

PIONEERS PRESS

Congratulations

TO OUR WINNERS FOR THE CEC'S 100TH
CELEBRATION - PIONEERS DIVISION LEGACY
LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON

Laura Mohr
Terry Friedrichs
Nick D. Polcini
Paula Schuler-Evans
Geralynn Olvey

Thank you to all who entered our drawing. We are sincerely grateful for your continued support towards our division!

Special Education Convention & Expo

Orlando | Jan 16-19





Winter 2021



It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as President of the Pioneers Division in 2021. I am especially grateful to the Board of Directors who have spent many hours working to expand membership benefits and develop plans for a comprehensive program of 100th anniversary celebration activities in 2022.

A special thank you to the members who participated in the Pioneer President's Book Club as we explored important leadership issues impacting special education.

In one of my final acts of President, I am pleased to introduce the new 2022 Pioneers President Candace Borger. Thank you Candace for everything you have contributed this year in organizing the Pioneer sessions and activities at the 2022 CEC convention! Best wishes in all that is ahead!

We had a record number of votes in the annual election this year. The Pioneers Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Kathleen Puckett has been elected to the office of President Elect and will begin her duties on January 1, 2022 before ascending to the presidency in 2023.

Kathleen is a long-time member of CEC (since 1974) and has served CEC in a variety of roles; as CEC president (2009), as a member of the CEC Board of Directors, as a committee member in the Pioneers Division (Constitution and By Laws and Awards and Honors), and in state and local unit offices (Tennessee CEC, 1980-2000). Currently, she is a faculty member in the special education program area at Arizona State University, where she directs a special education leadership grant, teaches, and assists the university faculty senate as an elected committee chair.

Thank you for your willingness to serve the Pioneers Division in this very important leadership role!



Committee Actions and Updates:

- General questions about the Pioneers can be directed to President [Dave Edyburn](#)
- Membership questions can be directed to Membership Committee Chair: [Mickie Wong-Lo](#)
- Questions about the 2022 Convention Program can be directed to Pioneers President Elect [Candace Borger](#)

Goal I

Goal II

Goal III



100 Years
of Leading
Special Education

The Pioneers have developed a calendar of monthly events to celebrate CEC's 100th anniversary. Here is an overview of the planned activities. More information will be forthcoming about each event.

Pioneers Division 100th Anniversary Celebration

Month	Activities
January	Join us to explore 100 people and events that shaped special education from 1922 - 2022.
February	Join us for a book club meeting to discuss the life of CEC Founder Elizabeth Farrell. We are seeking 100 readers.
March	Volunteer Appreciation Month. Donate 100 hours challenge.
April	CEC Birthday Party and Ice Cream Social.
May	Explore diversity and disability in children's literature.
June	Web resources for busy teachers and parents.
July	Contribute to Back to School support efforts in your community.
August	Participate in a leadership development project.
September	Recruit 100 new teachers to be CEC members challenge.
October	Resources for fostering culturally competent administrators.
November	Division Challenge - National Giving Day - Tuesday, November 28th 2022.
December	Next 100 Years Hot Chocolate and Predictions celebration.



Treasurer’s Report



As CEC celebrates its 100th anniversary and attention turns to the future, the Pioneers Board of Directors felt it was an opportune time to engage in strategic planning. The Board has authorized a contract with a strategic planning consultant to assist the organization in re-evaluating its name, mission, vision, core activities, and membership benefits. This work will be conducted December 15, 2021 – May 15, 2022.

Members will receive a short initial SurveyMonkey survey link the week of January 3, 2022. We encourage the participation of every Pioneers member to provide input on several topics related to the mission and activities of the Pioneers. Among the questions to be posed is consideration of a name change for the division. Our intent is to analyze the initial responses in order to provide some preliminary results at the Convention.

Members attending the CEC Convention in Orlando (Jan 16-19, 2022) who attend the annual division meeting will be provided with an update on the strategic planning process and afforded an opportunity to provide input.

The entire membership will be invited to engage in additional surveys and focus groups during the Spring that will help shape the future of the Pioneers. More information will be forthcoming.

Cash on Hand as of December 8, 2021

Checking Account	\$ 6,246.70
Savings Account	\$23,056.78
Certificate	\$10,747.67
Total	\$40,051.15

Pioneers is ending the 2021 year in a financially stable position. The Covid shut-down has allowed us to save money and we are ending the year with a positive balance with income exceeding our expenses. In addition, the activities of the Professional Development Committee provided unanticipated additional revenue of over \$600.

