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Message from the President



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President, CEC-PD 2012

The annual CEC Convention and Expo brings the international spotlight on the field and profession of special education and this year's Denver convention was truly exceptional. On behalf of the CEC Pioneers Division Executive Board, we wish to thank CEC staff and board members for once again offering a convention program reflecting state of the art instructional, administrative, and political strategies and the most outstanding cadre of presenters possible.

Thanks also to Division members and friends who took time from their busy convention schedule to attend the Pioneer Division board meeting, the annual members' business meeting, and the annual dinner and social event.

I would like to highlight the discussion and actions of your Executive Board as they continue to advance strategies to enhance our Division's leadership within CEC, a position built on the strong foundation established by Division leaders of the past.

The Pioneers Executive Board approved a set of leadership goals for 2012 that are closely aligned and supportive of the CEC 2012-2014 strategic plan. The Division's continued role of leadership is critical for sustaining our Division's fiscal viability and ongoing programs and member services.



Leadership Through Programs and Services

The Pioneers Division Board continues to promote its premier program, the CEC Mentor Program, a collaborative effort between CEC and the Pioneers. A premier Division event is the annual mentor breakfast, a time for CEC mentors, mentees, college/university advisors, Division and CEC officers and executive staff to come together over breakfast to meet, share successes, and explore ways to improve the program. Program Chair, Pam Gillet, and her committee are working hard to develop strategies to enhance and expand the mentor program, one of the critical ways CEC directly touches the professional lives of its members at the student and professional member levels.

Leadership Through Organizational Development and Design

The CEC Pioneer Board recognizes the need to be a flexible and responsive organization in a rapidly changing world. Research shows that professional organizations continue to struggle in membership and financial viability and in their responsiveness to meeting members' needs. This is true of the Pioneers Division, a unique division within the unit structure of CEC. Vice President, Jamie Hopkins, chairs a newly appointed committee charged with analyzing the Division constitution and bylaws in an effort to identify organizational structures and practices that either support or inhibit the Division's purpose and long term vision. To that end, a set of recommendations will be forthcoming to the Board and ultimately to the Division membership for consideration and approval. The charge, retain those structures and operational practices that support the vision, change those that inhibit the Division mission, and create new standards of operation that enhance the services to members, CEC, and the profession.

Leadership Through Organization Operations

Through effective fiscal procedures and practices, CEC continues to explore ways to support its members, its member services, and its programs and services. This is also true of the units within CEC, the state/provincial units and CEC divisions. The Pioneers Division Executive Board has committed to a careful and thoughtful analysis of its operational practices: financial, governance, and communications with its members. An ad hoc finance committee, co-chaired by Treasurer, Hellen Bogie and Past Treasurer, Mike Thew (newly elected Vice President), will conduct a thorough study of financial practices and propose

recommendations that will support the Pioneers Division financial viability for the future.

Along these same lines, a Communications Committee, co-chaired by Newsletter Editor, Lee Sherry, Unit Liaison, Laura Mohr, and Membership Chair, Cathy Costello will develop strategies to enhance the communications between Division members and the Executive Board. In addition, the Board continues to enhance the Division's leadership within the Interdivisional Caucus (IDC) and in the public policy arena through the CAN network. We also continue our support of CEC's strategic objectives in ways that are mutually productive for CEC and the Pioneers Division.

The CEC Pioneers Division is committed to supporting the critical leadership role it holds within the Council's organizational and governance structure. To retain and enhance that leadership role, as well as strengthen your involvement, your ideas, and your leadership is critical. Consider your own future leadership within the Division. If you would like to become more involved, share your perspective, or simply be in touch, please feel free to contact me at WKBogdan@aol.com. Thank you.

