

**IDC Meeting Minutes  
April 17, 2007  
Galt Hotel and Suites  
Louisville, Kentucky**

***Call to Order***

IDC Vice Chair Fidler called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

***Division Roll Call***

Members Present: CASE - Christy Chambers; CCBD - Cheryl George; CEC-DR - Robin McWilliam, Amy Casey; CEC-PD - Pam Gillet; CEDS - Carol Layton; DCDD - Kevin Miller; DDD - Phil Parette, Tom Smith; DEC - Tweety Yates, Sarah Mulligan; DISES - Clayton Keller, Thomas Gumpel, Carmen Iannaccone; DLD - Karen Rooney; DPHD - Pamela DeLoach; DVI - Ellyn Ross, Phyllis Simmons; TAG - Todd Kettler, Alex Shiu; TAM - Brenda Heiman; TED - Peggy Gallagher; IDC Vice Chair and DDD - Dagny Fidler.

***Approval of Agenda***

Pam Gillet (CEC-PD) moved to approve; Christy Chambers (CASE) seconded.

***Approval of March 13, 2007 Conference Call Minutes***

DISES moved to approve; seconded by DEC.

***CEC Updates***

Mary Ruth Coleman, CEC President, provided welcoming comments. She reported on the Division Requirements Report which was accepted by the CEC Board in January and will be brought to the Representative Assembly. The waiver to divisions who do not meet the minimum division membership requirements is expected to be extended. Divisions were asked to gather input from their Boards and inform their RA Representatives. Board liaisons have been assigned to each unit and every division has been assigned a liaison. CEC shared the names of the liaisons with divisions. The Representative Assembly agenda will center on CEC's Strategic Plan. A copy of the President's Report (submitted to the Representative Assembly) was distributed.

Jamie Hopkins, CEC Past President, requested nominations for CEC's Board of Directors. Here are the openings for officers this time. Recommendations have been sent to the board: President Elect, Member at Large Nondesignated (3 to be elected); Member at Large Diverse (1 to be elected); Member at Large Canadian Member (1 to be elected); Student Member (appointed by the Board); Treasurer (appointed by the Board). Nominations are due May 23 and can be submitted online.

Bruce Ramirez, CEC Executive Director, welcomed the group to the convention. It's been a busy year and he offered the following highlights. Mid-year, CEC reversed the 3-year membership decline. The incremental dues payment plan was implemented allowing members to pay dues in three installments. The telemarketing pilot to contact lapsed members was successful and will be incorporated into the ongoing membership plan. CEC wants to continue to collaborate with divisions to develop and implement membership efforts. The Back to School student

membership campaign was a success, and this spring a pilot will be offered for graduating students to renew as a professional but pay student dues rates their first year in the profession. The Division Leadership Institute is July 26, 2007. Policy and advocacy materials were distributed to the IDC members present. The Response to Intervention guidelines was disseminated and divisions were encouraged to share this with their Board and RA Representatives. The CAN meeting is June 9-12, 2007. Bruce indicated this is an area that needs improvement and he hopes all divisions will be represented. For this year's convention, the exhibit hall is full, pre-registration is strong, the local volunteers are great, and registrants are receiving a new canvas bag and badge holder. The new online job board is being unveiled at this convention. *CEC Today* will increase to 5 issues this year and 6 issues in 2008. The CEC website is getting a lot of traffic in the teaching and learning, evidence-based practices, conventions, and public policy sections. Divisions are requested to help CEC review, update, and improve the content in their areas. A new student newsletter was launched this year. The Knowledge and Skills Committee has been working on the evidence-based practices pilot. *Exceptional Children* will have two special topical issues on multicultural and evidence-based practices. CEC has begun its search for a new field-based editor for *TEC*. The final audit for 2006 shows revenue over expenses of \$1.6 million, and \$300,000 net asset increased to \$2.8 million. CEC is interested in making all of our content available electronically and wants to collaborate with divisions on websites, journals, and other content. About half of the divisions are on a regular fiscal withdrawal, and CEC would like all divisions to get on a regular scheduled draw-down.

Kathleen Shank shared information from the Evidence-Based Pilot Committee on the Evidence-Based Practice Pilot. She thanked the divisions for their support of the Knowledge and Skills Committee and encouraged divisions to financially support their members who represent them on this committee. Rachelle Bruno is leading the Knowledge and Skills work. She thanked Richard Mainzer for his support and Robin McWilliam for his work on the committee.

### ***Old Business***

Update from Caucus Workgroup: Brenda Heiman provided an update on behalf of Luann Purcell from CASE. The workgroup was charged with analyzing how IDC fits into CEC's organizational structure and recommending any changes. The workgroup does not have a recommendation for change at this point.

### ***New Business***

Membership: Divisions are sharing information, asking for help, and identifying problems. CEC staff has worked hard with Divisions in the area of membership. Membership Made Easy (updated 4/07) was distributed. Topics brought to the table include:

- i. the issue of cost
- ii. international relevance
- iii. the challenge of retaining members
- iv. overall decline in Division membership (6%)
- v. the proposed \$1 contribution to support membership for international members
- vi. how to address the needs of members in other countries
- vii. challenge of low-incidence divisions (especially membership recruitment)
- viii. membership for related services professionals (therapists, etc.)

*Follow-Up: Dagny will get together with Clay to talk about next steps related to international memberships.*

NCLB: Topics brought to the table include:

- i. concern about using RTI data to identify a disability
- ii. concern that full evaluations, while needed, do not need to be done by a school psychologist
- iii. Partnership project organized by NASDSE is a collaboration of over 55 associations and has created valuable materials; some will be unveiled at CASE's Spotlight Session at this year's convention
- iv. Special education should be one of the options at tier three of RTI, not the only option
- v. Learning disabilities have become synonymous with reading disabilities and they are not

*Follow-Up: Recommended that CEDS, DLD, and CASE take the lead in informing other Divisions and in planning future actions to be taken by the Divisions.*

Update on Division Work: Topics brought to the table include:

- i. online elections
- ii. strategic planning
- iii. affiliations of groups in other countries (e.g., in India)
- iv. success stories

*Follow-Up: Recommended that IDC make a clear statement to CEC that we want and expect this organization to fully live up to our mission as an international association. We don't want to be an association that is U.S.-focused with some international members. We want to clearly be international.*

### ***Announcements***

Future meetings:

- DISES conference in Peru July 8-12, 2007
- June 12, 2007 IDC conference call
- July 26, 2007 Division Leadership Institute at CEC Headquarters

Volunteers for the Division Leadership Institute were requested: Karen Rooney (DLD) and Brenda Heiman (TAM) volunteered.

### ***Adjournment***

Motion to adjourn was made by DVI and seconded by CASE.

*Submitted by Sarah Mulligan (DEC)*