Saturday, November 5, 2016

1.0 Call to Order and Official Items

1.1 Call to Order

President Antonis Katsiyannis called to order the regular meeting of the Council for Exceptional Children Board of Directors at 9:05 a.m. EDT.

1.2 Record of Attendance and Determination of Quorum

Board Secretary Alexander T. Graham called the roll. A quorum of the following directors was present:

Antonis Katsiyannis  
Mikki Garcia  
Jim Heiden  
Sharon Raimondi  
Joni Baldwin  
Jennifer Britton  
Yvonne Bui  
Jannis Floyd  
Andrea Jasper  
Jennifer Lesh  
Kim Moffett  
Jane Quenneville  
Anne Sloboda  
Jonathan Stout  
George Van Horn  
Phyllis Wolfram  
Mickie Wong-Lo

Not present: Kaitlyn Brennan, Claudia Rinaldi, Ed Schultz
1.3 Adoption of Board Business Meeting Agenda

MOTION: Jim Heiden moved to adopt the agenda. Jane Quenneville seconded.

The agenda was approved as amended (new business added).

2.0 Strategic Plan

MOTION: Joni Baldwin moved to look into providing all members with the option to have print issues of TEC by 2019. Yvonne Bui seconded.

Motion passed.

3.0 Board-Appointed Positions Interviews

The Board voted anonymously to appoint Jim McCormick to the position of Treasurer for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2019.

The Board voted anonymously to appoint Alexis Morgan to the position of Student Member for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2018.

4.0 Executive Session

Without objection, the Board went into Executive Session at 5:20 to discuss legal, personnel and financial matters. The Executive Session was adjourned at 5:26.

Sunday, November 6, 2016

1.0 Call to Order and Official Items

1.1 Call to Order

President Antonis Katsiyannis called to order the regular meeting of the Council for Exceptional Children Board of Directors at 8:30 a.m. EST.

1.2 Record of Attendance

Board Secretary Alexander T. Graham called the roll. A quorum of the following directors was present:

Antonis Katsiyannis
Mikki Garcia
Jim Heiden
Sharon Raimondi
Joni Baldwin
Kaitlyn Brennan
Yvonne Bui
Jannis Floyd
Andrea Jasper
Jennifer Lesh
Kim Moffett
Jane Quenneville
Anne Sloboda
Jonathan Stout
George Van Horn
Phyllis Wolfram
Mickie Wong-Lo

Not present: Kaitlyn Brennan, Jennifer Britton, Claudia Rinaldi, Ed Schultz

1.4 Consent Agenda

**MOTION:** Jim Heiden moved to adopt the consent agenda. Mikki Garcia seconded.

Motion passed.

5.0 2017 Budget Review and Approval

**MOTION:** Sharon Raimondi moved to adopt the 2016 Budget. Anne Sloboda seconded.

Motion passed.

6.0 Governance and Organizational Items

6.1 President’s Report

President Katsiyannis acknowledged the IDEA Workgroup for its hard work and progress. He also congratulated Executive Graham on successful sublease of the 10th floor office space and recognized its importance relative to CEC’s financial stability.

6.2 Executive Director’s Report

Executive Director Graham noted that several updates had been provided to the Board in recent weeks via its online community.

Using an external search firm, CEC is looking for new marketing director with a business background and experience with a similar type of organization in terms of structural complexity. The search is anticipated to take 45-60 days.
He also discussed future staffing as related to the strategic plan, including the possibility of interns, professors on sabbaticals doing special projects, and a possible capital fund for strategic planning initiatives from future earnings (sublease income).

6.3 Treasurer’s Report / Financial Update

Treasurer Sharon Raimondi, CEC Controller Craig Evans reviewed the September financials and responded to questions.

6.4 Immediate Past President’s Report

No Immediate Past President’s Report was given.

6.5 State of the Special Education Profession Workgroup Motion

MOTION: Sharon Raimondi moved to establish a State of the Special Education Profession Workgroup as outlined in the motion. Anne Sloboda seconded.

Motion passed.

6.6 Governance Assessment Workgroup Quarterly Report

No report was provided due to the information shared during strategic planning on Saturday.

6.7 IDEA Reauthorization Recommendations Workgroup

Deb Ziegler, Director of Policy and Advocacy, provided overview of the activities and progress of the workgroup. Phyllis Wolfram, a member of the workgroup, also provided input. Draft recommendations were shared with the Board of Directors.

6.8 Paraeducator Policy

Deb Ziegler summarized the supportive input collected through the Representative Assembly, and indicated that the PSPC felt CEC should address the issue and provided recommendations. Staff recommendations were provided. The Board agreed CEC must move forward within context of its work in professional standards and practice and knowledge and skills, but not develop a separate position because CEC already has standards for paraeducators.

MOTION: George VanHorn moved that the Board receive the report and will move forward staff recommendations*. Jane Quenneville seconded.

Motion passed.

* The Chair of the Professional Standards and Practice Committee should charge the Framing Paper Workgroup to incorporate a plan of action for the development of a potential policy within the context of their work. Any
future CEC position or policy on the training of paraeducators should coincide and align with the development of new CEC standards (which includes paraeducators) during the revision process in 2019. CEC should not develop any position or policy on standards in isolation.

6.9 Membership Update

Judy Harrison, Director of Membership, Divisions and Units, discussed new incentives, including a recruitment campaign, new member onboarding, and a digital ad campaign.

6.10 Professional Development Update

Jennifer Bullock, Director or Education and Professional Standards, provide updates on webinars, regional workshops, a contract training with District of Columbia Public Schools, and options for future professional development prioritize, including the possibility of asynchronous certificate programs and customized/contract training at the district/state level.

7.0 New Business

It was suggested that instead of using the term “state/provincial units,” CEC simply refer to them as units.

8.0 Recognitions and Acknowledgements

As this was the last face-to-face meeting of the Board for the year, President Katsiyannis recognized outgoing Board members Kaitlyn Brennan, Jannis Floyd, Jim Heiden, Sharon Raimondi, Claudia Rinaldi, Anne Sloboda and George Van Horn.

9.0 For the Good of the Order and Adjournment

Without objection, President Katsiyannis adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.