Fundraising Ideas Needed

PIONEERS! At the Board meeting held at the Denver Convention, the ad hoc Financial Committee was charged with analyzing our financial situation as a Division and to try and come up with ideas for helping to keep us viable. One of the ideas discussed was having the PIONEERS do some sort of a fundraising activity. Activities mentioned were holding a raffle for a "genuine" Amish Quilt"; a silent auction of some lighthouse prints that Diane Johnson has available for us to use or other things you may suggest. So, please, if you have any ideas for a fundraiser or have any desire to assist in helping to hold a fundraiser, contact either me or our Treasurer, Hellen Bogie. We can be reached at: Hellen – hmbc@sympatico.ca or Mike – mdthew@iu12.org. Hopefully by brainstorming together we can come up with an idea or two to help us maintain our viability. Thanks in advance! Mike

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University of Kansas Honors CEC-PD

Each year, the University of Kansas honors an individual who has contributed greatly to the field of special education. However, this year they decided to honor the Pioneer Division for its work on behalf of the field and the Council for Exceptional Children. On Friday evening, April 13, the Pioneer Division was honored at the KU reception.

President Bogdan was involved with the Yes I Can Program and was unable to accept the Award, but Lyndal M. Bullock, President-Elect, was present to accept the Award. We offer special thanks to KU for its recognition of our division!



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CEC – Pioneers at the 2012 CEC Convention and Expo Denver, Colorado



CEC-PD Board Members for 2012: Michael Weinroth, Diane Johnson, Lee Sherry, Sue Greene, Nancy Riggan, Bill Bogdan, Jamie Hopkins, Hellen Bogie, Gerry Reynaud, Lyndal Bullock and Michael Thew



Parthenia Cogdell, Hellen Bogie and Jamie Hopkins at the CEC-PD Board meeting – Denver



CEC PD President Bill Bogdan and Mackie Award Winner Ed Meyen at the Annual Dinner



Yes, there was a very large blue bear!



At the Annual Dinner at the Altitude Restaurant at Denver's Convention Center Hyatt Hotel

Submit a Proposal for the CEC 2013 Convention & Expo

DEADLINE: May 23, 2012

**Convention will take place April 3-6,
2013, in San Antonio Texas**

Douglas Cheney, Program Chair, cordially invites all interested parties to submit presentation proposals for the CEC 2013 Convention & Expo. Session presentations occur Thursday through Saturday of convention week and are selected from this call.

We encourage you to compose the title, abstract, and long description before submitting your proposal online. Please be sure to [read the list of required fields, descriptions, and word length limitations \(pages 3-5 of the official call document\)](#). Thank you.

- [Guidelines for Proposals](#)
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Guidelines for Submitting Proposals

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- Proposals that do not meet stated guidelines will not be reviewed.³

[Submit your proposal online now.](#)

Report of the CEC Representative Assembly

April 13, 2012

Reported by Susan Greene and Gerry Reynaud

For the first time the CEC Representative Assembly met for only one day but for an extended period of time. This was a result of the 2011 Assembly recommending an alternative meeting schedule to allow more time for the RA members to access the offering of the Convention schedule while conducting the RA agenda in a more timely and efficient manner.

Highlights of the Denver RA Agenda include: Reports from Maggie McLaughlin, President, Report from James Heiden, Treasurer on the financial status of CEC, and the Executive Directors Report. In summary these reports focused on the CEC Strategic Plan for 2012 to 2014 and emphasized four goal areas: Quality Teaching and Learning, Advocacy, Collaborative Partnerships and Organizational Vitality. It was reported that CEC membership is now below 35,000 members which has resulted in limiting operational revenues for the current and future budgets. The Denver convention had slightly over 5,000 attending. Cost saving measures were introduced and discussed such as reducing mailing cost of publications by offering electronic publications only.

The Nominations Committee announced that nominations for CEC Board positions were due May 11, 2012. The following positions are open for nomination: President-elect, Member-at-Large (African American), Member-at-Large (non-designated) and student member.

