



This has been an exciting and successful year for the BC CEC, and it has been my privilege to serve as president.

Executive Board Meetings

The BC CEC Executive met monthly during 2011. A heartfelt “thank you” goes out to each member of the Executive for their time and dedication to BC CEC. As an Executive Board, it has been our mission to support students with special needs by providing educational opportunities for teachers, parents, support workers and others. We also directly recognize and support students through events like our annual Yes I Can! awards celebration.

The 2011 Executive members were Jan Palmer, Sheena Lewis, Jennifer Tong, Pegi Furanna-McIntosh, Adam Wilton, Sharon Biwer, and Jo-Ann Monteith.

Workshops

We planned three, and held four, very successful workshops during 2011. Special thanks to all Executive members who assisted with each event.

- January 27 & 28, 2011 -- **Level B Assessment and Testing Training** was presented by Dr. Dave Carter. As we quickly reached our maximum registration of 40 participants, a repeat session was scheduled for March.
- March 10 & 11, 2011 – A repeat session of Dr. Carter’s **Level B Assessment and Testing Training** was held with 44 participants attending.
- April 1, 2011 – **Teaching Students to Self Regulate** was presented by Leslie Burgess. The workshop was held in Vancouver with over 70 participants attending.
- October 21, 2011 – **Practical Approaches that Work with Challenging Behaviour** was presented by Nathan Ory with 98 participants attending.

Yes I Can! Awards

The 2011 Yes I Can! Awards was a great success! We celebrated the enthusiasm, courage, commitment and hard work of 15 award winners this year. A banquet and celebration was held on June 4, 2011 at the Holiday Inn Vancouver Centre Hotel. Michaela Robinson, a 2007 BC CEC and 2008 International Yes I Can! Award Winner was our keynote speaker. We also recognized Aizlyn Auckland from Terrace, BC, who was awarded an International Yes I Can! Award in National Harbour, Maryland in April 2011. Thank you to all committee members and volunteers for their hard work in organizing the awards and their work at the banquet. We also appreciate the sponsorship provided by **Bridges Canada**.

2011 CEC National Convention and Expo

Three members of the BC CEC Executive were present at the 2011 CEC National Convention and Expo held in National Harbour, Maryland. It was a great opportunity to network with other professionals both at a national

and international level. Highlights included attending the Canadian Caucus, participating in the Representative Assembly, and attending a variety of excellent professional development sessions.

Visioning

Creating a long term vision for BC CEC was an important focus of the BC CEC Executive this year. Three areas were targeted for goal setting: membership, leadership and governance, and technology. Discussions on these targeted areas have continued throughout the year.

I have greatly appreciated the opportunity to work with the BC CEC over the years, and wish all our members great success for the future.

Sheena Lewis
BC CEC, President