

TEACHER EDUCATION DIVISION

REPORT OF: SMALL SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM CAUCUS

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GOALS:

1. Increase visibility at TED conferences.
2. Increase collaboration, networking and professional opportunities with TED organization.
3. Increase scholarship and publication opportunities for SSEPC members.
4. Seek interested parties to fill SSEPC board positions, including a new student board member, for the Nov. 2006 elections.
5. Honor distinguished SSEPC members.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1. SSEPC Badges were distributed and worn during the San Diego Nov. TED conference.
2. Kelly O'Neal published two SSEPC newsletters and Sylvia Dietrich developed a website for SSEPC.
3. SSEPC members were appointed to work with subcommittees from the TED board.
4. Lee Sherry attended the SSEPC general meeting to discuss publishing opportunities for SSEPC members.
5. Diane Giannola organized a conversations presentation for multiple SSEPC members for the TED 11/06 conference.

6. Michele Kamens, past chair, conducted elections and the following positions were filled:
 - Associate Chair: Dava O'Connor
 - Secretary: Patricia Powell
 - Membership Co-Chairs: Sylvia Dietrich and Joanne Vesay
 - Student Member Co-Chairs: Jan Klein and Wendy Hackey

7. The 2006 SSEPC Nasim Dil award recipient was Debi Gartland.

8. Nasim Dil was honored at the SSEPC reception for her support and contributions to the field of Special Education and SSEPC. She is our founding member and she is retiring from her faculty position at University of Nevada at Las Vegas.

9. The following were appointed to committees:
 - Course Idea Share: Diane-Casale-Giannola, Linda Schwartz-Green, and Wendy Harriott were appointed to organize the annual course idea share TED session for future TED conferences.

 - SSEPC-TED Membership Representative- Tamar Riley will work with the TED membership committee chair to support TED organization member drives and initiatives.

 - SSEPC Monograph-Michele Kamens, Jerrie Jackson, and Leah Alviar join Debi Gartland in developing the next SSEPC monograph.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Continue to connect SSEPC members to one another and TED organization.

2. Investigate research and publishing opportunities for SSEPC members.