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Message from the President



Mike Thew, CEC Pioneers President 2015

Welcome to 2015! As we start a new year, as dedicated special educators, let us always keep in mind our mission of providing quality educational programs to all students and our roles in supporting the professionals who provide the quality services. We also need to continue to support the families of students with special needs, especially in these times of diminishing educational funding.

As we begin the year with new officers, I want to take a minute to thank Jamie Hopkins for her leadership and dedication to the PIONEERS Division. She has served as a great role model, a mentor and a true advocate for our division and for special educators and their students. Jamie has provided an overview of her year as President, but I can attest she did many, many other things behind the scenes to move the PD forward. "Thank you" does not adequately express our gratitude for all Jamie has done for us. The PIONEERS Division is in good shape due to her leadership as well as from the leadership of those who preceded her. When you see Jamie at the San Diego convention, please thank her for her service!

Another dedicated PD leader who deserves praise for her work is Hellen Bogie. Hellen has served as our Treasurer and she has done an excellent job in handling our finances. She has provided us with conservative budgets and managed our accounts with expertise and a great sense of fiduciary responsibility. I personally want to thank Hellen for all her great effort and work in transferring our accounts from Bank of America to our current financial institution, Members 1st Federal Credit Union.

It took Hellen a long time in dealing with the delays and roadblocks thrown in her path by BOA but she persisted and did a great job in helping the PD set up financial accounts that do not have "fees for service" attached to them. Thank you Hellen for all you have done on behalf of our division!

One final thought for the New Year is that the PIONEERS Division is only as strong as its collective members. Please reach out to your colleagues, friends and acquaintances to urge them to join our small but influential Division. One of our goals for 2015 is to increase our membership to help us become financially stable. If we all would recruit one new member we will be at 600 members....a number not outside of our reach. Let's all strive to find new members and make 2015 a banner year for the PIONEERS Division!



See you in San Diego!

Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel
CEC Headquarters Hotel



Reservation Deadline is March 1, 2015



You may book your room on the CEC website at www.cec.sped.org



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2015 CEC Convention and Expo Pioneers Division Events:

- Tuesday, April 7, 2015:
Interdivisional Caucus, 1:00-4:00 pm
- Wednesday, April 8, 2015:
Opening General Session, 5:00 pm
- Thursday, April 9, 2015:
Expo Opening, 9:00 am
Executive Board Meeting, 9:00 am
General Business Meeting, 4:00 pm
Annual CEC-PD Dinner, VELA Restaurant,
Promenade Level, Hilton Bayfront 7:00 pm
- Friday, April 10, 2015:
CEC-PD Showcase Session, 9:00-11:00 am
Representative Assembly, 12:30-5:00 pm
- Saturday, April 11, 2015:
Closing General Session 2:15-3:15 p.m.
Convention and Expo Ends

Pioneer Division Showcase 2015

“Bright Futures”: Are We There? Teacher Leadership, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow!

Please join the Pioneers Division as we offer our 2015 Showcase on Leadership! The Showcase will provide a review of the **Bright Futures** report (1998), followed by a session on Leadership Skills for Teachers! Presenters are Dr. Linda Marsal, Dr. Mary Ruth Coleman, Dr. William Bogdan and Ms. Jamie Hopkins. All presenters are CEC leaders who have served as national, state and division leaders for CEC. Help promote the session and learn how CEC has progressed from 1998 until 2015 and what type of skills teachers need in today’s educational climate. If you have questions, please feel free to contact any of the presenters or Michael Thew, 2015 CEC-PD President at mdthew@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Showcase. Bring a friend and enjoy the presentations!

Part 1: An overview of the **Bright Futures** report examining the recommendations, progress and suggestions for the future needs of Special Educators.

Part 2: An interactive discussion for all teachers and administrators on the critical areas that define teacher leadership today – focusing on the skills, knowledge and strategies needed for developing leadership skills!

Participants will discuss critical areas of teacher leadership in today’s schools and discuss how teachers can provide leadership to accomplish future directions. In addition to the findings of the **Bright Futures** report, presenters will compare our current state of practice and highlight remaining challenges. Participants will be encouraged to discuss suggestions for future directions as we plan for an updated **Bright Futures**.

2015 CEC Convention & Expo

Save the date for the 2015 CEC Convention & Expo in San Diego, *the* premier professional development event for special and gifted education.

