representative Assembly shall each be elected to a two (2) year term, which shall be on a staggered basis. The election for one of the two (2) representatives to the CEC Representative Assembly shall be held each year. **The President and Immediate Past President shall serve as the Division's representatives to the CEC Representative Assembly.**

### **Article VI**

#### **Section 4. Representatives to the CEC Representative Assembly**

##### **RATIONALE FOR CHANGING THE DIVISION REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CEC REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY FROM TWO ELECTED DIVISION MEMEBERS TO THE PRESIDENT AND IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT OF THE DIVISION**

Both the President and Immediate Past President are key officers in the Pioneers Division. They both are involved with all of the decision-making and have participated in all board meetings and on line discussions. In addition, the President represents the Division in the Interdivisional Caucus (IDC) and therefore, has first-hand knowledge of the current issues facing divisions which can be topics for discussion at the Representative Assembly (RA). Both of these officers already attend the CEC convention, where the RA meeting is held, due to their responsibilities associated with the positions on the Pioneers Board. In addition, having the President and Immediate Past President become the representatives to the RA would reduce the expenses to the Division at a time where there is limited revenue. This is a model of representation that is supported by CEC and is used by many other divisions and state/provincial units.

#### **Section 5. Succession**

~~Officers elected to the positions of Representative to the CEC Representative Assembly;~~ **The President Elect will assume the position of the President. The President will become the Immediate Past President of the Pioneers Division. The Secretary; and Treasurer may** are eligible to serve a second consecutive ~~two~~ **three**-year term.

#### **Section 6. Vacancies**

Vacancies in an office shall be filled as follows:

a. A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by automatic succession of the President Elect to the office.

b. **If a vacancy occurs in the office of President Elect, shall be filled by the President shall, with approval of the Executive Board, appoint a Past President of the Pioneers Division to fill the remainder of the term.** ~~automatic succession of the Vice President to the office.~~

~~c. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Vice President President Elect prior to the completion of the process to select the program for the annual CEC Convention and Expo and to make the arrangements for the annual business meeting and dinner, the Vice President Elect shall assume the position of Vice President until the end of the current administrative year the President shall appoint an individual to fulfill this role. At the beginning of the new administrative year, the Vice President Elect shall assume the position of Vice President as the first year of the term of succession to the office of President.~~

d. **c.** If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Immediate Past President prior to the completion of the responsibilities as Nominations and Elections Chair, the President shall, **with approval of the Executive Board,** appoint a Past President of the Pioneers Division to fill the open position until the end of the current administrative year.

e. **d.** A vacancy in all other offices shall be declared as filled by action of the Executive Board upon recommendation by the President.

~~f.~~ **e.** Person(s) appointed to fill a vacancy(ies) shall serve only to the end of the current administrative year or until replaced by a duly elected **or appointed** successor(s).



g. CEC Headquarters shall be provided the name(s) of all individuals appointed to fill any vacancies on the Executive Board, inclusive of the Division Representatives to the CEC Representative Assembly.

## Article VI

### Section 6. Vacancies

#### RATIONALE FOR FILLING THE VACANCY OF THE PRESIDENT ELECT

b. As it is being recommended that the office of Vice President be deleted as a position in the Pioneers Division, the Vice President, therefore, cannot fill the vacancy for the office of President Elect. As the President Elect of the Division carries the full responsibility for the professional program sessions for the Pioneers at the CEC convention and the annual dinner meeting, it would be necessary for someone who had completed these responsibilities to assume the vacant office. A Past President of the Division would be the most appropriate choice as this individual has previously fulfilled the responsibilities of the President Elect and is familiar with the structure of the CEC convention, other operations of the Division, and Board member responsibilities.

#### RATIONALE FOR FILLING THE VACANCY OF THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

c. As the Immediate Past President chairs the Nominations and Elections Committee, it is essential that if a vacancy occurs in this office, the person being appointed to fill that position be knowledgeable of all of the procedures and timelines involved with the nominations and election process or the Division as there are Constitutional time and sequence requirements that must be met. Therefore, the most appropriate choice to fill the vacancy would be a Past President of the Pioneers Division as this individual has previously held the position of Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee.