Future locations for the CEC International Convention and Expo are: 2013, San Antonio; 2014, Philadelphia; 2014, San Diego; 2015, St. Louis; 2016, Boston

The RA Agenda included two topics that are critical to the future of special educators and the future of the Council. (1) A Teacher Evaluation system that requires incorporation of objective measures of student growth being considered by the Congress. CEC has submitted a Teacher Evaluation Background Paper as of March 2012 that is the first draft in CEC'S Advocacy for promoting sound researched base practices for teacher evaluation. It is expected that CEC will complete its final position statement on this topic in the fall of 2012. (2) Membership Categories was the second agenda item under Discussion Items and Recommendations

[See Report of the Representative Assembly \(page 6\)](#)



Keeping in Touch

Eleanor Guetzloe, Editor

We have a rather short column for this issue. Our members, as we speak, are doing some fascinating things, many of which are taking place long after folks think the Pioneers are retired. They may be "retired" but they haven't quit!

Florida

Eleanor Guetzloe, Pioneer Past-president, in responding to an email from a good friend, found a You Tube video about the Behavioral Institute for Children and Adolescents which included a very brief message from herself. Pioneers with time to spare can tune in at <http://youtu.be/EvZ4V8zSPZU>

Jack Lamb has reported from Tampa, Florida, that he is completing his third term as a member of the Hillsborough County District School Board, located in Tampa.

Paula Evans, President of Florida Council for Exceptional Children (FCEC), has announced that Landis Stetler, retired Chief of the Florida Bureau of Education for Exceptional Students, will be honored on June 16 during the Annual Leadership Institute. This event will be held in Crystal River. Individuals who would like to attend should contact Janet Raney, Past-president of FCEC at cec.raney@gmail.com.

Georgia

Mike Weinroth, Chairperson of the Pioneer Honors and Awards Committee, sent a note that the Pioneer Dinner during the Denver Convention was "nice and quiet" (which has not always been the case). He also reported that Dr. Edward L. Meyen, from the University of Kansas was the Romaine P. Mackie Leadership Award winner. This ceremony was held during the dinner.

North Carolina

Our Pioneer President, Bill Bogdan, has been elected Vice-chair of the Council for Exceptional Children Interdivisional Caucus (IDC) for a two-year term, which will be followed by a two-year term as Chair. Bill has also mentioned that Diane Johnson, Pioneer President two years ago, is the new chair of IDC, also for a two-year term. Pioneers will be well-represented in IDC for the next four years!

The Council for Administrators in Special Education (CASE) has announced the publication of a new addition to the CASE Leadership Series for Special Education Administrators. Book 2, titled *Trends and Issues Affecting Education and the Provisions of Special Education Services*, is authored by President Bogdan. Congratulations, Bill!

Texas

Lyndal Bullock has reported that he and his wife Aileen are off to Australia for a two-week visit just to have a good time, with no business scheduled. "They will visit both Sydney and Melbourne during their stay."

From the Editor – Keeping in Touch

I want to express my personal thanks to the individuals who sent contributions for this issue. This was a very busy time for many of our members, but we have been promised some items for the next issue. Please send information about your activities to Eleanor Guetzloe, 812 Woodside Avenue, Clearwater, FL 33756 or by email to ccbd1@aol.com.



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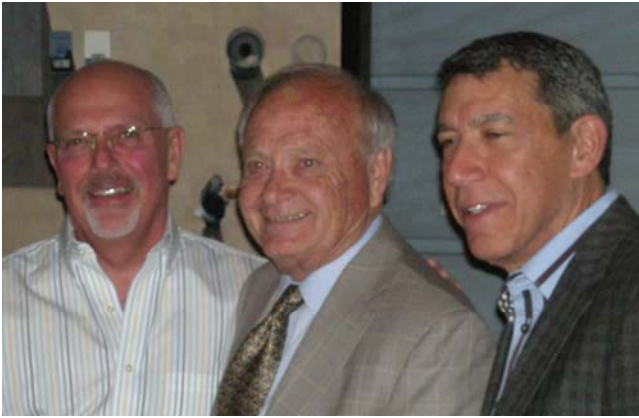
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CEC-PD President, Bill Bogdan, 2012 Mackie Leadership Award winner Ed Meyen and Awards Committee Chair Mike Weinroth celebrate in Denver