Experience first-hand the cutting-edge products and services available to children with special needs from 200+ special education companies in the Expo Hall. Stock up on excellent tips, evidence-based practices from your choice of 800+ sessions. Reconnect with the work you love and network with thousands of amazing individuals who share your passion for improving the lives of students with exceptionalities.

Thousands of special education teachers, administrators, researchers, professors and students from around the world will discuss pressing issues and share information in areas such as Common Core State Standards, administration, autism, co-teaching and collaboration, emotional and behavior disorders, instructional strategies for math, reading, and science, policy, technology, response to intervention and more.

Opening General Session

Join CEC for the kickoff of the 2015 Convention & Expo at the **Opening General Session on Wednesday, April 8**. Don’t miss the CEC President’s Remarks and presentation of the **CEC professional and student awards**.

Author Brad Cohen will present the keynote address at the Opening General Session. He will offer a moving and inspiring account of his experiences with Tourette Syndrome and how he has become a gifted and compassionate educator.

Returning this year is the **President’s Welcome Reception!** Immediately following the Opening General Session, ALL attendees are invited to head directly to the **Expo Hall**, where there will be **complimentary refreshments and hundreds of exhibit booths to visit**. Don’t miss it!



CEC PIONEERS DIVISION ANNUAL DINNER

Dinner Menu:

(Choose one of each)

House Salad
Soup of the Day

Half of Roasted Chicken
Savory Bread Pudding/Cipolini Onions
Kalamata Olives/Tarragon Jus

Pan Seared Salmon
Parsnip Puree/Roasted Vegetables/ Pea
Foam

Dessert: Assorted
Delectable Cookies

Coffee/Tea, Iced Tea,
Included

\$50.00
(All inclusive)

Thursday, April 10,
2015, 7:00 p.m.

VELA Restaurant

Hilton Bayfront
Hotel
Promenade Level

Vela is Latin for
“sail”, Vela is the
signature restaurant
for the hotel and the
centerpiece for their
creative vision.



Hilton Bayfront's VELA Restaurant

Dinner: \$50.00 (*Alcoholic beverages available for an additional cost)

Print and detach here and mail by March 15 Reservation Request

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Number of Dinner Reservations: _____ x \$50.00 each = \$ _____ Enclosed

Please make checks payable to
CEC Pioneers Division Dinner and mail
to this address by **March 15, 2015.** ►

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Important CEC-PD Events

2015 Annual Convention and Expo
San Diego, California
April 8-11, 2015

Convention Events

We hope you are planning to join us in San Diego at CEC's Annual Convention and Expo. Participate in the many educational sessions and reunite with colleagues and friends. The convention officially opens on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 and continues through Saturday, April 11th. Below are important events scheduled during the convention.

- **Interdivisional Caucus (IDC)**, Tuesday, April 7, 2015, 1:00-4:00PM
- **Opening General Session**, Wednesday, April 8, 2015, 5:00-6:30PM
- **Welcome Reception in the Expo Hall**, Wednesday, April 8, 2015, 6:30-8:00 pm
- **CEC-PD Executive Board Meeting**, Thursday, April 9, 2015, 9:00-3:30PM
- **Teacher of the Year Panel**, To be announced
- **CEC-PD General Business Meeting**, Thursday, April 9, 2015, 4:00-5:00PM
- **Annual CEC-PD Division Dinner**, Thursday, April 9, 2015, 7:00PM
- **CEC-PD Showcase**, Friday, April 10, 2015, 9:00-11:00AM
- **Representative Assembly**, Friday, April 10, 2015, 12:30-5:00PM
- **Yes I Can! Awards Ceremony**, Friday, April 10, 2015, 6:00-7:00PM
- **Closing General Session**, Saturday, April 11, 2015, 2:15-3:15PM

Convention Housing and Meetings

CEC has secured room blocks at several area hotels, including the Hilton Bayfront Hotel, the headquarters for the 2015 CEC Convention and Expo. Pioneers business meetings will take place in the Hilton Bayfront. The Annual CEC-PD Dinner will also be at the Bayfront in the VELA Restaurant on the Promenade Level. Visit CEC's website for hotel reservation information. In order to receive the CEC discounted room rate you must make your reservation **no later than March 1, 2015**.