### Section 7. Duties of Officers

The powers and duties of officers shall be such as are implied by their respective titles and such as are specified in these Constitution and Bylaws and described in the CEC-PD Board Member Handbook of Policies and Procedures.

### Section 8. The President

- a. Serves as the chief executive officer of the Pioneers Division.
- b. Calls and presides at all meetings of the Executive Board, ~~Executive Committee~~ including special call meetings; the transaction of Pioneers Division business using a variety of means of communicating, including electronic and teleconferencing; and the Annual Membership Business Meeting.
- c. Coordinates liaison relationships with CEC, other CEC divisions, as well as agencies and organizations.
- d. Provides leadership to general policy and carries out the directions of the Executive Board and Pioneers Division.
- e. Acts as an ex-officio member of all committees with the exception of the Nominations and Elections Committee.
- f. Recommends chairs of committees, and other appointed positions and replacements to any of these positions that become vacant to the Executive Board with the exception of the Nomination and Elections Committee, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and the annual CEC Convention Program Committee Professional Development Committee.
- g. Makes an annual report at the end of the administrative term of office to the members of the Pioneers Board and for filing with the Division's Secretary and Historian.
- h. Submits the Annual Statement of Assurances form to CEC by the designated time.
- i. Arranges for the introduction of the honor resolutions as prepared by the Resolutions Committee and adopted by the Board to the CEC Representative Assembly.
- j. Serves as the representative of the Pioneers Division to the Interdivisional Caucus (IDC).
- k. Serves as one of the Pioneers Division Representatives to the CEC Representative Assembly.
- l. Provides all required reports and Division information to CEC.

### Section 9. President Elect

- a. Serves in the President's place with the authority of the President in case of the President's absence or inability to serve.
- b. Serves as ~~Convention Program~~ Professional Development Committee Chair and ~~continues to serve~~ as the Pioneers Division representative on the Program Advisory Committee (PAC) for the annual CEC Convention and Expo. ~~during the term of President Elect.~~
- c. Assumes the responsibilities for the annual dinner for the Pioneers Division.
- d. Serves as the second representative of the Pioneers Division to the IDC.

## Article VI

### Section 9. President Elect

#### RATIONALE FOR CHANGING THE NAME OF CONVENTION PROGRAM COMMITTEE TO PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

This change indicates that duties may include other professional development opportunities. This name change is reflected throughout the Constitution and Bylaws.

#### ~~Section 10. Vice President~~

- ~~a. Serves in place of the President Elect with the President Elect's authority in case of the absence or the \_\_\_\_\_ President Elect's inability to serve.~~
- ~~b. Serves in place of the President with the President's authority in case of the President's and President Elect's absence or inability to serve.~~
- ~~c. Serves as chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.~~
- ~~d. Participates as the Pioneers Division's representative to the CEC Program Advisory Committee for the CEC Convention during the vice presidential term.~~
- ~~e. Assumes designated responsibilities which will provide advancement to the office of President Elect and President.~~

## Article VI

### Section 10. Vice President

#### RATIONALE FOR ELIMINATION OF THIS OFFICE

Duties of this office can be assumed by the President Elect and chair of the Constitution/Bylaws standing committee, therefore eliminating the expense of paying travel and other expenses for an additional officer. Also provides for more efficient organization and is consistent with CEC organizational structure.

#### Section ~~10~~ **10. Immediate Past President**

- a. Serves as the chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee.
- b. Serves as one of the Pioneers Division Representatives to the CEC Representative Assembly.
- ~~b.c.~~ Provides advice to the Executive Board.

#### Section ~~12~~ **11. Secretary**

- a. Keeps a complete record of all proceedings of the Executive Board meetings, Executive Committee meetings, and the Annual Membership Business meeting.
- b. Prepares, as directed, correspondence necessary for the operation of Pioneers Division.
- c. Assumes custody of all records except those specifically assigned to others.
- d. Maintains the current listing and contact information for the members of the Executive Board.
- e. Makes available copies of the Constitution and Bylaws and minutes of the previous board meeting.
- f. Provides an official copy of all minutes to the Historian at the end of each year and transfers all records to the new Secretary at the time of succession of office.
- g. Updates the Pioneers Division Board Member Policies and Procedures Handbook per the action taken by the Executive Board and as directed by the President.

