

Interdivisional Caucus (IDC) Meeting

Minutes

March 31, 2009

Sheraton Hotel, Seattle, Washington

CEC Annual Convention

In Attendance: Dagny Fidler, IDC Chair; Emily Collins, IDC Vice Chair; Christy Chambers, CASE; Mary Kealy, CASE; Luann Purcell, CASE; Alec Peck, CCBD; Dave Roels, CEC Pioneers; Diane Johnson, CEC Pioneers; David Walker, CEDS; Jennifer Howell, DCDD; Dale Matusевич, DCDT; Susan Maude, DEC; Sarah Mulligan, DEC; Thomas Gumpel, DISES; Alice Farling, DISES; Carmen Iannaccone, DISES; Michael Urbanski, DISES; Rollanda O'Connor, DLD; Mari Beth Coleman, DPHD; Phyllis Simmons, DVI; Loana Mason, DVI; Sneha Shah-Coltrane, TAG; Betty Nelson, TAM; Brenda Heiman, TAM; Chuck Salzberg, TED; Karen Voytecki, TED; Kathleen Puckett, CEC President; Jacqueline Mault, CEC President-Elect; Susan Fowler, CEC Past-President; Clay Keller, Chair of the Workgroup on CEC's International Role; Kathlene Shank, CEC PSPC Chair; Bruce Ramirez, CEC Executive Director; Richard Mainzer, CEC Associate Executive Director, Professional Services; Linda Marsal, CEC Associate Executive Director, Membership Services; Deb Ziegler, CEC Associate Executive Director, Policy and Advocacy; Anmarie Kallas, CEC Senior Director, Convention; Susan Simmons, CEC Senior Director, Member and Unit Development; Anna Henderson, Coordinator of Division Services; Lindsay Jones, CEC staff; Joan Melner, CEC Staff; Michael Shifflett, CEC Staff; and Elizabeth Williams, CEC Staff

Chair Dagny Fidler called the meeting to order and asked for someone to volunteer to be the Parliamentarian for the meeting. Rollanda O'Connor (DLD) volunteered to be the Parliamentarian. Chair then asked all present to introduce themselves and to state the division they represented or their position. The chair then asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting. Rollanda O'Connor made the motion to approve the agenda, and this motion was seconded by Tom Gumpel (DISES). The motion passed unanimously. The chair then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Sneha Shah-Coltrane (TAG) and seconded by Phyllis Simmons (DVI). The motion passed unanimously.

Kathleen Puckett, CEC President, presented the CEC Strategic Plan in published format and raised three questions for discussion: 1) What actions should CEC take to increase collaboration between general and special education?, 2) What actions should CEC take to provide increased opportunities for professional development?, and 3) What actions should CEC take to promote model activities at the unit level? She said discussions around these questions should occur through the Representative Assembly representatives, and members should provide input through their representatives. David Walker (CEDS) asked about providing additional input into the Strategic Plan because he said the ACLU found many

students with disabilities were being placed in alternative schools for long periods of time with out their IEPs being followed. He felt this concern could be a part of Goal 5-Advocacy.

Bruce Ramirez, CEC Executive Director, said the Strategic Plan would provide direction for the next three years. He wants CEC to work more closely with the divisions for more collaboration and unified direction. He gave the following examples of such collaboration: The Summer Leadership Meeting at the CEC Headquarters prior to the PAC Meeting, the NAGC and TAG partnership with CEC on gifted advocacy efforts, the collaboration with the Pioneers on a mentoring project, and the shared agenda on diversity among the divisions. The Executive Director said collaborative work is especially important in challenging times such as these. He stated the 2008 CEC Convention in Boston was very successful with good attendance, accompanied by a period of membership growth. Ramirez then reported on new program features of this 2009 Convention: A new program design and format, 45 minute poster sessions instead of one hour sessions to allow more poster sessions, New branding for the CEC push for full funding of IDEA with a "giant leap" forward motif with "CECIL" the frog, environmentally friendly convention bags, Exhibitor registration on new software that allows vendors to scan badges and have a record of who visits their booth, a new map of the expo center and of Seattle, three on-site evaluation sessions on the web with a usability survey completed with selected members, using the Convention as a launching pad to introduce new CEC publications, a new matrix of publications by divisions, and working with the different divisions on marketing initiatives. Membership and leadership will be a major focus of the Representative Assembly, especially with a discussion of pathways to leadership in the association. There will also be discussion of encouraging student to professional membership and the special membership campaign with a \$10 discount. There will be a document on membership Q&A.

Susan Fowler, CEC Past-President discussed the Nominations' Committee's call for nominations for the CEC Board of Directors. She disseminated a brochure on the call for nominations and the positions available. There are six openings: President-Elect, two Board members from diverse, ethnic, multi-cultural groups, and three at large, non-designated Board members. May 22nd is the deadline for the nominations packet.

Richard Mainzer, CEC staff, and Kathlene Shank, Professional Standards and Practices Standing Committee reported the Knowledge and Skills Subcommittee was meeting today from 9-5. There is an Evidence Based Practices Initiative where everything aligns with the CEC Strategic Plan, and the new redbook "What Every Special Educator Needs to Know" has recently been published.

Clay Keller, representing the Workgroup on CEC's International Role, explained the purpose of this workgroup is to expand CEC's global presence. He described four options under consideration: 1) Options for affiliation for other international parties, 2) Collaboration with other international entities, 3) Making CEC products, services, information and resources more available and accessible internationally, and 4) Increasing opportunities for reciprocal learning by CEC members. They have surveyed all the divisions on their current international involvement and the ways they are involved.

Tom Gumpel (DISES) suggested looking into international electronic CEC membership because \$60 of his membership fee is for postage.

Karen Voytecki (TED) described the TED doctoral program and asked what other divisions were doing to provide scholarships for doctoral students to attend conferences and roundtable discussion groups. Diane Johnson (Pioneers) said it would be helpful to know what other divisions are doing not only for doctoral students, but also for other students. There was discussion of doing a survey of what the divisions are doing to support students, not just awards, but broader information on everything they are doing to support students.

CEC staff members Anmarie Kallas, Bruce Ramirez and Linda Marsal asked for information on opinions on a multi-cultural symposium. The consensus seemed to be that if there was a multi-cultural symposium, it should be in conjunction with the 2010 CEC Convention. IDC Chair Fidler said summaries would be compiled from the IDC monthly conference calls. She asked if the IDC monthly conference calls should be continued or if we should instead have conference calls every two months. The consensus was to have the conference calls every two months. Sneha Shah-Coltrane made the motion to adjourn, and this was seconded by Phyllis Simmons. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Collins, IDC Vice-Chair