Enjoy San Diego's Idyllic Climate

California's second largest city, **San Diego** is renowned for its idyllic climate, 70 miles of beaches and a dazzling array of world-class family attractions. Popular attractions include the world-famous **San Diego Zoo** and **LEGOLAND California**. It offers an expansive variety of things to see and do, appealing to guests of all ages from around the world.

The most difficult decision to make when visiting San Diego is determining what to do and see among the region's vast and diverse offerings. The city promises a truly remarkable experience for everyone.



Whale Watching in San Diego



La Jolla Beach, California

CEC/CEC-PD Mentoring Program Update

Linda Marsal, CEC/CEC PD Coordinator

You cannot transmit wisdom and insight to another person. The seed is already there. A good teacher touches the seed, allowing it to wake up, to sprout, and to grow.
Thich Nhat Hanh

The CEC/CEC-PD Mentoring Program is well underway touching the seed with our mentees after a slow start due to the transmittal of applications between student (mentee) to CEC and then on for matching to the mentoring coordinator. Most matches of mentor/mentee were completed by October 29; however, the final matches were made on December 3. We had a bumper crop of CEC members offering to mentor this year due to a recruitment campaign conducted electronically by CEC. Over 200 members offered to mentor; however, we received only 78 mentee applications. A number of prospective mentors were disappointed that their services were not needed. The mentoring coordinator matched using a combination of new and experienced mentors to the CEC/CEC-PD Mentoring Program. We looked at the requests of the students, the skills of the mentors, and geographic location when making the matches.

The following 14 universities are participating this year:

Alaska, Georgia College & State, Drexel, Miami-Dade, Morehead State, Murray, St. John Fisher, Texas A & M, Towson, Southern Oregon, Weber State, Walsh, and West Chester.

The universities have a participating student range of 1 to a high of 24. The number of participating universities has declined by five since last year. In communicating with the faculty advisors from the universities who had participated in the past but were not participating this year, several have indicated financial issues for students and the demands of the curriculum for the time of the students.

We are deeply appreciative of the efforts of the 17 (some universities have more than one) faculty advisors to recruit their students to the mentor program and acknowledge sincere appreciation to the contributions of our 78 volunteer mentors. Their efforts make this program a reality.

The CEC/CEC-PD Mentoring Program has always functioned as a collaborative effort between CEC and the Pioneers Division. CEC continues to experience staffing changes

(which were detailed in the September Pioneers Newsletter) due to resignations and RIF's. At this time there is one staff member working in the Membership Department at CEC where the mentoring program is assigned for support and follow up.

The Mentoring Program Workgroup's Interim Report to the CEC Board of Directors, chaired by CEC Board of Director's (BOD) Member Claudia Rinaldi, was presented in October 2014. It was reviewed by the BOD; however, no action taken. Pioneers BOD members Pamela Gillet, Michael Thew, and Linda Marsal served as members of this workgroup which met three times by telephone conference call. The Pioneers members of the workgroup stated that the Interim Report did not reflect consensus. We addressed these concerns to the Mentoring Program Workgroup Chair, CEC President, and the Executive Director of CEC. At this time we have not been notified of any additional actions.

Jamie Hopkins, Mentor, Past President of the Pioneers Division and Past CEC President, has been a mentor all eight years of the mentoring program. She shared these observations with me this past fall:

I feel ...this program... has made a considerable difference in the professional and personal development of many of our mentees. I continue to be a mentor to one of my local mentees and she graduated 5 years ago, has obtained her Master's degree, and has been working full time--and it's not that I'm that great - it's just that a relationship developed through the program and we have provided mutual support and friendship ever since we started.

Benjamin Franklin said, "Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn." The relationship between mentor and mentee requires involvement from both mentee and mentor. Together they are learning as our program goes through its eighth year of service to our profession.

That's what it's all about—the relationships—the caring—the reaching beyond our own life to support someone who is preparing to enter our profession and helping them grow.



Carol Eisenbise is CEC-PD's New Treasurer



Carol Eisenbise,
CEC-PD Treasurer

Carol R. Eisenbise joined CEC in 1987, as a student at East Stroudsburg University (PA), where she earned her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Special Education. She became active in Pennsylvania CEC as a board member and treasurer. Carol worked for the Intermediate Unit #20 as a teacher and supervisor before moving to Mesa, Arizona, where she has worked as a

teacher of students with emotional disabilities for the past 12 years. During that time, she was elected to the Board of the Council for Exceptional Children as the Teacher Representative. She subsequently became Treasurer of the Board. Carol enjoys running half marathons and playing the piano. Her most recent endeavor has been taking string bass lessons and playing in local orchestras. But her number one love are her two grandsons and she can't wait to spend more time with them after she retires at the end of this school year.