#### Section ~~13~~ **12. Treasurer**

- a. Prepares and submits an annual budget in collaboration with the President members of the Finance Committee to the Executive Board.
- b. Serves as chair of the Finance Committee.
- ~~b. c.~~ Makes an annual report of the financial status of the Pioneers Division to the Executive Board and to the membership at the Annual Membership Business Meeting in printed format. This report will also be submitted in electronic format as needed.
- ~~e. d.~~ Reviews expenditure requests from Executive Board members and ppays all expenditures as authorized by the Pioneers Division's adopted budget and approved by the President.
- ~~d. e.~~ Maintains all bank accounts and bookkeeping for the Pioneers Division.

- e. ~~f.~~ Plans for and oversees an annual audit conducted by a ~~certified public accountant~~ **an individual with a demonstrated background in accounting/business who will provide a written report of the audit review** of all the financial accounts of the Pioneers Division.
- f. ~~g.~~ Transfers all money and financial records to the new Treasurer within thirty (30) days after a change in officers.

## Article VI

### Section 12. Treasurer

#### RATIONALE FOR EXPANSION OF DUTIES AND PROCEDURES FOR AUDIT

Expansion of duties reflects the addition of the Finance Committee as a standing committee and the assignment of the Treasurer as Chair of the Finance Committee. Changes also allow for the presentation of the budget in electronic formats as appropriate. Clarification of the payment of expenses has been added as well as revised criteria for the person conducting and reporting on the audit for the Division.

#### Section ~~14~~**13**. Pioneers Division Representatives to CEC Representative Assembly

- a. Represent the Pioneers Division at meetings of the CEC Representative Assembly and participate in balloting and other activities necessary to the functioning of the CEC Representative Assembly.
- b. Report regularly to the Pioneers Division's Executive Board and general membership on the activities of the CEC Representative Assembly and CEC.
- c. Inform the Pioneers Division about the disposition of CEC Representative Assembly issues and advice forwarded to the CEC Board of Directors.
- d. Communicate issues and concerns from the Pioneers Division to the CEC Representative Assembly.
- e. Seek input, advice, and direction from the Pioneers Division Executive Board regarding issues before the CEC Representative Assembly.
- f. Represent decisions that have been Executive Board adopted; present information that has been discussed by the Executive Board with a consensus reached; act only as Executive Board directed; or act in accordance with the responsibilities of that position as described in the Pioneers Division's Constitution and Bylaws.
- g. Share the responsibility of Pioneers Division representation through joint statements.

#### Section ~~15~~**14**. Removal from Office

- a. A petition for removal of a Pioneers Division officer shall be signed by a minimum of five members of the Pioneers Division and submitted in print format to the President. If the President is the subject of the petition, it shall be submitted to the President Elect.
- b. The President (or President Elect) shall within seven (7) days communicate, using a variety of means of communication, including electronic and teleconferencing, to each Executive Board member the receipt of such a petition, solicit relevant evidence from all parties concerned, and arrange for the Executive Board to consider the matter within thirty (30) days following receipt of the petition.
- c. The Executive Board shall provide an opportunity for all interested parties to present any relevant evidence to be considered before any action is taken.
- d. A quorum is necessary to vote. The vote authorizing removal of an elected **or appointed** officer requires an affirmative vote by two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members of the **Executive** Board present and voting. The officer being considered for removal shall be provided the results of the Executive Board's action, in printed format within seven (7) days.
- e. This action is considered final.

## ARTICLE VII EXECUTIVE BOARD

### Section 1. Executive Board.

The Executive Board shall be the governing board of the Pioneers Division. All members of the Executive Board of the Pioneers Division will follow the Pioneers Division's Ethics and Code of Conduct as it applies to all members of the Executive Board, including committee chairs, as well as members of committees, work groups, and Division Representatives.

