

2012 BC CEC AGM
2011 Representative Assembly Report

January 2012

The role of the RA Representatives is to provide advice and guidance on key matters and issues facing CEC. It is also the responsibility of the RA representatives to attend and contribute to ongoing Representatives meetings, including meetings at the CEC National Convention and Expo.

SharePoint, the online communication tool on the CEC website, was the medium that shaped the role of RA Representatives in 2011. The first use of SharePoint in 2011 gave the units the opportunity for input regarding CEC vision statements. BC CEC provided commentary through submissions by both RA Representatives, following discussions at monthly Executive meetings. Initially, the new SharePoint discussion format was not widely used. The use of SharePoint became an important item for RA Representatives to become familiar with, use consistently, and promote.

Additional information on CEC Core Values, Mission and Vision statements and operating procedures for 2012 was sent to all units through SharePoint prior to the 2011 CEC National Convention and Expo, in National Harbour, Maryland. Although the information was sent out without sufficient time to gather input from our general membership, members of the Executive met to discuss BC's position on these documents. Several suggestions were developed that expanded the statements to include Canadian and Provincial perspectives.

The 2011 Canadian Caucus Meeting, held at the 2011 CEC National Convention and Expo, included members of the Canada/US Committee, Dan Ratner (CEC staff) and members from BC, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, New Brunswick, and Ontario. Each provincial unit gave an overview of recent activities and then discussed on how to use SharePoint more effectively. Recommendations included the creation of a Canadian site/link on SharePoint, timely distribution of materials, and the development of CEC professional development opportunities with more universal content. Suggestions were also made for continuing to unify the Canadian units. Finally, the Canadian Coffee Party was discussed. Further discussions were to be continued on SharePoint. Dan Ratner sent follow-up information regarding Canadian involvement in past conferences.

Attendance on first day of the RA meetings at the 2011 CEC National Convention and Expo included 92 of the 109 registered RA members. Parliamentary and Information items were followed by the Governance Reports. Discussions of the Strategic Plan Goals, Issue Statements and Objectives

followed, with suggestions made for revisions of wording and phrasing to reflect the many diverse populations and regions served by CEC.

The second day of RA proceedings began with the presentation of Informational items, including a call for Presentations for the 2012 Annual Convention and Expo, information regarding the Summer Leadership Institute, and the CAN meeting. There were a number of items presented for discussion. The first concerned the scheduling of RA meetings during future CEC National Conventions. A variety of options were presented and discussed. The importance of the Nominations Standing Committee was then reviewed. Finally, input was requested as to how to encourage the general membership to get involved and vote during the upcoming CEC elections.

Proposed changes to the RA schedule were voted on electronically in the fall of 2011 and a modified schedule will be implemented for the 2012 CEC National Convention and Expo. The 2012 CEC National Convention and Expo will be held in Denver, Colorado, from April 11-14, 2012.

CEC Election Results 2011/12

The newly elected CEC Board Members include:

President Elect: **Christy Chambers**

Members-at-Large, Non-Designated: **Mikki Garcia, Antonis Katsiyannis, Edward Karl Schultz**

Member-at-Large, Classroom Ranks: **Donna Marie Sacco**

Member-at-Large Diverse, Ethnic and Multicultural Groups: **Mickie Wong-Lo**

Student CEC members elected **Catherine S. Howerter** to the position of **Student Rep, to the RA.**

The newly elected Nominations Standing Committee members include:

Jamie Hopkins, Member-at-Large, and

Jennifer Tong, International Member.

The election for the Divisions position did not result in any candidate receiving a majority of votes. Therefore, a revote will be conducted for this position with all three candidates – **Jonathan McIntire, Margaret McLane, and Judy Niemeyer** – remaining on the ballot.

All Representatives were encouraged to participate in the revote on behalf of their constituent members. The revote took place in late December so, at this time, no decisions have yet been announced.

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