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Update on the Honors and Awards Committee

Michael Weinroth, Chair, Honors and Awards Committee

As the Pioneers Constitution and By-Laws require, two of the six committee members have completed their terms and two new people will join the committee for their three year terms. I am pleased to report that Kathy Puckett of Arizona and Pam DeLoach of Florida have been appointed to the Honors and Awards Committee. Both of these individuals will add a great deal to the committee and are longtime members of CEC. Their experience and long term involvement in CEC will greatly benefit the committee.

Two former members of the committee who have rotated off are Carole Scott of California and Gary Clark from Colorado. Their participation and input have been very helpful over the past three years.

Once again, it will be my honor and pleasure to announce the 2015 winner of the Mackie Award at the 2015 CEC Convention in San Diego. The award will be presented during the Pioneers Annual Dinner.

Last year in Philadelphia, Dr. William Bogdan was named the Mackie Award recipient. His accomplishments, like those who came before him, are truly amazing.

If you are interested in serving on the Committee or would like to nominate someone for this prestigious award, please contact me at mikeweinroth@aol.com. One of the key criteria for nominees is that they have a long standing record of involvement in CEC and have made notable contributions to the field of Special Education. I hope to see many of you in San Diego at the Pioneers Annual Dinner when we present the 2015 Romaine P. Mackie Leadership Award.

Past Presidents Report: Update on Goals for 2014

Jamie Hopkins, Past President

The year 2014 saw many accomplishments by the membership of our Pioneers Division. Working with the Executive Board, committees and our members, we achieved goals in the areas of: (1) communication, (2) the mentoring program, (3) archives organization and (4) fiscal sustainability.

The Pioneers now has its own website, accessed through the CEC website. This has allowed us to post announcements, information regarding the convention program and meetings, member updates, and committee activities. The website will need continued refinement and attention during the 2015 year.

Our mentoring program continues to thrive through the efforts of the Pioneers Mentoring Coordinator, Linda Marsal, our devoted mentors and faculty advisors, CEC staff and our incoming mentees. We were not able to establish a program for mentoring new special education administrators, however, this is an area of growth that will continue to be explored.

Our archive inventory is almost complete and in 2015 we will update the inventory with materials that have been added as of fall 2014.

Finally, CEC-PD is fiscally stable, however, efforts will be continued with our new President, Mike Thew, to seek out new sources of income. Through a massive email campaign we recruited several new members,

however, our numbers overall are still at about 300. We will continue efforts to recruit and retain members in the coming year. With a booth at the upcoming CEC Convention in San Diego, it is hoped that we will be able to spread the word about our criteria for becoming a Pioneer (now 15 years membership in CEC vs. 20 years or held an office in a Provincial, State or Division Unit) as well as the benefits of joining the Pioneers.

The future of the Pioneers Division is very positive as we continue to explore ways in which we can support CEC and our members using the extensive skills and leadership abilities possessed by our members. As part of these efforts, we will be providing training for teacher leaders at the 2015 CEC Convention as well as beginning the steps to revisit the Bright Futures project that studied teaching conditions in the field of special education.

As your president during the last year, I have been so impressed by the continued dedication of our members and our Executive Board members. Many of our members are retired and some are still involved in a career or, in some cases, second careers. Whatever the status, our members' efforts to support individuals with disabilities continues and the professionalism of our members in their work for our division and for CEC is remarkable. I thank all of you for your support during the last year and I look forward to continued involvement with the Pioneers.



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Preserving CEC's History

The June Jordan Fund was established in 1994, by the Pioneers Division in honor of June Jordan who was a former CEC staff member. June was instrumental in providing the leadership and support for establishing the Pioneers Division. In addition, she led CEC in the collection of documents and other types of information of historical significance to CEC and the field of special education.