Meyen Receives the 2012 Romaine P. Mackie Leadership Award

Edward Meyen, a long time special educator at the University of Kansas was named the Romaine P. Mackie Leadership Award winner at the recent Pioneers Dinner held at the Regency Hyatt in Denver, CO. on the evening of April 12.

In announcing the 2012 winner of the Mackie Award, Mike Weinroth, Pioneers Chair of the Honors and Awards Committee noted that Dr. Meyen is a true Pioneer given his 55+ years in the field. He has authored or edited over 22 books and he was an early developer of on-line classes. His On-Line Academy has been recognized by educators throughout the country and is being used by 188 college and universities. Dr. Meyen has been a professor, Dean and Vice Chancellor all in higher education.

The Awards Committee is comprised of special educators spread throughout the United States and Canada. Members include Gary Clark-Kansas, Rose Merry Kirkpatrick-Arkansas, Marcia Wiesel-Leary- Florida, Joel Mittler, New York, Carole Scott-California, Diane Vandenbossche, Ontario, Canada and Michael Weinroth, Chair-Georgia.

It is not too early to begin thinking of 2013 Mackie Award nominees. Pioneer members are encouraged to respond to the call for nominees that will appear in the January/February 2013 Pioneer Press newsletter or you can forward names of nominees to mikeweinroth@aol.com

Dear Colleagues:

I have had a number of occasions on which to reflect on the special evening with the Pioneers. For whatever reason, I rarely find myself reliving moments of that nature. But, that has not been the case in this instance. Certainly, to share in the memory of Romaine Mackie was very special to me. I was new to higher education at the time of her leadership and very sensitive to those in the field who were creating the conditions that have allowed others to do what they have done over the past several decades. What I have reflected on most about that evening has been the careers of those at the dinner and their respective legacies. To a large extent the profession of special education is what it is today because of CEC - which is what it is because of your collective early leadership. Yes, we are always concerned about the future. In many ways it is relatively easy to speculate on the challenges and opportunities of the future. Some colleagues build their reputations speculating on the future. Very few do what you have done. Most importantly, your leadership occurred during more challenging times.

I have no idea how long it takes for history to relate the leadership of the past with accomplishments of the present, but please know that I am indebted to you, because your leadership allowed me to work in areas where my passion thrived. That would never have been possible without the devotion of the Pioneers to the leadership of our profession. In many ways I am confessing to my own selfishness. They say that confession is good for the soul, so I thank you for all that you have done and represent.

It was a professional highlight for me to be sharing an evening among you. The crystal never goes unnoticed and I am proud to share it with my family.

Respectfully,

Ed Meyen

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Several members of the RA expressed opinions for consideration by the Board that included a tiered model concept, reduced rates for international special educators who could not afford the US rate, special consideration for students and senior members. Recommendations were made for investigating the financial impact on CEC for making any alternative membership categories an option.

The Pioneer Division had the honor of present three resolutions: A resolution honoring the life and professional work of Dr. Charles Huechert a Past President of CEC and Dr. Nicholas Anastasiow, Past President of the Division for Early Childhood and a Resolution recognizing the 90th Anniversary of the Council for Exceptional Children.

Sequestration: What You Need to Know

On August 2, 2011, President Obama signed into law the Budget Control Act of 2011 (BCA), increasing our nation's debt limit and imposing a series of measures to limit spending and decrease the nation's debt.

