**Proposed Changes to the Constitution and Bylaws of CECDVIDB – Convention 2016**

The CEC/DVIDB Constitution and Bylaws Committee met in Baltimore, MD on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 to address your request to examine the current CEC/DVIDB Constitution and Bylaws. As a result of the committee’s examination of the current CEC/DVIDB Constitution and Bylaws, the committee recommends the following to the CEC/DVIDB Executive Board:

-ARTICLE VI: Officers, Section 5. Duties of Officers, A.4 – Amend to read: To appoint chairs of Standing Committees on an annual basis during the President’s term with the exception of the Nominations and Elections Committee, the Awards Committee and the Finance Committee. Rationale – presidential appointments of committee chairs is the duty of the president, not to recommend.

-ARTICLE IX: Committees, Section K, The duties of the Diversity Committee – Amend to remove this committee from the CEC/DVIDB Constitution and Bylaws. Rationale – this committee is no longer functioning.

-ARTICLE IX: Committees, Section M, The duties of the Orientation and Mobility Committee – Amend to remove this committee from the CEC/DVIDB Constitution and Bylaws. Rationale – this committee has a liaison with AER in that there is an Orientation and Mobility Division under AER; position papers/articles of this committee can be assumed under the Position Papers Committee; and, it is the responsibility of CEC/DVIDB to seek approval from ACVREP for presentations made at any CEC/DVIDB sponsored conference.

-ARTICLE IX: Committees, Section N, The duties of the Helen Keller DVIDB Art Committee – Amend to remove this committee from the CEC/DVIDB Constitution and Bylaws. Rationale – this committee is no longer functioning.