At the December Board Meeting, the 2022 budget was approved. This budget is based on 215 active members and includes the anticipation of professional development activities to support the revenue side of the budget. Pioneers has two reserved funds that are not included in the annual budget, the June Jordon Fund and a line item for potential grants that may be received. The June Jordon Fund relies solely on donations and must be used for activities specific to the fund. The grant line allows Pioneers to apply for appropriate grants from CEC or other sources and will track those funds separately.

The CEC 100th Anniversary activities bring some one-time costs associated with these special events and the board elected to cover these costs with money from savings.

Lorraine McPherson, Treasurer

Pioneers Division Budget 2022

2022 Budget with detail			
INCOME			\$8,530.00
Dues * based on 215 paid members	\$ 3,760.00		
Interest	\$ 20.00		
Professional Development Events * expenses are allocated out of event revenue	\$ 500.00		
Savings withdrawal for one time expenses	\$ 4,000.00		
Reserved Funds Held Separately * not included in Budget totals			\$ 1,000.00
Donations to June Jordan Fund	\$ 250.00		
Grants (membership)* not included in budget	\$ 750.00		
Expenses -			
			\$ 8,530.00
Travel Reimbursement * can be applied to any travel expense for CEC Conference/Leadership Training/Board approved travel			
Board Officer Travel* based on \$250/officer	\$ 1,250.00		
Board Committee/Work Group Travel* 250*4	\$ 1,000.00		
Other Expenses			
Expenses - Award/Honors	\$ 350.00		
Expenses - Membership Recruitment	\$ 400.00		
Expenses - Communications/Media * includes printing/postage/	\$ 325.00		
Expenses - Workgroups	\$ 200.00		
Expenses - Annual Meeting	\$ 510.00		
*Board Luncheon/Meeting \$300			
*Business Meeting/Award Presentation Expense \$210			
Business Fees			
		\$ 495.00	
Review by outside party	\$ 100.00		
Bonding Company	\$ 220.00		
Incorp Registered Agent	\$ 100.00		
Registered Agent State Fee	\$ 15.00		
Division Registration Fee CEC HQ	\$ 60.00		
Special Projects *one time costs			
		\$4,000.00	
CEC 100 year celebration activities	\$ 1,000.00		
Strategic Planning/Branding logo	\$ 2,000.00		
Expenses - 2022 Annual Meeting*	\$ 1,000.00		
*Board General Meeting Expense (AV) \$1000			

Sunday, January 16

- 11:30 – 1:00 Board Lunch at Latitude and Longitude
- 1:30 – 3:00 Restaurant Board Meeting, Marriott, Washington
- 5:00 - 6:30 Opening General Session
- 6:30 - 8:30 Welcome Reception & Expo Grand Opening

Monday January 17

- 8:00 - 9:00 Showcase: Legacy, Leadership and Launching the Future presented by Pam Gillet, Laurie Vanderploeg, Dave Edyburn and Mary Ruth Coleman
- 9:15 - 10:15 FAPE in the Early 1900's presented by Michael Weinroth
- 9:15 – 10:15 Culturally Responsive Practices to Foster Family Engagement (Pioneers and DDEL) by Mary Ruth Coleman in Grand 9-11
- 11:00 - 1:00 Legacy Luncheon (ticket required)
- 3:30 – 4:30 Leading the Future: Collaboration Among Administrators and Special Education Teachers to Improve the State of the Profession, (Pioneers, CASE, and TED) presented by Susan Fowler, Grand 4-6
- 5:00 – 7:00 Division Social Hours

