



2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Application Information

Deadline: May 15, 2017
3:00 p.m. EDT

Strategic-Thinker | Planner | Visionary | Mentor

✔ Become actively involved in your professional organization.

✔ Share your knowledge and expertise.

✔ Take on a challenging and rewarding experience.

✔ Make a lasting contribution to the field of special education.

The following positions are up for election for three-year terms beginning January 1, 2018:

➤ **President Elect:** Nominees must have served on the Board of Directors or have equivalent leadership experience within other areas of CEC, in similar organizations/associations, and/or in major administrative roles to be considered by the Nominations Standing Committee for this position.

Each slated candidate for President Elect will make a short video clip of approximately 2–3 minutes in length, which will be posted to CEC’s website. Each candidate will respond to the following question:

➤ *Why do you want to be President of the CEC Board of Directors and why do you feel you are qualified to serve in that position?*

▶ **Member-at-Large Positions:** Applicants for the following positions must have demonstrated experience in and knowledge of CEC, its programs, products and services.

➤ **Member-at-Large, Classroom Ranks (1 position):** Persons who provide direct educational services to exceptional children and youth (infancy through transition).

NOTE: At the time of election and throughout the term of office, the individual must be a current practitioner (persons who primarily provide direct educational services to exceptional children and youth [infancy through transition]). If at any time during the term of office, the elected individual no longer meets this definition, he or she must resign from the Board of Directors.

➤ **Member-at-Large, Diverse Ethnic and Multicultural Groups (1 position):** Any member of CEC belonging to a group that, because of racial or ethnic origin, constitutes a distinctive and recognizable entity in our society, e.g., American Indian, Alaskan Native or First Nations; Asian, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander; Black or African American; Hispanic, Latino/a or Spanish. For 2017, preference will be given to Asian/Pacific Islander candidates.

➤ **Member-at-Large, Non-Designated (3 positions):** Any member of CEC, including those members who could file for any designated position.

Before You Apply:

- › Review the general information about serving on the Board, as well as the guidelines for letters of recommendation at www.cec.sped.org/nominations.
- › Review the candidate application at www.cec.sped.org/nominations to make sure you have the pertinent information ready.
NOTE: This form is a preview of the online candidate application.

How To Apply:

- › **Complete the online candidate application by 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time, May 15, 2017** being sure to upload your vita/resume, requisite letters of recommendation and digital photo. A link is available at www.cec.sped.org/nominations.

Questions?:

- › **Contact** one of the members of the Nominations Standing Committee (next page).

Requirements:

- › Member in good standing
- › Knowledgeable of current issues in special education
- › Supportive of the mission and strategic direction of CEC
- › Willingness to get involved and engage with members and other stakeholders

Desired Characteristics:

- › Proven leadership expertise
- › Strategic Thinking/planning skills
- › Creative thinker
- › Collaborator
- › Effective communicator
- › Open minded
- › Strong problem-solving and decision-making skills
- › Identifies and articulates opportunities for growth
- › Mentor
- › Leader



Serving as a member of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Board of Directors has been a unique learning experience, one that has enriched me professionally and personally. The Board works on a variety of complex issues of major importance to CEC, including strategic planning, budgetary and financial oversight, professional standards, research, and policy. Being on the board means learning and practicing leadership skills, such as collaboration and critical analysis—skills that have meant a lot to me in my own professional setting. It has been a pleasure to work with such a dedicated group of staff and fellow board members who devote their time and expertise to advocate for children and youth with exceptionalities and the educators who serve them.”

—**YVONNE BUI**, CEC Board Member

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