

Council for Exceptional Children

REPORT OF: SMALL SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM CAUCUS

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TERM: December 2009 - November 2009

GOALS 2009

- Connect SSEPC members to one another and TED organization.
- Facilitate communication among the SSEPC membership.
- Create an active finance committee to develop an annual budget and financial report, audit SSEPC finances, present to the TED Board and establish a regular audit schedule at the end of every two year term.
- Initiate a procedure to make changes to the SSEPC constitution to be aligned with the TED constitution.
- Assist with the 2010 conference in St. Louis
- Move forward with the Monograph
- HECSE-Higher Education/Special Education Consortium- want to develop a model for small programs to identifying outstanding undergrads and then send those names to HECSE- can have a place on the web site with this information

CURRENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair: Kelly O'Neal-Hixson

Associate Chair: Joanne Vesay

Past Chair: Dava O'Connor

Secretary: Patricia Powell

Treasurer: Tracy Garrett

Membership Chair: Kate Simmons

Webmaster: Sylvia Dietrich

Newsletter Editor: Evelyn Barese

Student Rep: Wendy Hacke & Jan Klein

Past-Monograph: Debi Gartland

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NEXT SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Executive Meeting (SSEPC Board): Thursday, April 2, 2009 from 8-10am.
Sheraton Seattle Hotel, the headquarters hotel for the 2009 Convention & Expo

General Business Meeting: Friday, April 3, 2009 from 10:00-Noon.
2009 CEC Convention & Expo

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- The Executive Board meeting was held on November 6, 2008 in Dallas, Texas at the Annual TED Conference.
- The general business meeting for SSEPC was held on November 7, 2008 in Dallas, Texas at the Annual TED Conference, There were 23 members present.
- Budget- Provide to Kaleidescope an annual raffle award for one student membership to CEC. This award will be awarded annually for the next three years.
- The SSEPC Silent Auction was held on November 7, 2008, beginning at 11:00 am and raised about \$500.
- The Nasim Dil Award was presented to Michele Kamins at the SSEPC Reception on November 7, 2008.
- There have been two SSEPC electronic newsletters published since December 2008.
- The SSEPC Website editor, Dr. Janet Aplin keeps our website current with SSEPC information for our membership. See <http://edtech.wku.edu/~ssepc> . We now have a link direct from the TED webpage.
- Several new student members were recruited at the Kaleidescope meeting in Dallas, Texas at the Annual TED Conference.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Elect new officers.
2. Begin formal plans for new SSEPC monograph on the topic: Preparing Teachers for Inclusive Practices. Debi Gartland and Michelle Kamens will serve as editors
3. Continue to promote the interests of SSEPC.
4. Continue membership efforts.