The official title of the fund is “**The June Jordan ‘I have a Dream’ Memorial Fund**”. The purpose of the fund is to support CEC in maintaining the Archives and history of the Council. The Archives are maintained by a CEC Archivist who holds a non-voting position on the CEC-PD Board. The Fund is supported by direct contributions to the Fund. These funds are then allocated for expenditures to support the expansion and maintenance of the CEC Archives.

In the past, the support for the CEC Archives consisted of providing dollars from the June Jordan Fund to purchase supplies needed by the CEC Archivist, and to provide assistance to the Archivist by other members of the Pioneers Division in preparing and in placing materials in the CEC Archives. It is hoped that the plan developed by the History Initiative Work Group will provide additional opportunities to share, as well as, preserve the history of CEC and CEC-PD.

Please consider donating to the June Jordan Fund using the form below to assist with this important activity.

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The June Jordan “I Have a Dream” Memorial Fund Contribution Form

Mail contributions to: Carol Eisenbise, 4528 E. Catalina Ave., Mesa, AZ 85206

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

Name: _____ Phone/email: _____

Address: _____
Street City State/Province Zip/Postal Code

Indicate if your contribution is in memory/honor of: _____

Please provide name and address for acknowledgment card:

Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City State/Province Zip/Postal Code

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



CEC 2015-2017 Strategic Planning

By Jamie Hopkins

The CEC Board of Directors has adopted a new strategic plan for 2015-2017. The information below was presented in November 2014 to the members of the Interdivisional Caucus. **This is not the final Strategic Plan** but it does outline the direction for the Strategic Plan. **The actual plan will soon be available on the CEC website.**

Core Purpose: To improve the success of individuals with exceptionalities.

Mission Statement: The Council for Exceptional Children is a professional association of educators dedicated to advancing the success of children with exceptionalities. We accomplish our mission through advocacy, standards, and professional development.

Core Values as identified by the Board of Directors, based on data received through the RA and various CEC members and constituents:

- **Visionary:** Demonstrated by forward-thinking and courageous decision making dedicated to excellence and influence in an evolving environment
- **Integrity:** Demonstrated by ethical, responsive behavior, transparency, and accountability
- **Inclusiveness:** Demonstrated by a commitment to diversity, caring, and respect for the dignity and worth of all individuals

Goal: Educators will be highly competent professionals entrusted to provide quality instruction that will enable all students to pursue their full potential

C Increase recognition of the expertise and value of their body of knowledge of special educators

H Increase instructional time and reduce the time devoted to administrative tasks

H Decrease the number of students inappropriately identified

H Increase the utilization of CEC standards in teacher preparation

H Increase support to teachers

M Increase opportunities for educators to collaborate with families and their support systems

Goal: CEC will have the capacity and capabilities required to achieve its goals and objectives.

C Increase the alignment of staff competencies/skill sets with the emerging needs of the organization

H Increase our capacity to advocate (for the field?)

H Increase and diversify our revenue

H Increase the utilization of the expertise of our members

Priority ratings: C = Critical, H = High, M = Medium, L = Low

In Memoriam – Richard J. Whelan



Overland Park, KS, Dr. Richard J. Whelan 83, former professor and **Dean at the University of Kansas**, died at **University of Kansas Hospital**, on January 9, 2015. He was born June 23, 1931, in Emmett, Kansas, to the late Richard Joseph and Margaret Alma Cox-Whelan. He graduated from Topeka High School in 1949. Dr. Whelan served in the U.S. **Army** during the **Korean War** as an Instructor of Radar Electronics and Computer Systems at the Army's Radar and Guided Missile School. Richard graduated from Washburn University in 1955 where he was a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity.

In 1966, he earned the doctoral degree in special education, psychology, and research from the University of Kansas. Dr. Whelan served on the staff of the Children's Hospital of the Menninger Clinic. He joined the faculty of the University of Kansas Medical Center and served as Instructor of Psychiatry, Professor of Special Education and Pediatrics, and the Ralph L. Smith Distinguished Professor of Child Development. He also held positions at both campus sites as a Department Chair, Dean of a Graduate School division, Director of Education at the Children's Rehabilitation Unit at the medical center, and Dean of the School of Education. He also served as Director of the Division of Personnel Preparation for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in Washington, D.C. while on academic leave from the University. In addition to university responsibilities, Dr. Whelan also served as a special education due-process hearing officer and trainer; and a Kansas Supreme Court mediator and mediator trainer.