Tuesday, January 18

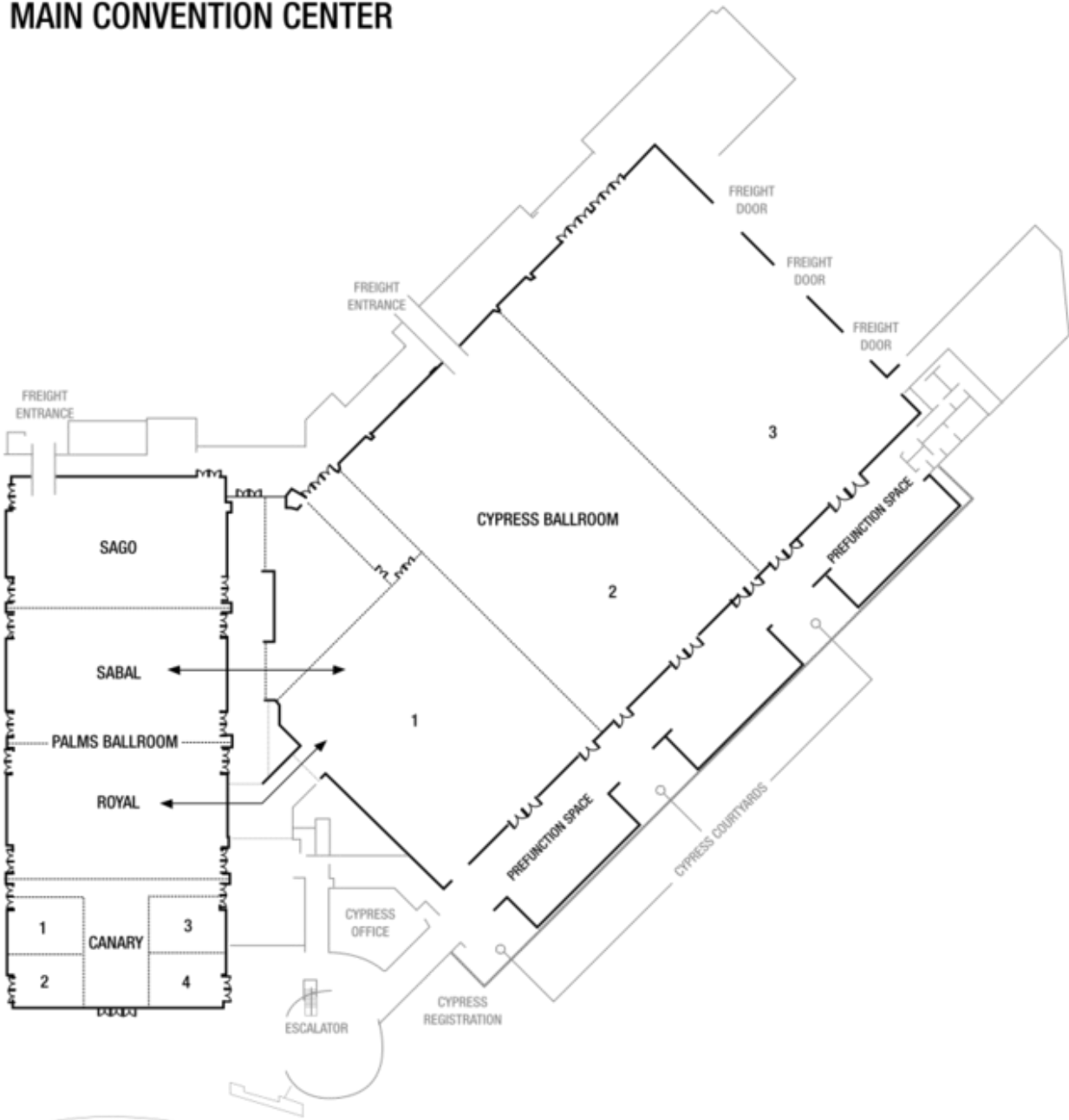
- 9:00 - 9:30 Mackie award, Marriott, Crystal F
- 9:30 - 10:30 Pioneers Division Annual Business Meeting, Marriott, Crystal F
- 1:00 - 1:45 The CEC LGBTQ+ Caucus: Historical Challenges and Successes (Poster) presented by Terence Friedrichs, Susannah Boyle and Mir Plemmons.
- 5:00 - 7:00 Division Social Hours
- 7:00 - 9:00 Birthday Bash (ticket required)

