

President's Message

July 2024

I hope that you are enjoying your summer, and you have time to relax and enjoy some time for yourself! As we make the transition to new CLD leadership during this month, I want to thank you for helping with the following accomplishments. Thank you to all that were involved in updating our organization's Best Practices document so that now we have refined guidelines for awards and state chapters. You approved a new membership so that involvement and the benefits of CLD membership are more accessible to practitioners and our state chapters may be better positioned to attract members. We transitioned to a new platform for conference proposal submission and review which streamlined that process. Thank you to everyone who learned a new way of doing things and provided feedback. With the approval of the Board of Trustees, we also embarked on a partnership with the Evidence Advocacy Center which will provide another avenue for support and dissemination of research to benefit individuals with learning disabilities. You can check that out here: evidenceadvocacycenter.org.

The Conference Planning Committee is busy planning an exciting conference in Charlotte, NC. We are privileged to have Dr. Douglas Fuchs and Dr. Lynn Fuchs as our Wiederhold Distinguished Lecturers who will open the conference on Thursday morning! That will be a wonderful learning opportunity, and I look forward to networking and sharing research with you all through Friday. Please let others know about our conference and encourage new folks to attend and learn more about CLD.

In closing, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President over the past year. This position introduced me to new experiences, organizations, and relationships. I am truly grateful. Welcome, Sara Flangan as our new President! I look forward to serving as Past President

with Sara and the rest of the Executive Committee over the next year (Apyrl Poch, Alyson Collins, and Beverly Weiser). Thank you again for your involvement in CLD and your support over the past year. I wish you all continued success and professional growth!

Sincerely,

Margaret M. Flores

2023-2024 CLD President