The BCA calls for \$900 million in cuts to discretionary programs, including education, over the next decade. It also created a Joint Select Committee (referred to as the "Supercommittee") made up of members from the House and Senate, Democrats and Republicans charged with finding \$1.2 trillion more in cuts over the next decade. If the Supercommittee failed to identify this savings, or Congress failed to approve the Supercommittee's recommendation, automatic cuts would impact every federal program not specifically excluded on January 1, 2013.

Programs Excluded from BCA's Across the Board Cuts (Sequestration): Social Security, Medicaid, CHIP, Food Stamps, Child Nutrition, Veterans Benefits, certain tax credits, Federal retirement benefits, and Medicare up to a capped amount.

The Supercommittee failed, and now sequestration will begin, unless Congress and the Administration change the law. At the time of publication, several members of the House of Representatives have proposed a bill that would prohibit sequestration from impacting Department of Defense programs, but there has not been any similar legislation proposed to address education.

The Congressional Budget Office, the nonpartisan office that advises Congress on the implications of its proposals has estimated that sequestration will mean a cut of approximately 8% to all education programs. This means that the entire U.S. Department of Education's budget will be reduced by approximately \$3.5 billion.

Expected Cuts Starting January 1, 2013:

- IDEA Part B Grants to States CUT by \$903 Million
- IDEA Part B Section 619 Program CUT by \$29 Million
- IDEA Part C Infants & Toddlers CUT by \$35 Million
- IDEA Part D National Programs CUT by \$19 Million

These cuts will be felt by every single school in the nation and will impact educators' abilities to serve children and youth with disabilities appropriately. Furthermore, they come at a time when other cuts have made it impossible to not reduce essential services. CEC calls on Congress to consider the potential impact of this across-the-board cut

on children and youth, families, professionals and communities before allowing these cuts to deny resources and supports to those who need them most. Avoid a sequester by passing a balanced deficit reduction measure.

Want to help? See the next page for a List of CEC Resources

Sequestration: How You Can Help - Tell Congress Education Matters!

CEC has several ways you can learn more and share this information with your community:

- (1) Send a Letter from CEC's Legislative Action Center to your Senators and Representative and tell them these cuts will matter. You can send this directly from CEC's Legislative Action Center on our website at <http://capwiz.com/cek/home/>
- (2) CEC's *2013 Federal Outlook for Exceptional Children* includes a section devoted to sequestration and its looming impact on students. Go to CEC's Policy & Advocacy page on CEC's website to access this useful publication.
http://www.cec.sped.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Policy_and_Advocacy&Template=/TaggedPage/TaggedPageDisplay.cfm&TPLID=1&ContentID=6183
- (3) Use the PowerPoint from CEC's What's Happening in Washington session after Convention to share the word with your community. Find this PowerPoint, after Convention on the CEC website under Policy & Advocacy.
- (4) Read CEC's Policy Insider Blog for the latest information on the Federal Budget:
<http://cecblog.typepad.com/policy/>
- (5) Follow CEC's Policy & Advocacy Team on Twitter @cecadvocacy
- (6) Join with CEC's Coalition Partners and Sign a Petition on the Committee for Education Funding's website telling Congress that you oppose these cuts. <http://cef.org/>

CEC Program Advisory Committee

by Jamie Hopkins, Vice President

The 2013 Program Advisory Committee meeting was held during the CEC Annual Convention. Plans are now underway to develop the program for the 2013 CEC Annual Convention to be held April 3-6, 2013, in San Antonio. All program submissions will be completed online for 2013. Guidelines and forms are now available at cec.sped.org/convention. The deadline for submission is May 23, 2012. As in the past, the Pioneer Division is allotted 9 hours for presentations, 2 of which may be designated for our Showcase Session. Program Chair, Doug Cheney, will determine keynote speaker and strands. The convention will continue to follow familiar formats – lecture, demonstration, panel, posters, town halls and roundtable discussions. If you are considering submitting a proposal, please remember the deadline of May 23, 2012. I will also be attending the PAC meeting held in July 2012, to determine the final program sessions and will have more news to report in September.

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