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What's The Real Value of CEC Membership?

An Outgoing President's Final Thoughts

Teresa Howard Wasson

Why should professionals and parents join the Council for Exceptional Children? It's expensive, and other than the journals we receive most of us aren't sure of any additional benefits.

At the end of my year as your President, I can assure you that the activities of the leadership of KYCEC directly affects the state of special education in the Commonwealth. During the year I have corresponded with Commissioner Boysen, the State Board for Elementary and Secondary Education, legislative subcommittees and individual legislators, and Governor Jones on numerous issues related to the education of exceptional children. I have spoken before the Administrative Regulation Review Subcom-

mittee and the State Board for Elementary and Secondary Education concerning regulations governing the delivery of services in special and gifted education. Changes were made due to our input. KYCEC has repeatedly called for the hiring of a Director of the Division of Exceptional Children Services, and I was a part of a committee that interviewed the candidates for that position. Myself and other members of the KYCEC Executive Board have represented our interests at a variety of meetings, workshops, and conventions across Kentucky.

The Council for Exceptional Children is actively involved in impacting services for children with disabilities; not only at the na-

tional level, but also here in Kentucky. Our record is clear, and we should be proud of our accomplishments. So the next time a colleague asks if CEC is worth the money, please say "yes!", and share the list of our activities.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your President. Please give your support to Mary White in her efforts to represent you. In this time of rapid change we need everyone's help!

NEW KDE DIRECTOR OF EXCEPT. SERVICES

Kenneth Warlick, Kentucky Department of Education, announced May 6th that Hal Hayden will assume the role of KDE Director of Exceptional Children Services on July 1, 1994.

Dr. Hayden is currently a Special Education Supervisor in the Delaware Department of Public Instruction. He is noted for his experience in the areas of administration, regulation development, monitoring, team building, and task management.

Real-life "Rainman" Dazzles Hundreds with Memory and Wit!!!

Mary White, President-Elect, KYCEC

According to Joseph S. Stroud, Herald Leader Staff Writer, in his March 6th article describing **Kim Peek's** visit to Lexington. "Peek answered questions for most of an hour on subjects ranging from D-Day at Normandy to Biblical quotations, to the best way to get to Hazard...He wasn't always right--his route to Hazard passed through Williamson, W.Va., for example--but when he was wrong he was usually funny."

Convention '94 will long be remembered as "Rainman's Convention." Other highlights of the convention, attended by over 700 registrants, included a broad range of timely and relevant session topics as well as social functions, including a Saturday morning complimentary breakfast for teachers, sponsored by KYCEC.

The following chapters should be recognized for supporting the '94 Convention:

Chapter #673, Northern Kentucky
Chapter #723, EKV
Chapter #953, Gateway
Chapter #174, NKU
Chapter #83, UK
Chapter #278, Green River
Chapter #180, Greater Lexington
CCBD Division

A special thanks to all these chapters and

the one division participating in profit-sharing activities.

Political Action Network Report
Charlie Muntz, PAN Coordinator

Under the astute leadership of Teresa Wasson, KYCEC has been very active on the political front. We have been able to provide input and, in fact, effect changes in legislation and regulations. We view the role of KYCEC as being a facilitator for the various groups representing exceptional children in Kentucky. Our role, because we are the single largest group, is that of leadership. This will be an ongoing mission--one that we relish rather than consider a task that must be done. As your PAN Coordinator I will continue to monitor activities statewide to determine action that is needed to promote the welfare of exceptional children, and exceptional teachers. I seek your input regarding concerns. My home phone is (502) 893-8652, and mailing address is 1001 Copperfield Court, Louisville, Kentucky 40207.

CEC National Convention
Don Cross, KYCEC Governor

The National CEC Conference, which was held in Denver, Colorado, was attended by myself. I was able to attend the Board of Governors meetings and the Delegate Assembly.

