

The Council for Exceptional Children

Teacher Education Division

Report of: Vice President

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Goals: **To Learn the Roles and Responsibilities of the VP office**
To be of Assistance to the President-Elect and President
To Work collaboratively with the Conference Chair (Georgia Kerns) on the Program for the 2005 TED Conference (Portland, Maine)

Accomplishments/Plans:

Since taking office on July 1, 2003, I have been orienting myself to the responsibilities of the office, learning more about particular TED initiatives (such as the Summer Institute) and to my duties as Vice President. Specifically I have been involved in the following activities related to my position:

- Attended the Executive Board Meeting in Denver, Colorado, Summer 2003
- Attended and participated in the Summer Institute held in Vail, Colorado, Summer 2003

Although not directly related to my duties as Vice President, I have been involved in other TED activities as well. Below I list and describe each briefly.

1. **TED Forum Speaker: Susan Moore Johnson** I worked collaboratively with Dr. Johnson to finalize the particulars of the Forum Session for the 2003 Biloxi TED Conference. In addition to the "stand alone" keynote session scheduled for Friday, I negotiated her participation in a one-hour session with the Research Collective subgroup interested in conducting a follow-up study of first year teachers. I also coordinated with Conference Co-Chairs (Siders and Stanford) to ensure that her technological and travel needs were met.
2. **Research Collective: Organizing, Scheduling and Announcing Four Sessions held at the TED Biloxi Conference** After last year's meeting, the Research Collective divided into two subgroups: (a) a group interested in studying best ways to measure professional dispositions and (b) a group interested in conducting a follow-

up study of first year special education teachers. **With respect to the Professional Dispositions Subgroup**, I recruited Dr. Cindy Marble (University of Idaho) to serve as Chairperson of this subgroup. She took the lead in planning the morning session of this group and, together, we worked to secure Dr. Margie Crutchfield's participation as a consultant for the afternoon session. **With respect to the First Year Study Subgroup**, I recruited Dr. Janie Hodges (Clemson University) to Co-Chair this subgroup. Unfortunately, Dr. Hodges was unable to attend the conference this year so I ended up planning and coordinating the sessions. The morning session was spent discussing how we might proceed to plan, organize and implement the study. Timelines were also discussed. The afternoon session was spent taking advantage of Dr. Johnson's expertise to help further shape the study. Since I initiated the development of this TED activity, I took the responsibility for communicating with Research Collective Members about the session plans for Biloxi.

3. **Keynote Presentation to the Small Special Education Programs Caucus (SSEPC)**. At Cynthia Watkins' request, I agreed to give a keynote speech at the SSEPC Annual Meeting (held during the TED Conference in Biloxi). The presentation entitled: *Utilizing the Concept of a "Research Collective" to Unleash Scholarly Potential* was designed to describe the "potential scholarly power" of a research collective, especially for faculty from small programs.

Plans for the Coming Year

Plans for the Coming Year Include:

- (1) Taking a Leadership Role in Chairing the Program Committee for the CEC Convention scheduled for
- (2) Preparing to Chair the Conference Advisory Committee (as President-Elect) if the Constitutional Changes are Approved by the Membership
- (3) Working with Georgia Kerns to identify a Conference Theme and Possible Keynote Speakers for the TED Conference scheduled in Portland, Maine for November, 2005
- (4) Exploring Options (through discussions) with Current TED Board Members, TED Members and Others that relate to collaborative efforts across CEC Divisions (for example: Setting up a series of Quality Research Indicators Presentations co-hosted by the Division for Research and TED)