

What's Happening at SECA

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Ellen Galinsky was selected as the **2014 Friend of Children.**



Debbie Ferguson of Tennessee was selected as the **2014 Outstanding SECA Member.**

The SECA Board of Directors Says Good-Bye to Five Dedicated Members



L to R: Cindy Ramagos, Carol Montealegre, Mary Jamsek, Joanna Grymes, Beverly Peden

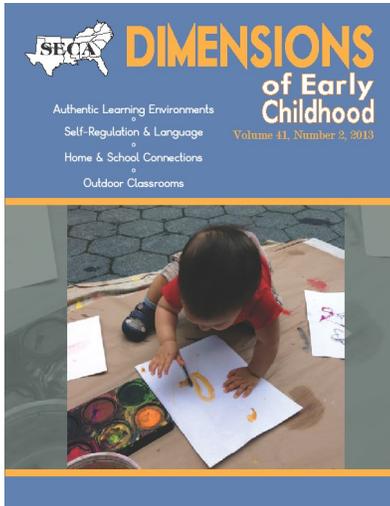
The SECA Board honored the service of five members of the Board who attended their last meeting in Nashville in July.

- ◆ **Cindy Ramagos** represented **Louisiana** from 2008-2013.
- ◆ **Carol Montealegre** of Florida served as **Member-at-Large** from 2008-2013.
- ◆ **Mary Jamsek** represented **Texas** from 2010-2013.
- ◆ **Joanna Grymes** represented **Arkansas** from 2008-2013.
- ◆ **Beverly Peden** represented **Mississippi** from 2005-2013.

These out-going Board members have a long record of service to SECA, a testament to their state's regard for their contributions as professionals.

Although this was their last "in-person" meeting, their tasks are not completed. They will serve until the end of 2013 to finish out their terms as members of the SECA Board of Directors.

Cille D'Ascenzo of Texas and **Kathy Chase Young of Mississippi** will join the Board as new representatives. Elections are being held in Arkansas and Louisiana to fill those spots.



Your Summer *Dimensions* is Available On-line

line version or a desktop version and we're excited about the upgrades that we are able to provide by going on-line.

For this first issue, we notified all SECA members by post card that the issue was going on-line and sent out a notification e-mail that the issue was available.

The post card also asked any member whose e-mail address wasn't available to us to send us

that information and we've been receiving updates from many members.

In this issue we've been able to provide full color and graphics and we think it's just "beautiful". You'll find it located in the members-only section of the SECA website.

In a couple of weeks, we're going to send out a survey....let us know how you like the new version.

The first digital version of *Dimensions of Early Childhood* was announced on July 31, 2013. It is available in an on-

SECA Board of Directors Holds Its Summer Meeting

The SECA Board of Directors met on July 10-14 in Nashville, TN. Although the photo at right might make it appear that we "played" a lot, it was an intensive three days of meeting and planning for SECA's future. (The cowboy hats were a gift from Lisa Maddox-Vinson to welcome us to Tennessee!)

The Board spent 1 1/2 days during the meeting working with Howard Mason of New Possibilities Associates to begin a year long strategic/change process. During that time, we spent time reflecting on where SECA has been, where we want to go in the

future, and what it will take to get there.

The second phase of the process will take place at the 2014 Leadership Summit in Williamsburg, VA.

During that time, Howard will lead us in an exercise to gather stakeholder input....where do our affiliate leaders and members want the organization to go in the future and what should our focus be as we enter the next phase of SECA's development?



We are fortunate to have a thoughtful and collegial Board of Directors who are committed to SECA.

Thanks to Lisa for the Tennessee hospitality!

We're Now Accepting Nominations for SECA President

It's time again to select our candidates for SECA President for a term beginning in 2015. The winning candidate will assume office as President-Elect in 2015, serve as President in 2016-2017, and end their tenure on the Board as Immediate Past-President in 2018.



Nancy Cheshire is completing her term as President in 2013 and will assume the office of Im-

mediate Past-President in 2014.

Kathy Attaway, currently our President-Elect, will assume the office of President



in 2014.

According to SECA Election Policies, nominations may be made in the following ways:

- ◆ By state or local affiliates.
- ◆ By individuals who are SECA members.
- ◆ By individuals who are SECA members and wish to self-nominate.

The **SECA Nominating Committee** will interview all nominees for the position prior to the 2014 annual conference in Williamsburg, VA, January 16-18, 2014. This year, the SECA Nominating Committee will be

composed of representatives of the following states: Texas, Oklahoma, Virginia, Georgia, West Virginia, Tennessee and Ar-

kansas. State affiliate presidents have appointed their state's representatives.

Persons who wish to submit for consideration by the Nominating Committee should send the following to the SECA office by October 1, 2013.

- A letter of interest stating their qualifications and rationale for submitting.
- A resume or professional vita.

For more information on the nominating and election process, go to the *SECA Policies and Procedures Manual* located on the Leadership Resources page of the website. Election policies are located on pages 35-37: Nominating Committee info is on page 27.

SECA Board Creates the Student Leadership Development Fund

Students are the future leaders of SECA and the SECA Board has acknowledged the need to support their professional development by creating the **Janie Humphries Student Leadership Development Fund**. The fund was named in honor of Dr. Janie Humphries,

Past President of SECA and a champion of bringing students into the professional community.

The Fund will be capitalized with proceeds from the Silent Auction each year. States will be able to apply for up to \$250 per year to support student

leadership activities, including the development of student chapters/groups.

The application is being developed and will be available by November 1, 2013.



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Sister Roberta Bailey, Fiscal Officer

Melissa Smith, Secretary

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Interested persons may sign up for free access to the newsletter at www.southernearlychildhood.org.

Board Actions—Our Summer Meeting

During the meeting, the Board took several significant actions that we'd like to share with you.

⇒ **The Board voted to increase the SECA dues to \$22 per year (a \$2 increase), beginning in the fall of 2014.** By-laws require that we give members six months notice of any dues increase, so we'll begin notifying members to expect that increase on September 1, 2014. This will be

the first dues increase in the SECA portion of your affiliate dues since 2004.

⇒ The Board elected **Jeff Leffler of Mississippi as the new Member-at-Large.** Jeff will begin a three-year term in 2014 and replaces Carol Montealegre of Florida. We now have three men serving on the SECA Board of Directors.

⇒ The annual **Student Grants**

2013 SECA Board of Directors

Nancy Cheshire (WV), President

Kathy Attaway (KY), President Elect

Richard Hardison, AL State Representative

Joanna Grymes, AR State Representative

Sister Roberta Bailey, FL State Representative

Anita Dailey, GA State Representative

Maureen O'Brien, KY State Representative

Cindy Ramagos, LA State Representative

Beverly Peden, MS State Representative

Marti Nicholson, OK State Representative

Crystal Campbell, SC State Representative

Lisa Maddox-Vinson, TN State Representative

Cille D'Ascenzo, TX State Representative

Susan Barnes, VA State Representative

Melissa Smith, WV State Representative

Carol Montealegre (FL), Member-at-Large

Floyd Creech (SC), Member-at-Large

Go to the SECA website for e-mail addresses for the Board.



Jeff and his "friends"

to attend the conference have been added as a permanent line item in the annual budget. *The application is available on the "conference" page of the website.*