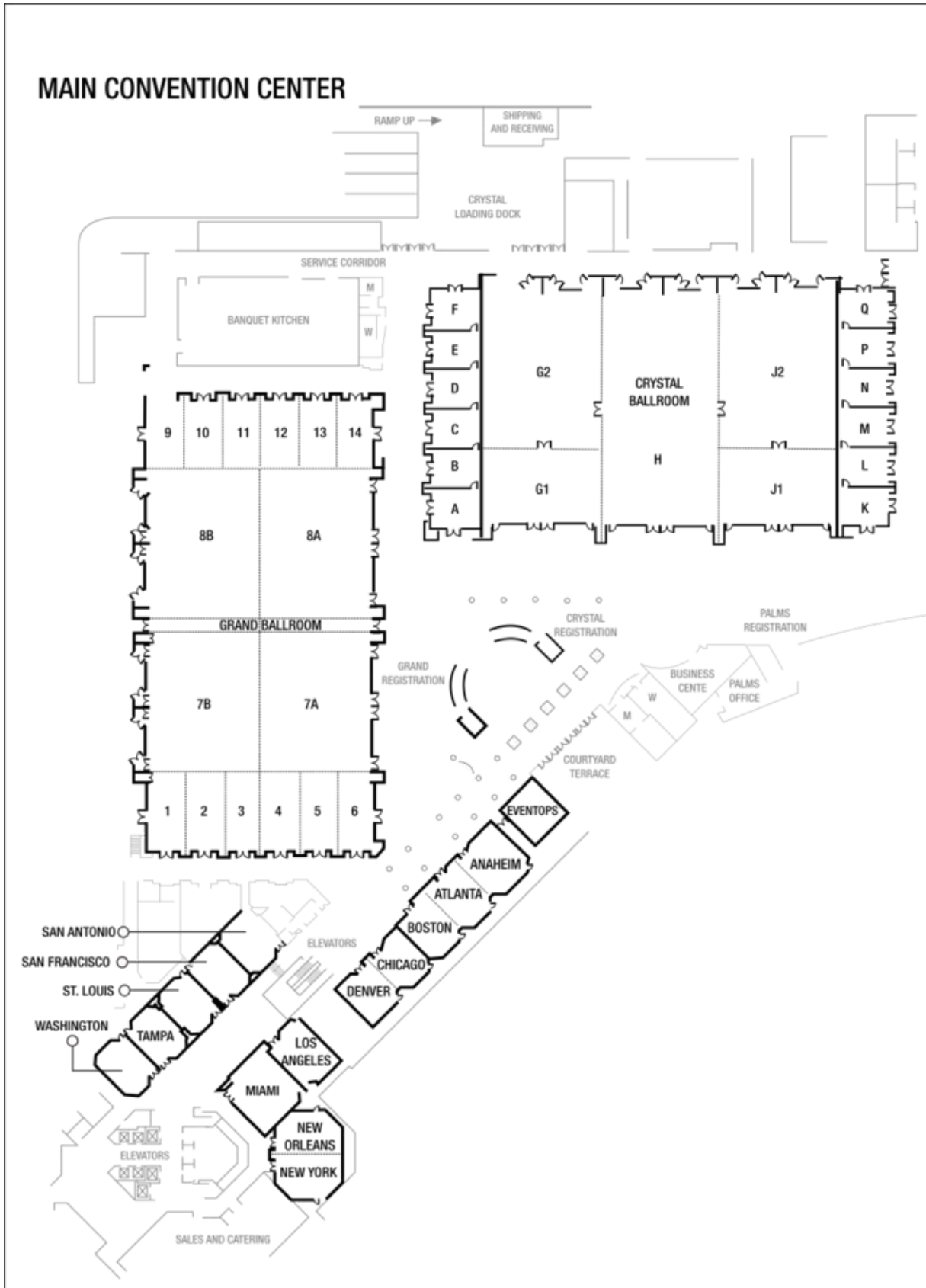
Wednesday, January 18

- 8:00 - 11:30 Sessions



MAIN CONVENTION CENTER





Pioneers 2022 Board Members

The following individuals serve on the 2022 Pioneers Board of Directors. To email any board member, write to us at: cecpioneers@gmail.com

Officers

President: Candace Borger (2022)
President Elect: Kathleen Puckett (2022)
Immediate Past President: Dave Edyburn (2022)
Secretary: Kim Moffett (2019-2022)
Treasurer: Lorrane McPherson (2019-2022)

Committee Chairs

Awards & Honors Committee:

Gloria Taradash (2021-2024)

Communications Committee:

Clinton Smith (2021-2024)

Constitution and Bylaws:

Joan McDonald (2019-2022)

Courtesy Resolutions Committee:

Pamela Gillet (2022)

Finance Committee:

Lorrane McPherson (2019-2022)

Membership Committee:

Mickie Wong-Lo (2019-2022)

Nominations & Elections Committee:

Dave Edyburn (2022)

Political Advocacy Committee (CAN):

Alexis Morgan (2021-2022)

Professional Development Committee:

Kathleen Puckett (2022)

Other-Voting Members

Coordinator, CEC-PD Mentoring Program:

Jamie Hopkins (2022)

Historian:

Diane Johnson (2022)

Other Non-Voting Members

Representative to Knowledge & Skills Committee:

Parthenia Cogdell (2022)

Representative to Project 2020:

Mary Ruth Coleman (2022)



Pioneers Calendar

CEC Convention (in-person), Orlando

January 16-19, 2022

Pioneers Board Meeting

Sunday, January 16th, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Leading the Future: Collaboration among Administrators and Special Education Teachers to Improve the State of the Profession

(Pioneers, CASE & TED) will be Sunday, January 16th from 3:30-4:30 pm by Susan Fowler in Grand 4-6.

Culturally Responsive Practices to Foster Family Engagement

(Pioneers & DDEL) will be Monday, January 17th from 9:15 am to 10:15 am by Mary Ruth Coleman in Grand 9-11.

Mackie Award and Business Meeting

Tuesday, January 18th, 9:00 - 10:30 am

CEC Convention (virtual)

February 1-4, 2022

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