## **Section 2. Members**

The Executive Board shall consist of the President, President Elect, ~~Vice President~~, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, ~~and Representatives to the CEC Representative Assembly~~ and chairs of all standing committees as voting members. ~~Chairs of all committees,~~ Historian, Newsletter Editor, ~~the Subdivision Liaison~~, and other appointed positions, ~~will~~ shall also serve as members without voting privileges.

## **Article VII**

### **Section 2. Members**

#### **RATIONALE FOR ADDITION OF VOTING MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

The chairs of the standing committees are involved in developing policy and in making decisions related to the Pioneers Division. Therefore, it is important that they have a voice in the business activities conducted by the Pioneers Division Executive Board.

### **Section 3. Meetings**

A minimum of one (1) Executive Board meeting shall be held. It shall be held annually in conjunction with the annual CEC Convention and Expo. However, business of the Pioneers Division may be conducted at other times using a variety of means of communication, including, but not limited to, electronic and teleconferencing.

### **Section 4. Quorum**

A quorum shall be two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members of the Executive Board.

### **Section 5. Duties of Pioneers Division Executive Board**

- a. Serves as the Pioneers Division's administrative policy-making body.
- b. Conducts all appropriate executive business of the Pioneers Division.
- c. Adopts policies and programs for the Pioneers Division in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws and the CEC-PD Board Member Handbook of Policies and Procedures.
- d. Recommends an Annual Pioneers Division budget for the approval by the membership at the Annual Membership Business Meeting.
- e. Approves amendments to the adopted budget of the Pioneers Division.
- f. Authorizes the activities of Board committees.
- g. Approves the appointment of all committee chairs, with the exception of the Nominations and Elections Committee, ~~the Constitution and Bylaws Committee~~, and the ~~Annual Convention Program Committee~~ Professional Development Committee; the committee members; and all other Board appointed positions.
- h. Authorizes regional meetings, conventions or conferences that are in addition to the annual meeting.
- i. Directs issues to the CEC Board of Directors via the Pioneers Division's Representatives to the CEC Representative Assembly.
- j. Selects the honoree or topical issue for the annual Pioneers Division Showcase Session as part of the CEC Convention. Honorees and topical issues selected should reflect significant contributions and/or impact to the field over time.
- k. Passes on all the information regarding their duties and the CEC-PD Board Member Handbook of Policies and Procedures before the end of their terms.

## **Article VII**

### **Section 5. Duties of Pioneers Division Executive Board**

#### **RATIONALE FOR ADDITIONAL FOCUS OF THE ANNUAL PIONEERS DIVISION SHOWCASE SESSION**



The showcase session at the annual CEC Convention has focused on honoring Pioneers who have made significant contributions to the field. This focus remains. However, by expanding the focus to also include important topical issues the Professional Development Committee has the flexibility to develop a program that may also focus on important issues in the field.

#### **Section 6. Executive Committee**

- a. ~~The Executive Committee of the Executive Board shall consist of the President, President Elect, Vice President, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer and Representatives to the CEC Representative Assembly. The Executive Committee may act for the Executive Board and conduct the official business necessary to maintain the operation of the Pioneers Division using a variety of means of communication, including but not limited to, electronic and teleconferencing.~~
- b. ~~A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of five (5) members.~~

### **Article VII**

#### **Section 6. Executive Committee**

#### **RATIONALE FOR REMOVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Board, as described in Section 2 of this Article, can fulfill the same functions as an Executive Committee. Eliminating the Executive Committee avoids duplication of duties and allows the Executive Board to make decisions that reflect the opinions of a greater representation of the Pioneers Division Membership.

#### **Section 7.6. Removal from the Executive Board**

- a. Elected/**appointed** officers may be removed from the Executive Board by following the procedures as outlined in Article VI, Section ~~15~~ **14**, of the Pioneers Division Constitution and Bylaws.
- b. All committee chairs and other appointed positions may be removed from the Executive Board upon recommendation of the President following approval by the Executive Board.