The biggest issue in the Board of Governors meeting was that of restructuring CEC. Your chapter president has a copy of the proposal. Basically, the proposal calls for a change in some of the procedures to be followed in conducting CEC business. At the present time, business at the national conventions proceeds with

first a meeting of the Executive Committee, then the Board of Governors, and last the Delegate Assembly. The proposal is to have the Delegate Assembly meet first. It will assume responsibility of setting policy and deciding courses of action for CEC. Next, the Board of Governors will meet to make recommendations for the implementation of the policies and actions proposed by the Delegate Assembly. Then the Executive Committee will make decisions on how to best execute the proposed policies and actions of the Delegate Assembly and the recommendations of the Board of Governors. The intent is to make the Delegate Assembly a truly representative body of the membership. A general analogy is to our American Congress: there is the House of Representatives (Delegate Assembly), the Senate (the Board of Governors), and the Executive Branch (Executive Committee). This is to be fully discussed again this fall, and voted upon at the Indianapolis Convention next spring.

The Delegate Assembly meeting was not very exciting. There were no real critical issues. We (members of the Kentucky Federation) made sure that Alice Taylor (Gateway Chapter #953, Mt. Sterling) and Lynette Uhl (Greater Lexington Chapter #180, Lexington) were entered on the rolls of honored deceased.

I was informed by Suana Wessendorf, the current National CEC President, that charges of discrimination were filed against CEC with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Washington, D.C. by two CEC employees. The allegations involve violation of Title VII (not specified) and sexual harassment and retaliation in violation of Title VII. Legal counsel has been retained to represent CEC in these matters. In addition, CEC has been notified of violations by the Department of Labor. A comprehensive

examination of the allegations by the legal counsel is to be conducted.

QUIZ BOWL '94

Dr. Janice Ferguson, SSEC Faculty Advisor

The Barren County Chapter (#960) of the Council for Exceptional Children and the Western Kentucky University Student Council for Exceptional Children have hosted "Quiz Bowl" for secondary special education students for the past four years. Originally held on the same date as Special Olympics, Quiz Bowl was designed for students not eligible for competition in the physical events of Special Olympics. Intended to encourage academic excellence in those students now identified as MMD (mild mentally disabled), LD (learning disabled), or EBD (emotionally/behaviorally disabled), Quiz Bowl is played according to the same rules established by the Quick Recall component of Academic Teams. Indeed, most Quiz Bowl teams are coached by members of their school's Academic Team, and use the same set of buzzers for answering questions.

This year, the fifth year for Quiz Bowl, 12 teams will be reporting to Downing University Center on Thursday, April 28. This is the largest number of schools ever to participate in Quiz Bowl, and it is the first time the competition has been held on a school day. Two sets consisting of six teams to a set will play round robin competition following the toss up-bonus format of Quick Recall competition. Two first, two second, and two third place trophies will be awarded along with T-shirts for each school's team and certificates of merit for all participants.

Sodas and snacks are donated by Nehi Bottling, Keeblers, Frito Lay, and Coca Cola.

Rainbow Screen Printing provides the T-shirts at their cost and prints the shirts free. Thompson Trophy provides the trophies at cost. All companies contributing to Quiz Bowl have their logos screen printed on the back of the T-shirts.

In the past, state CEC mini-grants have been awarded to the chapter so that it may fund the Quiz Bowl. This mini-grant was not funded for the 1994 Quiz Bowl, and this was our largest competition! Not to disappoint the children, multiple bake sales were held as fund raisers to pay for the materials needed to host this very special activity.

KYSCEC OFFICERS ELECTED!!!

Dr. Esther Leung, KYSCEC Faculty Advisor

The 1994-95 Kentucky SCEC Officers have been elected. They are:

President:	Anne Brumleve
Vice-President:	Robin Ferguson
Governor:	Jennifer Fritsch
Secretary:	Julie Miller

The KYSCEC has an exciting year, high-lighted by at least eleven students attending the 1994 International CEC Annual Convention in Denver, Colorado. Students had great fun networking with other SCECers from all over the U.S.A., Canada, and other countries, besides attending presentations, participating in national SCEC government and social events, visiting the exhibits (and received generous gifts from the exhibitors!), and enjoying beautiful Denver! We are especially proud of two KYSCECers from Bellarmine College. They gave an outstanding presentation on student teaching KERA-style in a session well attended by fellow students.

We were so thrilled by the Denver experience that some are already making plans to raise funds and organize for an invasion of Indianapolis, the site of next year's International CEC Convention. Actually, Indianapolis can be considered our territory, and we need to make it unforgettable for students from other regions and nations.

