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2020 Elections

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CEC-PD Business Meeting in Portland

The CEC-PD business meeting will be held on Thursday afternoon, February 6th, 2020.

State of the Profession Survey Session

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CEC-PD Mentoring Program

We are off to a good start this year with several new mentees including early year teachers as well as several university students. We welcome those faithful returning mentors as well as some folks new to the mentoring program. As hoped, we have been able to collaborate with CCBD members who are working with mentees developing their skills in working with students who need support in understanding and managing challenging behaviors. We continue to work with the Arizona Department of Education in their program for early year special education teachers. It's not too late to enroll as a mentee as we have several mentors who are ready and willing to be of service. If you know of a CEC member who is a new teacher or teacher candidate with fewer than three years of professional experience please have them visit the CEC website and check out the CEC Mentoring Program under the Membership tab. If you have questions please contact Jamie Hopkins.

President's Report

It is about 2 months until our meeting in Portland, Oregon. I hope that you will be joining us for the business meeting on Thursday afternoon, February 6, 2020.

In Indianapolis, the Board determined that preparation for the CEC Centennial Celebration in 2020-Orlando should include organizing and cataloguing the archives of CEC materials. Diane Johnson, Susan Fowler and Parthenia Cogdell spent several days working on this during November. Many thanks to them for beginning to organize the materials for use in the Centennial Celebration.

The Mentoring Project is up and running with a few more mentees. Jamie Hopkins has provided further information in this newsletter. Although not as extensive as hoped, the project is providing good support for the mentees identified. We can always use more mentors. If this is of interest, please contact Jamie Hopkins.

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Finally, our letter to the President of CEC, Dr. Mary Lynne Boscardin, and Interim Executive Director, Craig Evans, was sent the beginning of October. Although no official response was received, there is significant work being done at CEC Headquarters. We look forward to working closely with the staff and others in leadership roles during the coming year.

Check out our Facebook page and let us know if there are posts that would be of interest to the membership. Registration for CEC 2020 is open, so be sure to register and book your hotel!!

Best,
Georgia Kerns, Ph.D.
President-CEC Pioneers Division

Past President Report

I am writing to you regarding the election for President-Elect and to provide you with information about new members for the Board and for key committee chair ships in the Pioneer Division Board as of 2020.

President-Elect: Our nominee for **President-Elect is Dave Edyburn**, a longtime member of CEC. Dr. Edyburn recently retired from the University of Central Florida and relocated to Bloomington IL. He has been a career long member of CEC, serving in many leadership roles, including President of the TAM Division and editor of Exceptional Children. He has been very active in the Teacher Education Division also serving in key positions.

Please [vote](#) by Dec. 20.

Treasurer: A member of the finance committee, Lorraine McPherson has agreed to serve in the position of Treasurer as Carol Eisenbise's term will end on Dec. 31, 2019. Many thanks to Carol in helping us navigate the budget! Lorraine has served on the finance committee under the leadership of Carol Eisenbise and is well positioned to assume the role of treasurer for a 3 year term. She has been active in Arizona CEC, serving as their treasurer for many years and serving as the special education director of the Tucson AZ unified district. She has been a long-term member of CEC.

Secretary: Kimberly Moffett from Lee University has agreed to serve as Secretary of the Board. This position involves participation in the bimonthly phone calls and annual Board meeting taking minutes, compiling them and sending them out to the Board for review and a vote to accept or revise. Again, many thanks to Pam Matlock for her three years of outstanding service. She has promised to assist Kim during the first 2020 Board meeting.

Membership Chair: Mickie Wong-Lo, Biola University

Political Advocacy Chair: Lisa Dieker, University of Central Florida

Constitution and By-laws Chair: Joan McDonald, Phoenix AZ

Please feel free to contact Georgia Kerns (NH) current president, (Georgia.Kerns@unh.edu) Emily Collins (GA) president elect (emilycollinsga@hotmail.com) if you are interested in taking an active role in the coming year!!

This is my final year as past president and I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the Pioneer members who have been active and supported the Division in the past three years. We have much to be proud about:

- The Pioneers initiated the State of the Profession Survey (See Fall TEC issue) and collaborated with CEC on its dissemination (presented at national meetings, to OSEP, to NASDSE, and soon to be published in TEC. This work is forming the basis for future planning by CEC.
- The Pioneers are working collaboratively with CEC to develop plans for the organization's 100th Anniversary in 2022—you could be part of this!
- The Pioneers provided constructive and thoughtful feedback to the Executive Board in 2018 on the governance restructuring and several members now serve on the Leadership Development Committee in implementing the new structure and board identification process. We have also responded this past week about concerns over the reorganization of the Policy and Advocacy Unit.

Sincerely,

Susan Fowler, Past President and Chair,
Nominations Committee



Planning on a "purge" of the papers and CEC items that you noticed have been collecting? When you do, please take a look and pull any items that might be appropriate for inclusion in the Pioneer Division history files. You may have documents, pictures, or even electronic items that are one of a kind. Please contact our historian, Diane Johnson at dianej99@gmail.com for more information or to determine how to get items to the files.

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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.

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

Mail contributions to: Carol Eisenbise, 229 Jefferson Ave. Nazareth, PA 18064

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!