Dr. Whelan held numerous board memberships and served as a consultant to psychiatric hospitals, universities, government agencies, schools and other education related organizations. During his career, he served on publication boards and held offices in state and professional organizations. He was a member of Phi Kappa Phi, and has been recognized by Leaders in Education, Who's Who in America, and Outstanding Educators of America. He received leadership and service awards from several professional organizations. After retiring from the University of Kansas, Dr. Whelan served as a consultant to the Blue Valley Public Schools and the Kansas State Department of Education.

His hobbies included historical research, various sports, especially golf, and being a pilot. Richard is survived by wife, Carol; one son, Mark Richard (Virginia) of Overland Park, and one daughter Cheryl Lynne Whelan-Fox (Craig) of Topeka. Also surviving are two grandsons, Ian Richard and Logan Joseph Whelan. Those wishing to remember him may contribute to the R. Joseph and Margaret A. Cox-Whelan scholarship fund at the Washburn University Endowment Association, or the Richard J. and Carol K. Whelan scholarship fund at the University of Kansas Endowment Association. To leave a special message please visit www.PenwellGabelOlathe.com

Published in *Kansas City Star* on January 11, 2015

In Memoriam – Ken Wyatt



Kenneth E. Wyatt

Covington, GA. Dr. Kenneth E. “Ken” Wyatt, age 86, of Covington formerly of Jackson passed away Saturday, December 27, 2014. He was born November 5, 1928 in Medford, Oregon to the late Ray M. and Frances Davison Wyatt. Dr. Wyatt received his doctorate from the University of Illinois and was the Chief of the Board of Special Education of the Health, Education and Welfare during the Nixon and Johnson administrations. He was a

Past President of the International Council for Exceptional Children and a retired Professor from Georgia State University

Dr. Wyatt was preceded in death by his brother, Richard D. Wyatt. He is survived by his wife, Helen Wyatt of Covington, his children; Glenn Wyatt of Jackson, Greg Wyatt of Blodgett, Oregon and Bruce and Letecia Wyatt of Albany, Georgia. Dr. Wyatt is also survived by two grandchildren; Alaina and Clay Wyatt and his brother and sisters-in-law; Wayne and Earlene Wyatt of Central Point, Oregon and Bea Wyatt of Medford, Oregon.

Memorial services for Dr. Wyatt were held at 11 o'clock Saturday, January 3, 2015 at the Chapel of J.C. Harwell and Son Funeral Home, with Reverend Clay Wyatt officiating. J.C. Harwell and Son Funeral Home, 2157 East Street, S.E., Covington, GA 30014. A register book may be signed on line at www.harwellfuneralhome.com.

Be Sure to Include the CEC-PD History File in your New Year Organization Efforts

If you have resolved to purge and organize files for the New Year, remember that some of the items that you have reflecting CEC-PD activities may be perfect for the CEC-PD History files. If you have photos, programs of special events, mementos of a CEC-PD Dinner at the annual convention, or other items related to CEC-PD activities, you may want to send these in to be included in the files. The Pioneers historical file provides a way to capture the activities of our division and members, while also creating a resource showing how CEC-PD has progressed over the years. Please forward items to:

Diane Johnson, PD Historian
3010 Avon Circle
Tallahassee, FL 32312.

CEC-PD Constitution and Bylaws Changes Approved

Based upon the votes received, the recommended changes to the CEC-PD Constitution and Bylaws were approved. The changes provided editorial revisions, clarification of procedures and responsibilities, and adjustments needed based on actions taken at the annual meeting held in April. Major changes included the following items. The position of Coordinator of the CEC/CEC-PD Mentoring Program was formally added as a voting member of the PD Board and duties and responsibilities were defined. The Communications Committee was created indicating that the newsletter editor would serve as the chair of this committee, and establishing duties for the committee and the chair including maintaining the CEC Mircosite and other electronic communications. Clarification was provided of the duties and appointment of members of the Resolutions Committee.

2015 Romaine P. Mackie Annual Leadership Award

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 vita or resume of the nominee
- At least two (2) letters of support [no more than four (4), please]

Nomination Form

Nominee's Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Telephone Number: _____

CEC Membership Number: _____

Nominator's Name: _____ Nominating Unit: _____

Nominator's Email: _____

The brief vita 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 **Friday, February 27, 2015**.
Submit your nomination packet to:

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