



**IDAHO COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN
OFFICER NOMINATIONS
Cast Your Vote By December 1st**

The following nominations have been received, please review and cast your vote.

VICE PRESIDENT NOMINEE

_____ Cyndi Cook
Principal Gateways Program
Nampa

Career experiences and highlights

Worked in General Education and Special Education. Worked as a Consulting Teacher for Special Education and am currently the Principal at a self-contained program for students with Severe Emotional Disturbance or a dual diagnosis of Emotional Disturbance and Cognitive Impairment.

Adjunct faculty for NNU where I teach the Special Education Overview classes in the ACE program for students who are in the process of becoming teachers. Additionally I have designed a Positive Behavior Support class for NNU and am currently working on the design of an Individual Education Plan class for the ACE programs as well.

I have been and am currently a member of CEC and of CCBD, which allows me to coordinate between and within those two entities.

Leadership positions held and/or other professional activities:

I am finishing my first term as Idaho Representative currently and am looking forward to continuing on the board if elected. I really enjoy being part of the policy making process at the National level and ensuring that the needs of Idaho Special Education Teachers and Special Needs students are considered in the decision making process.

I am currently the Vice President of CCBD and will continue within the Presidency cycle for the next 3 years.

Additional Information

I have a wonderful family, which includes my husband, our oldest son and his wife, and our youngest son who is still in high school.

SECRETARY NOMINEE

_____ Lisa Perry
Consulting Teacher
Nampa

Career experiences and highlights

Graduated from Brigham Young University in 1988 with a degree in Elementary Education. Completed Special Education Certification at Boise State University. Has been teaching in Special Education for 11 years. Focus on teaching students with severe disabilities and Autism. Assignments in special education have included RADD program ages 14-21, Elementary ERR k-6, Idaho State School and Hospital classroom and Autism classroom. She has been a Special Education Consulting Teacher for Nampa School District since 2004. Lisa is also a TATERS mentor through BSU's special education department.

Leadership positions held and/or other professional activities

President of Idaho DCDT Subdivision 2007-08
Secretary of Idaho DCDT Subdivision 2004-2006
Secretary-Treasurer of Idaho DCDT Subdivision 2002-2004
Member of Idaho CEC since 2002

REPRESENTATIVE NOMINEES

_____ Ling-Ling Tsao
Assistant Professor
University of Idaho

Career experiences and highlights

I have been working in the early childhood special education field since my graduate school in Indiana. After finishing my degree, I moved to Wisconsin and taught at early childhood special education pre-service teachers program for four years and served as CAN coordinator for Division of Early Childhood at CEC. I was also a board advisor for local Head Start programs and leadership team members at local early learning programs incorporate the efforts from public school systems and local community early childcare providers. I am currently teaching early childhood special education classes at University of Idaho and love to work with our professionals to support young children with special needs and their families in our communities and state.

_____ Kelly Hall
Special Education/Community Transition Program Teacher
Meridian

Career experiences and highlights

One year as Extended Resource Teacher, three years as Community Based Training (18-21 yr olds) Teacher and 16 years as a community service provider for the state of Idaho Service Coordination and Residential Habilitation, 3 years as a QMRP for a community based group home and 3 years as Staff Psychologist at ISSH.

Leadership positions held and/or other professional activities

Presented at 2007 CEC state conference – “Student-led IEPs”

Presented at 2008 Tools for Life conference – “Next Chapter Book Clubs”

As co-chairperson, organized and implemented the Meridian School District Young Adult Transition Fair for over 7 years.

Served 2 years as the President of the Case Managers Association of Idaho

Have served on numerous state and local committees as a private provider

Co-owner for over 16 years of Dunstan, Hall & Assoc., Inc. private Residential Habilitation Agency

Additional Information

As an educator who has many years of experience in the private sector, I believe I bring a unique perspective to understanding the needs and issues that face our students as they prepare to transition into the adult world.

Submit your Vote by email or mail. Election will close December 1st.

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