## **ARTICLE VIII MEETINGS**

A minimum of one (1) Annual Membership Business Meeting shall be held. It shall be held in conjunction with the annual CEC Convention and Expo. A quorum for the Annual Business Meeting shall consist of twenty (20) members. The purpose of the Annual Membership Business Meeting shall be to:

- a. Serve as the Pioneers Division's general legislative body.
- b. Announce the results of the election of the Pioneers Division officers.
- c. Establish the rate for the Pioneers Division dues and special assessments.
- d. Approve the annual budget.
- e. Establish regulations relating to the general membership.
- f. Act on such other official recommendations and petitions as may be received.
- g. Refer issues to the CEC Representative Assembly through the Pioneers Division Representatives to the CEC Representative Assembly.

## **ARTICLE IX COMMITTEES**

In keeping with the stated purposes of the Pioneers Division, the following standing committees shall be established:

- a. ~~Annual Convention Program~~ **Professional Development**
- b. Awards and Honors
- c. Constitution and Bylaws
- d. Membership
- e. Nominations and Elections
- f. Political Advocacy
- g. Resolutions
- h. Finance**

## Article IX

### RATIONALE FOR NAME CHANGE OF ANNUAL CONVENTION PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The President Elect will continue to participate in planning the annual convention program, however, renaming the committee expands the opportunities for professional development for the Pioneers Division in addition to the annual convention, as needed.

#### Section 1. Committee Chairpersons

- a. The Immediate Past President shall serve as chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee.
- b. The President Elect shall serve as chair of the ~~Annual Convention Program~~ Professional Development Committee.
- c. ~~The Vice President shall serve as chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.~~
- d.c. Chairpersons of all other standing committees shall be recommended by the President with the approval of the Executive Board.

#### Section 2. Standing Committee Membership

- a. ~~Each standing committee shall have a minimum of six (6) members, in addition to the chair, representing a broad geographical base. The chair and members of each committee will serve a three (3) year term, with the exception of the Nominations and Elections Committee, Convention and Program Committee and the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.~~
- b. ~~Members of the standing committees, with three (3) exceptions, shall be appointed for three (3) year terms on a revolving basis, with two (2) of the six (6) members or one third (1/3), the nearest fraction thereof, of the committee going off every year, to provide for continuity.~~
- c. ~~Members of the Nominations and Elections Committee, the Convention and Program Committee, and the Constitution and Bylaws Committee will be appointed for a one (1) year term.~~
- a. Each standing committee shall have a minimum of six (6) members, in addition to the chair, representing a broad geographical base.
- b. The chair of each committee will serve a three (3) year term with the exception of the Nominations and Elections Committee and the Professional Development Committee. The chairs of these committees, the Immediate Past President and President Elect, will each serve a one (1) year term.
- c. Standing committee chairs with the exception of the Nominations and Elections Committee and the Professional Development Committee may serve a second three (3) year term.
- d. Members of the standing committees, with two (2) exceptions, shall be appointed for three (3) year terms on a revolving basis, with two (2) of the six (6) members or one third (1/3), the nearest fraction thereof, of the committee going off every year, to provide for continuity.
- e. Members of the Nominations and Elections Committee and the Resolutions Committee will be appointed for a one (1) year term.

## Article IX

### Section 2. Standing Committee Membership

#### RATIONALE FOR ELIMINATION OF VICE PRESIDENT AS COMMITTEE CHAIR

Wording reflects the elimination of the office of Vice President.

#### Section 3. Committee Vacancies

All committee vacancies shall be filled by the chair, subject to the approval of the Executive Board.

#### Section 4. Committee Reporting

All standing committees shall report at the Executive Board meeting prior to reporting to the Annual Membership Business Meeting, unless directed otherwise by the Executive Committee.

#### Section 5. Ad Hoc Committees and Work Groups

Ad hoc committees and work groups may be established by the Executive Board with their functions assigned at the discretion of the President. Such establishment must clearly indicate the purpose, length of service, and expected outcome(s).

