

TEACHER EDUCATION DIVISION

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GOALS:

1. Improve communication among Executive Board and Committee Chairs
2. Articulate a clear and logical organizational chart of Officers and Committee Structures
3. Review and revise the TED Long Range Plan
4. Participate and direct Conference, Convention, and Institute Activities
5. Improve communication to and from CEC
6. Oversee changes in operation to create a more efficient and cost-effective organization
7. Interact and advise national leaders and peer organizations vested in teaching and advocacy for exceptional learners
8. Have fun while advancing TED business.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1. Established virtual board meetings in a chat room format, make maximal use of email for board input, drafted, circulated, and revised several professional positions in response to Secretary Paige, President's Commission on Excellence in Special Education, and No Child Left Behind
2. Drafted and distributed an organizational chart of Officers and Committee Structures which will be revisited at 25th Annual Conference in Savannah, Ga.

3. Recruited several Focus Group participants to interact with the TED Board in Savannah to transform the existing TED Long Range Plan into a Strategic Plan
4. Attended St. Petersburg, Fla. Conference, N.Y. Convention, and Vail Institute. Remained in close contact with Diana Hammitte in organizing the Savannah Conference and Seattle Convention. Worked in conjunction with Mark Goor, Diana Hammitte, and Deanna Sands to secure arrangements and speakers for the '03 Vail Institute.
5. Provided advanced notice of communications to and from CEC with Deb Ziegler, Richard Mainzer, and Anna Henderson regarding budget problems regarding delays in travel reimbursements, Title II policy, No Child Left Behind, President's Commission on Excellence in Special Education, TED/HECSE positions on Federal grant distributions and definitions of High Quality Special Educators.
6. Interacted with Treasurer Pam Campbell and past Treasurer Betty Epanchin (on line) to determine discrepancies in budgeting practices between TED and CEC and/or TESE publishers. Dialogue to continue at Savannah TED.
7. Communications following reviews by Board members and CEC officials have been forwarded to Secretary Paige, Bob Pasternak, Lou Danielson, and HECSE President Bill Berdine.
8. Made various humorous statements during chat dialogue and board meetings.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Draft a proposal feasibility document to clarify initiatives presented to the board for new activities to be implemented at national meetings (e.g., Women in Higher Education session).
2. Interact with OMNI online publishing and other vendors to determine a long-term host for chat activities and other methods of distributed communications.
3. Employ comments and interactions from Focus Groups in Savannah to articulate up-to-date Goals, Objectives, and Strategies for a strategic plan to be presented in Seattle Convention, Spring, 2003.
4. Investigate TED delivery of web-based teacher preparation modules that may create revenue for TED as well as create an element of consistency among colleges and universities that does not presently exist.

5. Investigate the feasibility of selling TESE to a publisher while retaining editorial rights to create a revenue-producing journal of equal or higher quality than presently exists.
6. Advance and oversee continued conversion toward electronic interaction and dissemination of professional information (e.g., TEDlines newsletter, board meetings, elections).
7. Transform Biloxi TED conference into a totally online registration, proposal submission and review, and proceedings format.