Looking back, KYSCEC had organized several presentations for students during the 1994 Kentucky Federation CEC Annual Convention in Lexington. We were so encouraged by our success that we decided in our business meeting to increase our efforts for next year's convention. We hope that we can attract more student involvement with CEC and thus participation in various SCEC and CEC activities.

KYSCEC GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Amy Steffan, KYSCEC Governor

The SCEC is proud to announce the end of an extremely successful year. This year a state-wide newsletter was published and distributed at the state convention. Contributions were received from seven of the eight active SCEC chapters in Kentucky. The goal of opening the lines of communication was finally reached. Thanks to all students, advisors, and Executive Board members that have helped in this long process.

The state convention hosted a time for many student SCEC members to meet and talk at the SCEC Social. Many members discussed SCEC activities in their chapter as well as special issues (JOBS) in their part of the state. Every member received folder activities to assemble for individual use or as a service project within their SCEC chapter. Several ideas and

suggestions for next year's convention were. Everyone is excited about the convention and ready to help.

Also at the State Convention elections for next year's SCEC state officers were held. It looks like it will be a great year!!

President:	Anne Brumleve
Vice-President	Robin Ferguson
Governor	Jennifer Fritsch
Sec/Treasurer	Julie Miller

Best of luck to these officers. I know everyone at KYCEC will find these students to be a vital part of the executive board!!

On a final note, I attended the Student Board of Governors meeting in Denver. This was a time to meet people from around the country and brainstorm about SCEC activities. It was also an opportunity to meet the people on the International Honors Committee with which I had been working all year. During the course of the BOG, a new award was presented by the International Honors Committee, and approved by the BOG, for graduating seniors within the field of Special Education. The applications for this \$300 award should be available soon. Be on the look-out!

KY EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

Rich Lewis

House Bill 408 describes the Kentucky Early Intervention System (KEIS), from child find to transition and all the services in-between for infants and toddlers with developmental disabilities, ages birth through two years, and their families. Representative Tom Burch is the bill's sponsor.

On August 18 & 19, 1994, at the "Infants and Toddlers with Developmental Difficulties Conference" in Northern Kentucky, a celebration will occur for the successful passage and funding of H.B. 408, which establishes KEIS. The celebration will be at 5:15-6:30pm with various dignitaries to be present. For further information, please contact Germaine O'Connell at 502-564-7700.

KYCEC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The KYCEC Annual Conference will be held at the Executive West Hotel and Convention Center in Louisville, Kentucky. Please be sure to mark your calendars for these important dates! Details will be forthcoming in the Fall 1994 issue of **Exceptional News**.

A "Call for Papers" for the 1995 Convention will be included in the Fall 1994 issue of **Exceptional News**. Information can be gained earlier by contacting Owen M. McKinney at 212 N. Hubbards Lane, Louisville, Kentucky 40207, or by calling 502-897-3175 (residence).

SUMMARY OF DISABILITY-RELATED BILLS IN 1994 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Senate Bills

SB 27-E. Ford: Redefining the meaning of "visually impaired" & requires the Dept for the Blind to include independent living as an area for research.

SB 53-Ford: Amends KRS 161.497. Expands the Task Force on FY/RSC's to include three KDE employees and three parents; extends the implementation plan developed by the Task Force through 1997.

SB 224-Blevins: Many provisions to bring Kentucky into compliance with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, including allowing state-funded agencies to provide voter registration to persons with disabilities.

SB 319-Kelly: Brings Kentucky into compliance with the ADA with reference to interpreters in judicial and administrative proceedings.

House Bills

HB 51-Curd/Clarke: Amends KRS Chapter 334A. Allows persons with a baccalaureate degree in speech-language pathology to be employed in the public schools as a speech-language pathology assistant, working under the supervision of a licensed speech-language pathologist or certified teacher in the area of speech and communication disorders. The supervisor may only supervise two assistants, and all assistants are to be placed on the teachers salary schedule at Rank III.

HB 200-Riggs: Amends various KRS sections to change from the words "handicap" to the word "disabled."

HB 354-Kerr: Requires a public hearing and public notice within the affected area of plans for residential care facilities for people with disabilities and psychiatric residential treatment facilities, etc.