#### **Section 6. ~~Annual Convention Program~~ Development Committee**

- a. Solicits, reviews and selects papers for presentation at the Pioneers Division's sessions at the annual CEC Convention with the exception of the Pioneers Showcase Session.
- b. Makes recommendations to the Executive Board for approval for hosting special meetings or sponsoring Pioneers Division functions at the annual CEC Convention and Expo.
- c. Serves as the committee for the Pioneers Division's activities at the annual CEC Convention and Expo.
- d. Serves as the Program and Arrangements Committee for any Pioneers Division's sponsored meetings or activities throughout the year.
- e. Explores other ways to offer professional development activities to the membership of the Division.

#### **Section 7. Awards and Honors Committee**

- a. Establishes a Pioneers Division Award Program and assists CEC units to recognize members of long standing who made notable contributions to CEC, the Pioneers Division, and the field of special education.
- b. Selects the winner of the Romaine P. Mackie Leadership Award which is presented to an individual who has demonstrated leadership over time in programs for exceptional children and youth.
- c. Identifies individuals and submits their nominations for appropriate CEC honors and awards on behalf of the Pioneers Division according to established Pioneers Division procedures.

#### **Section 8. Constitution and Bylaws Committee**

- a. Performs a periodic review of the Pioneers Division's Constitution and Bylaws.
- b. Reviews any proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws and makes recommendations to the Executive Board for approval by the general membership.
- c. Maintains an updated version of the Constitution and Bylaws and files a current copy with CEC whenever any changes are made.
- d. Ensures that a current copy of the Constitution and Bylaws is available at all meetings of the Pioneers Division and to any Division member.
- e. Recommends revisions to the Pioneers Division's Constitution and Bylaws per changes required by the action of CEC.

#### **Section 9. Membership Committee**

- a. Conducts an active membership recruitment and retention program for the Pioneers Division.
- b. Develops an annual membership campaign for the Pioneers Division.
- c. Encourages every eligible CEC member to become a member of the Pioneers Division through methods developed by the committee.
- d. Maintains and reports to the Executive Board a membership count on a periodic basis.
- e. Provides volunteer support to CEC membership recruitment and retention programs.
- f. Develops a plan for contacting lapsed members.
- g. Works closely with CEC Membership Services to improve the means by which the Pioneers Division recruits and retains members.
- h. Prepares and maintains changes to the annual "Membership Directory" of the Pioneers Division.
- i. A member(s) of the committee will be appointed to serve as Subdivision Liaison with the following duties:
  1. Assist states and provinces to initiate the process to develop Subdivisions of the Pioneers Division.
  2. Share information with the Executive Board regarding the activities of the various Subdivisions of the Pioneers Division.
  3. Communicate, on a consistent basis, with the Subdivisions of the Pioneers Division.
  4. Provide information to the Subdivisions of the Pioneers Division as requested.

5. Maintain a current listing of all Subdivisions of the Pioneers Division, with contact information for each.

## Article IX

### Section 9. Membership Committee

#### RATIONALE FOR MOVING THE SUBDIVISION LIAISON POSITION TO A MEMBER OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The duties of the Subdivision Liaison directly relate to the development and support of members of the Pioneers Division. As a member of the Membership Committee, the Subdivision Liaison will have the support of other members of the Committee with similar responsibilities related to retention and recruitment of members as well as the provision of communication with the Pioneers membership.

### Section 10. Nominations and Elections Committee Duties

- a. Solicits recommendations for nominations for the open positions on the Pioneers Division Executive Board from the entire membership.
- b. Nominates at least two (2) qualified candidates who have agreed to run for each open office.
- c. Prepares the official ballot and accompanying candidates' background information for each nominee by November 1, for the fall issue of the Division's newsletter.
- d. Submits the suggested slate of officers as prepared by the Nominations and Elections Committee to the President for presentation to the Executive Board as an information item.
- e. Submits the ballot and candidates' information to the Newsletter Editor by the designated deadline for publication of the January-February fall issue of the Pioneers Division's newsletter.
- f. ~~Distributes ballots and the candidates' background information to the membership eight (8) weeks prior to the Annual Membership Business Meeting if the ballot and accompanying candidate information is not included in the January-February newsletter.~~
- g. f. Conducts the annual election per the voting procedures determined by the Executive Board.
- h. g. Determines the winners of the election in the manner consistent with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised Edition and in accordance with any Executive Board adopted procedures.
- i. h. Announces the results of the elections using a variety of Division communications, at the Annual Membership Business Meeting
- j. i. Maintains, for a period of one year, copies of the ballots submitted.
- k. j. Conducts a run off election as recommended by the Nominations and Elections Committee and approved by the Executive Board at the Annual Business Meeting in the event that no candidate for that office receives a majority vote in the Pioneers Division's annual election process.

