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An Important Message to the PD Membership

Per the requirements of the CEC Bylaws, the CEC Board of Directors has requested input from the CEC membership regarding the proposed amendment to the CEC Bylaws which would eliminate recognition activities from the responsibilities of the Representative Assembly.

This would mean that there would no longer be recognition of those members who have died since the last meeting of the Representative Assembly and would also eliminate ALL Courtesy Resolutions which have been the way by which the Council has honored members for lifelong exemplary service to the organization and to the field of special education.

Courtesy Resolutions have been the only means by which the Council, as an organization, has had to recognize the voluntary service of distinguished CEC members over a lifelong- career.

This recognition has been a part of CEC since 1934.

If you feel that this significant recognition should continue, please express your opinion to president@exceptionalchildren.org by JANUARY 5.

Pamela Gillet
Chair, CEC-PD Resolutions Committee

A Word (or two) from the Historian

It's that time of year again, here is a friendly reminder from your historian.

As the year ends and you begin to think about a New Year's Resolution that may include clearing and organizing your files and keepsakes, remember that some of these "treasures" may have a home in the CEC-PD history files. Please email [Diane Johnson](mailto:Diane.Johnson@cec-pd.org), CEC-PD Historian with information on the items that you discover. Arrangements can be made to collect these "gems" before they are lost forever.

Also remember that CEC will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2022. If you have items that you think might be appropriate to share for this event, please let us know that as well.



Cash on Hand 12/11/20	\$ 2,922.16
Savings Account	\$23,033.71
Savings Certificate	\$10,615.29

Activities:

- Paid annual fees for registered agent
- Paid incorporation fees for state of Missouri
- Paid bonding and insurance fees - due every 3 years
- The division has been able to meet our approved budget because of the lack of travel and other expenses this year and this will provide a cushion for anticipated expenses for the CEC anniversary in 2022.

CEC Pioneers President 2021



A CEC member since 1984, Dr. Dave Edyburn has held CEC leadership positions in Technology subdivisions. Nationally, he edited the journals Teaching Exceptional Children, Journal of Special Education Technology and Teacher Education. Developing

publications and grants that focus on nontraditional ways to approach challenges in the field of special education is one of his strengths.

Dr. Edyburn is called a “go to” person in teaching about the field of special education, guiding thinking outside the box and instilling the drive to challenge oneself personally and professionally. His colleagues and students attest that watching and listening to him provides the inspiration to focus on innovations across the field of practice. He is recognized as a great role model and mentor for faculty around the globe.

Dr. Edyburn, a recognized innovator and thought leader in the area of technology, received the 2020 Romaine P. Mackie Award at the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Convention in Portland, Oregon. The award is presented annually to an outstanding professional who has demonstrated leadership in CEC and other organizations through practices including research, policy development, publications, professional development, teacher education and leadership preparation.

A Message from Dave Edyburn President-Elect

CEC 2021

The annual CEC Convention will be held virtually March 8-13, 2021. Over 700 live and recorded presentations will be available. To learn more and register, visit: <https://exceptionalchildren.org/events/cec-2021-convention-expo/registration>

The Pioneers Division will host three events as part of the convention. First, our showcase, co-sponsored with DDEL is titled: Implementing Culturally Responsive Practices to Foster Family Engagement. The showcase will be a prerecorded OnDemand presentation. Second, the Pioneers will host an annual membership meeting (time and date to be announced). Finally, the Pioneers will host a virtual reception (time and date to be announced).

Interested in Becoming More Active in the Pioneers Division?

As we look ahead to 2021, there are a number of committee membership positions open. All meetings are virtual and most committees meet only once a quarter. Serving on a committee is a wonderful way to connect with other CEC members and leaders as you contribute your special education expertise.

Please contact me (edyburn@uwm.edu) if you have any interest in serving on any of the following committees: Awards and Honors, Communications, Constitution and Bylaws, Finance, Membership, Mentoring, Nominations and Elections, Political Action, Professional Development, and Resolutions.

Thank you!

As I look ahead to serving as President of the Pioneers Division beginning January 1. I want to express my sincere thanks to the entire Pioneers Board for their advice and on-boarding assistance this past year. And a special thank you to President Emily Collins and Immediate Past President Georgia Kerns for their leadership and mentorship during a challenging year!