HB 417-Palumbo: Amends several KY statutes to bring language into compliance with the ADA, using the words "disability" and "disabled".

HB 462-Palumbo: Redefines the "qualified agency or organization" in the Personal Care Assistance Program.

HB 538-Smith/Donnermeyer: Relates to provision and distribution of telecommunications devices for the deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired.

HB 566-Mason/Crenshaw: Would grant the KY Commission for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing authority to research and implement a direct program of services for deaf and hard of hearing persons, etc.

HB 786-Palumbo: Creates an 18-member State Supported Employment Council; defines responsibilities.

HB 826-Lee/Curd: Would assure that local school districts providing a funding match may bill Medicaid for appropriate services for eligible children with disabilities, etc.

HB 871-Marzian, et. al.: Clarifies KY statutes with regard to language regarding employment of people with disabilities in order to conform to federal law.

HB 893-Palumbo: Includes attention deficit disorders and attention deficit hyperactive disorders as problems that may require a student to have special education.

House Ct. Resolution 30 (Burch) and Senate Ct. Resolution 65: Provides \$30,000 for the LRC to establish a Task Force on Family Caregivers to study the needs of families caring for members at home.



CALL FOR PAPERS



KENTUCKY FEDERATION OF THE COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN 1995 ANNUAL CONVENTION March 2, 3, & 4 - Louisville, Kentucky

All interested persons are invited to submit proposals for presentation at the 1995 KYCEC Convention. Potential participants and presenters include teachers, administrators, parents, teacher educators, college and university students, researchers, and related service personnel, educational diagnosticians, social workers, and psychologists.

Selection Process: The Program Chairperson, with the Program Advisory Committee, is responsible for the selection of conference presentations. Selections are made on the basis of relevancy, audience appeal, soundness, innovation to the field, organization, and clarity. Possible strands include: special education trends nationally and in Kentucky, KERA issues related to special education, technology in the field, post-secondary transition, community-based services, early childhood special education, family issues involving the education and care of children with disabilities, consultation and collaboration, curriculum and program delivery (instructional methods), low incidence disabilities, and certification issues. A special emphasis is being placed on teaching techniques and practices to be used with special education students.

Proposal Format: Submit (a) a presentation summary of approximately 250-300 words, and (b) a brief presentation abstract of approximately 50 words. The abstract must be included for your proposal to be considered. Also submit the following information: your name, position, address, and telephone number for yourself and all presenters. All proposals are to be accompanied by two self-addressed, stamped envelopes.

Selection Time Frame: Proposals must be submitted no later than October 15, 1994. Authors will be notified by November 15, 1994, regarding the status of their proposal.

Title of Presentation: _____

Presenter(s): _____

Position: _____

Business Address: _____

_____ City State Zip

Telephone: _____ (work) _____ (home)

If more than one presenter, please submit additional names and information attached to this form.

Length of Presentation: _____ 60 min. _____ 90min. _____ 3 hr. workshop

Audio-Visuals Needed (Circle one): Overhead Cassette Recorder 16mm Projector Screen Filmstrip Projector

Other Audio-Visuals are the responsibility of the presenter.

Send Proposals by October 15, 1994 to:
Owen M. McKinney
212 North Hubbards Lane
Louisville, Kentucky 40207-2251

House Jt. Resolutions 86-Lee: Provides for a study and action committee regarding the needs of children in residential settings.

Please call the Bill Status Line to determine current status: 1-800-382-2455. To leave a message for your legislators, call 1-800-372-7181.

CONVENTION AWARDS '94

The following people were honored by the Kentucky Federation of the Council for Exceptional Children for their efforts in special education, to special needs children, etc. These are annual awards, and are made at the annual convention.

Kentucky Teacher of the Year Award
Libby Blondin

Mary May Wyman Award
Ken Roberts

Carl Perkins Contibutor Award
Sharon Kauka

Outstanding Special Education Administrator
Pat Ernst

Kentucky Student CEC Member
Pam Hilton

Certificate of Appreciation
Martha Pagan

The Council for Exceptional Children
The Council for Exceptional Children is the largest international professional organization dedicated to improving educational outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities. The Council represents members serving more than 4.9 million students with disabilities and 2.5 million students who are gifted in the United States, Canada, and in 40 countries.

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