## Article IX

### Section 10. Nominations and Elections Committee Duties

#### RATIONALE FOR CHANGE IN TIMELINE FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Officers were previously elected and did not assume duties for one year after their election. This change creates a timeline where officers will be elected in the fall and assume their duties the following January, thus eliminating the need for them to wait one year before assuming responsibilities. This timeline is consistent with CEC structure and is followed by other CEC divisions.

### Section 11. Political Advocacy Committee

- a. The Committee Chair shall serve as the Pioneers Division's representative to CEC's advocacy system, the Children and Youth Action Network (CAN).
- b. Advises the Executive Board regarding CEC policies relating to public policy, advocacy, and the rules and regulations governing the delivery of special education programs.
- c. Advises the membership on critical public policies and assists in developing appropriate responses for Executive Board action.
- d. Participates in advocacy and public policy programs and activities of CEC.
- e. Reports to the Executive Board and general membership on advocacy activities and programs conducted by CEC and the Pioneers Division.

### **Section 12. Resolutions Committee**

- a. Researches background information, accomplishments, career achievements, and CEC involvement for those members who are the focus of the resolution as requested by CEC.
- b. Contacts other sources to locate additional information for the development of the resolution.
- c. Prepares an honors resolution, per the request of CEC, based on the information researched.
- d. Submits the proposed resolution to the Pioneers Division's President for review by the Executive Board, pending the outcome of the review, for submittal to CEC.

### **Section 13. Finance Committee**

- a. Reviews annual income and expenses and prepares the proposed annual budget for the Division for presentation to the general membership of the Division for approval.
- b. Provides advice regarding investments.
- c. Explores means for supporting the programs and services of the Division through a variety of means to generate revenue, including annual fund raising activities.
- d. Studies and develops all Division financial procedures.
- e. Reviews the annual audit of the Division under the direction of the Treasurer.
- f. Recommends to the Pioneers Board any policies needed for the financial operations and procedures of the Division.
- g. Assists the Treasurer as directed.

## **Article IX**

### **Section 13. Finance Committee**

#### **RATIONALE FOR ADDITION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Adding a Finance Committee to the Pioneers Division Standing Committees is necessary to address the additional support needed for the Division Treasurer with respect to management of the Division's finances. The Finance Committee will work closely with, and at the direction of the Treasurer to assist with short-term and long-term planning aspects of the Pioneer Division's funds. The Finance Committee will provide the Treasurer with the additional "voices" needed for feedback and planning of the annual budget. The Finance Committee will also assist the Treasurer with duties and responsibilities that previously were the sole responsibility of the Treasurer.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **OTHER MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

In addition to the elected **and appointed** officers and standing committee chairs, there are other appointed non-voting positions on the Pioneers Division Executive Board.

#### **Section 1. Historian**

The President with the approval of the Executive Board appoints the Historian. The Historian will ensure that important documents and other information related to the Pioneers Division's history and activities are collected, organized and stored for future reference.

- a. Establishes a procedure for the collection of material relative to the formation and ongoing operation of the Pioneers Division.
- b. Develops and maintains the Pioneers Division's history and development.
- c. Maintains the Pioneers Division's files.
- d. Serves a five (5) year term with the option for reappointment.
- e. Provides support to the CEC Archives relative to cataloging and indexing of archival documents; acquiring material for the CEC historical collection; and filing oral histories of Showcase Sessions conducted by the Pioneers Division.

#### **Section 2. Newsletter Editor**

The Newsletter Editor is appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board for a period of three (3) years and is eligible for reappointment. The Newsletter Editor will ensure that the required issues(s) of the newsletter, the Pioneers Press is (are) sent to all Pioneers Division members in a timely manner.