The Pioneers officers and committee chairs have been staying very busy this fall, and they are doing great things to benefit our association. They will be telling you about the work they are doing. Also Clint will be telling you about the **update of our CEC Pioneers website** that has a new appearance and organization to better serve the membership and divisions. As the Resolutions chair, Pamela Gillett is reminding us of the need to examine the consequences of the of **CEC proposed amendment totally eliminating the reading of courtesy resolutions** During the Representative Assembly (RA) honoring those who have contributed so much to CEC for many years and who have died. They are instead publishing the resolutions in Special Education Today. The Pioneers are going to be sending a letter in opposition to this amendment. While it is a good idea to publish courtesy resolutions, we strongly oppose not having them read during RA meetings. Courtesy Resolutions are written for a select few individuals who have made many contributions to CEC over many years. They have led and shaped the association, and their service is part of the history of CEC. Although the Pioneers Division is submitting a letter in opposition to this amendment, you are all encouraged to write a letter to CEC President Jennifer Lesh at president@exceptionalchildren.org.

Don't forget to take on the **membership challenge** issued by Mickie Wong-Lo, Membership Chair. Whoever can get the most new members of Pioneers will win a prize. Remember there are many CEC members who meet the requirements for Pioneers membership who are not members. The requirement is to meet one of the following: 1) Have been a CEC member for 15 or more years or 2) Hold a leadership position in CEC, one of the divisions or units.

CEC has issued 2 important things that will benefit the associations and divisions. One is the hiring of Brannen Myers as Director of CEC component Services. She is to work with divisions, units and chapters. Also CEC has initiated **Project 20/20** to examine, study and make recommendations on equity and equality in CEC. Each division has a representative. We selected Mary Ruth Coleman who will be a great representative.

Have a wonderful holiday season! Thank you for all you do for Pioneers.

Dr. Emily Collins



Meet Candace Borger Candidate for President-Elect

The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), and Institute of Education Sciences (IES) developed "Effective and Engaging Instruction: Remote and In-Person" – resources to support teachers and school, school district, and state leaders.

- [OSEP Continuity of Learning During COVID-19](#)
- [Going the Distance: Online Strategies for Helping Students with Disabilities](#)

Act Now!

The deadline for **early bird registration** rate for the CEC 2021 Virtual Convention and Expo has been extended to on or before December 31, 2020. **Use code: CECLIVE**

Have questions or need assistance? You can give the Member Services Team a call at 1-888-232-7733, chat with them live on our website, or email service@exceptionalchildren.org. They're available Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET to answer your questions and help you get registered.

Professionally, Candace has served many roles as an educator over the past 45 years including early years classroom teacher, Resource Teacher, Resource Coordinator, Vice-Principal, Principal and Administrator of Educational Support Services. Following retirement in 2017, she worked in a French Immersion school as a Resource Teacher supporting students who were not only learning French but were acquiring English as an additional language. Currently, she works as a trainer with Maple Bear Global Schools and during the past three years have provided central training on differentiated instruction and planning for students with special needs as well as initial and on-going school-based training in Brazil. She values the opportunities to collaborate and team within the schools by providing on-site support and professional learning opportunities to staff.

As a member of CEC, she has served in many leadership roles at the provincial, national and international level including past-president of MCEC and past-governor; past-president of the former Canadian CEC and Governor at Large on the Board of Directors. She has also served on international committees including Yes I Can!, Honours, Governance, Canadian/US Standing Committee and others. In Manitoba, she chaired the first MCEC Yes I Can! Awards Committee and then served as a member of the planning committee for over 25 years. I was honoured to receive The Outstanding Achievement in Leadership from The Manitoba CEC in 2019.

Some of the areas I would plan to focus on within the Pioneer Division would be to promote leadership and legacy through continued collaboration with other Divisions; to provide input as legacy leaders regarding documents including policy /position statements relevant to the field; to continue to work with the Board on the archives and to promote initiatives in the area of membership.

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: Lorraine McPherson, 4850 W Kay T Drive, Tucson, AZ 85745

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
ZipPostal Code

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

Thank You!

The Pioneers Division of CEC is pleased to present a call for nominations for the Romaine P. Mackie Leadership Award for 2021. Honor your colleagues who have made significant contributions to the field. Acknowledge their dedication and success in the field by a nomination for this prestigious 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 vitae 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 _____ Nominator's 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, January 15, 2021**.

Submit your nomination packet electronically to:

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