

Report on CASE Board of Directors Meeting - Fall 2018

I would first like to thank OAPSA for asking me to represent our professional organization in Mississippi at the CASE (CEC) board of directors meeting in November. It was an invigorating experience. There were 42 states represented at the conference with CASE units up and running in their states, with Ohio being 43 (possible membership). 2011 was the last year that Ohio had a CASE unit. Since the dissemination of the unit, membership in CEC/CASE in Ohio has declined from 117 to 85 at the end of 2017. With that being said, I would like to highly recommend OAPSA become an affiliate of CASE so that CASE would again be active in Ohio. We would not be creating a new organization. OAPSA would still retain the same organization and be affiliated with CEC and CASE. Oklahoma did the same thing - kept their name called ODSS (Oklahoma Directors of Special Services), became an affiliate of CASE and have carried on as before.

CASE is an international professional education organization affiliated with the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) whose members are dedicated to the enhancement of the worth, dignity, potential, and uniqueness of each individual in society. CASE represents special education administrators, the individuals charged with the responsibility for implementation and financial oversight of special education programs for children and youth with disabilities in local school districts across the country.

CASE is dedicated to being highly involved and engaged specific to any discussions regarding Individuals with Disabilities in Education ACT (IDEA) and the success of students with disabilities. CASE believes it is important to be prepared to provide recommendations when Congress begins this critical body of work and have developed a set of recommendations should they be necessary.

Protecting the legislative intent of, and providing funding for the IDEA are the two pillars of legislative priority for CASE. CASE believes that Members of Congress should use their legislative power to strengthen the law so that the rights of students with disabilities are guaranteed until the promise of IDEA is fulfilled.

The mission of CASE (The Council of Administrators of Special Education, INC) is to provide leadership and support to members by influencing policies and practices to improve the quality of education. CASE's strategic goal 1 for 2018-2020 is based on leadership and support. CASE will provide resources to implement and administer special education programs. They will do this via communication, education, standards, and unit support. CASE's strategic goal 2 is based on shaping policies and practices. CASE will be recognized as the voice of local special education administrators. They will do this by advocacy/policy, collaboration, membership and research. CASE is broken down into smaller sub committees throughout the nation. Membership is available on those smaller committees in the areas of product review, membership, policy and legislation, research, tech and communication (I think Val is on this), professional development, finance, unit development and publication (I am on this committee).

There are national conferences where attendance is a good idea to gain knowledge and understanding about what CASE. Upcoming conferences include:

2019 CEC Convention, Indianapolis, IN, Jan. 29-Feb. 2

2019 CASE Executive Committee Meeting, Indianapolis, IN, Jan. 29

2019 CASE BOD Meeting, Indianapolis, IN, Jan. 30

2019 CASE night, Indianapolis, IN Jan. 31

2019 8th Annual CASE Hybrid Conference, Albuquerque, NM, March 7-8

Annual CASE/CEC Legislative Summit, Washington, DC, July 7-10, 2019

CASE Conference, Louisville, KY, Oct. 25-29, 2019

CEC 2020, Feb. 5-8, 2020, Portland, Ore

Please let me know if you have any other questions. Again, I would love to help do whatever is necessary for OAPSA to be an affiliate of CASE so CASE again would be active in Ohio.

Respectfully Submitted,

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