- a. Solicits information, reports, and articles from the Executive Board members for publication.



- b. Notifies Executive Board members of the required articles/information and deadline for each issue of the newsletter.
- c. Ensures that only factual descriptions of discussion items, reports of adopted position statements, and specific outcomes of action items by the Executive Board, the CEC Representative Assembly, the Interdivisional Caucus, and the CEC Board of Directors will be published.
- d. Files a copy of each newsletter published with the Historian.

**Section 3. Subdivision Liaison**

The Subdivision Liaison is appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board for a term of three (3) years and is eligible for reappointment. The Subdivision Liaison will maintain communication with the Pioneers Subdivisions and promotes the development of additional Subdivisions in other states and provinces.

- ~~a. Assists states and provinces to initiate the process to develop Subdivisions of the Pioneers Division.~~
- ~~b. Shares information with the Executive Board regarding the activities of the various Subdivisions of the Pioneers Division.~~
- ~~c. Communicates, on a consistent basis, with the Subdivisions of the Pioneers Division.~~
- ~~d. Provides information to the Subdivisions of the Pioneers Division as requested.~~
- ~~e. Maintains a current listing of all Subdivisions of the Pioneers Division, with contact information for each.~~

**Article X**

**Section 3. Subdivision Liaison**

**RATIONALE FOR MOVING THIS POSITION TO MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

See Article IX Section 9.

**ARTICLE XI  
DURATION AND DISSOLUTION**

The duration of the Pioneers Division shall be perpetual unless the officers of the Pioneers Division unanimously determine that it should be dissolved. Upon the dissolution and the final liquidation of the Pioneers Division, the officers shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all debts and liabilities of the Pioneers Division, distribute all its assets to either:

- a. The Yes I Can! program of CEC.
- b. The Council for Exceptional Children.
- c. Another unit of CEC that is active and conducts programs and activities consistent with the purposes of the Pioneers Division as described in Article II of the Pioneers Division’s Constitution and Bylaws.
- d. A non-profit tax-exempt public organization which operates to advance the education of exceptional children and youth.

Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county or city in which the principal office of the Pioneers Division is located, exclusively for such purpose or to such organization(s), as said court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes to the federal government or a state or local government to be used for a public purpose.

Under no circumstances shall any of the property or assets of the Pioneers Division during its existence or upon dissolution be distributed to any officer, Executive Board member, member, or Subdivision of the Pioneers Division.

**ARTICLE XII  
ETHICS AND CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Pioneers Division’s Ethics and Code of Conduct shall serve to govern the conduct of all members of the Executive Board, including committee chairs, and other appointed positions; work group chairs; and the members of committees and work groups when carrying out the business of the Pioneers Division.

**ARTICLE XIII  
PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES**

The rules of parliamentary practice as described in Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised Edition, shall govern the proceedings of the Pioneers Division subject to the special rules which have been or may be adopted.

## **ARTICLE XIV ADMENDMENTS**

### **Section 1.**

The Pioneers Division's Constitution and Bylaws can be amended by the general membership of the Pioneers Division, using a mail or secure electronic vote. All amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws must be passed by a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members voting. All proposed amendments will be reviewed by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee before being submitted to the general membership.

### **Section 2.**

Proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws may be initiated by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, a voting member of the Executive Board, or by a petition of ten (10) members submitted to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee will prepare and submit ~~pros and cons of~~ a rationale for the amendments to the Executive Board. The Executive Board must make a recommendation to the membership concerning such amendments and will circulate this information and the ballot for the purpose of voting by mail to the membership within thirty (30) days after a decision by the Executive Board. No amendments will be authorized by the Executive Board to conduct the affairs of the Pioneers Division in any manner or for any purpose contrary to the provision of the United States Internal Revenue Code.

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After reviewing the proposed amendments to the CEC Pioneers Division Constitution and Bylaws, please indicate your vote below by checking the appropriate line:

\_\_\_\_\_ **YES**, I approve the amendments to the CEC Pioneers Division Constitution and Bylaws.

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