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# January 2010 Letter to CEIA Members From the President Rodney Miller, Florida Power & Light



With the conclusion of the winter CEIA board meeting we wish you warm greetings during a very cold time of the year.

NEWSBRIEF

The winter meeting focused on the Boston Conference, March 21-23, 2010. The objective is to have a very strong conference with top notch presentations and leaders in Co-operative Education and Internship sharing game changing ideas and techniques. The charge is for every CEIA member to 1) renew their membership, 2) attend the conference if at all possible and 3) provide sponsorships. The sponsorships can be as small as \$ 50. to \$ 100. Dollars. So, in difficult times when

we cannot do all that we would like it is vital to do something. It is easy to make excuses in bad economic times, but this is when true professions respond to crises with their best effort.

Our Conference committee consist of: Marilyn Mayo, <u>mayomarilyn@gmail.com</u>, Francine White, <u>francine@lagcc.cuny.edu</u>, Sarah Peck, <u>speck@berklee.edu</u>, and Peggy Harrier, <u>peggy.harrier@cincinnatistate.edu</u>.

Please reach out to them with your ideas, suggestions and support.

Many new ideas emerged from spirited discussion such as: making certain sessions of the conference available on our CEIA website. While the technology is expensive, we are exploring the possibility of many different ways to add value to you, the educators and employers. One of the very important topics discussed was the need for quality research and the support of our Research Journal. Another focus of discussion was the necessity of mentoring new professionals to be leaders, not only in their workplace, but in the profession as well. Like so many professions, the aging workforce creates significant challenges. The board accepted the challenge to find new practitioners to development into leadership roles. In an effort to bring new leaders into the professional organization, both Francine and Sarah are new to their conference roles.

In closing, here is a great best practice from Kettering University. Take a moment and <u>view this</u> <u>video</u>. It will make you proud of your work, your profession and your colleagues.

Thank you,

Rodney Miller, Florida Power and Light

#### **CEIA Annual Conference**

CEIA is pleased to announce its programming highlights for the 2010 Annual Conference located in Boston, MA March 21 through the 23rd!

Sunday March 21:

Nuts and Bolts of Experiential Education - a pre-conference interactive workshop Regional Meetings - meet up with your fellow practitioners and regional association Vice President Newcomers Session: For all first time attendees, come meet up with association veterans and become familiar with the conference. President's Opening Reception Young Professionals Networking get-together.

Monday, March 22:

Keynote speaker: Dr. Zorica Pantic, President, Wentworth Institute of Technology Workshops including topics such as Learning Assessment, Case Studies, Use of Technology in the field of Experiential Education and much more Exhibitors Luncheon to include Annual CEIA Business Meeting Best Practices Panel, facilitated by CEIA President, Rodney Miller Evening among colleagues

Tuesday, March 23:

Plenary Speakers: Richard Bottner, Founder and President, Intern Bridge, Inc. and Dr. Phil Gardner, Director Collegiate Employment Research Institute Workshops to include topics such as Experiential Learning - Disney Style, Two Year Programs, interviewing techniques, International Student programs and Networking your way to the top among others. Exhibitors Luncheon to include an introduction to the CEIA LinkedIn social network Student Panel facilitated by Scott Weighart, Northeastern University Gala Reception and Association Awards Banquet Click here for more CEIA Conference information. **Meet Your CEIA Board of Directors** We invite you to get to know our Board Members by visiting our Board of Directors webpage. **Current Award Recipients** > Dean Herman Schneider - Peggy Harrier > Best Practices - The Shriver Center at University of Maryland-Baltimore County > Ralph W. Tyler - Jessica Hurst & Linda Good > Student Achievement: >> Nathan Miller, Drexel University >> Anthony Goebel, University of Wisconsin-Osh Kosh >> Ashley Porter, College of DuPage Please visit our awards page to learn more about these worthy recipients! 9th Annual NAWIL Cooperative Education and Internship Training REACH YOUR PEAK Wednesday- Friday, June 9-11, 2010 Manor Vail Lodge, Vail, Colorado Who Should Attend: Co-op Education and Internship newcomers and experienced veterans Takeaway: Valuable tools, tips and techniques to incorporate into your program **Training Sessions Include:** Faculty development, marketing, employer development, academic accountability, workforce trends and program management Click here for more information. See you in Colorado! Thanks.



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