

What's Happening at SECA

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We're Changing the Schedule!

I've just spent the last hour clearing my e-mail system....about 1,000 e-mails later, it's running a little more smoothly!

That said, we're very aware that everybody's in-box is often jammed ...both with messages that you want to receive and spam that seems to multiply overnight. During the last two years, we've endeavored to limit the amount of content that we're sending

your way to avoid being that organization that seems to pop up every day on your system.

With that in mind, we're going to modify our schedule for our e-newsletters and *What's Happening at SECA* will go to a quarterly newsletter. The next one we'll send to you will have all the 2014 conference news and photos and we think a quarterly schedule will provide sufficient coverage to make sure you know what's

happening at SECA and with your colleagues in the other SECA states.

You'll still receive six (6) issues of *The Leadership Letter*, four (4) issues of the *SECA Reporter* and the monthly *Public Policy Notes*—we'll just consolidate the information contained in six issues of *What's Happening* to four (4) issues during the year.

The first issue of 2014 will be available on April 1, 2014.

Don't Miss the November Member E-mail!

If it zipped right by you, make sure you check out the member e-mail archives on the website to access the November e-mail. Three of your colleagues from Alabama wrote a great article on using **music in the early childhood classroom.**

Dimensions Print Subscription Now Available

If you are one of those members who prefers to have a printed copy of *Dimensions*, we now have a new subscription option available to you. For an additional **\$15 per year**, we will mail you a print copy. This subscription will provide you with both the print copy and access to the on-line versions.

What Do You Need To Do?

Two options are available:

- 1) You can go to the SECA website to purchase your subscription on-line. Click on the "Store" button at the top of the home page and then on *Dimensions of Early Childhood*. You'll find the option to purchase the subscription as the third item on

that page. Membership status will be confirmed by the SECA office prior to fulfillment of the subscription.

- 2) You can call the SECA office at 1-800-305-7322 and we'll sign you up. Have your credit card ready!

Your subscription will begin in 2014.

Applying for the Janie Humphries Student Leadership Fund

We wanted to give you a brief idea of how the Fund is going to work and what to expect. We'll provide more information to the state affiliate presidents at SECA 2014 but this information might give you a head start.

Each year, the SECA Board of Directors will authorize the funding that will be distributed through the Fund. This will be based upon revenues earmarked for the fund, including the proceeds of the annual Silent Auction and any donations made to the Association.

Initially, the Board has voted to make \$250 per year available to state affiliates to sup-

port the following activities:

- ⇒ Promotion of student membership.
- ⇒ Development of student affiliates/chapters within their state.
- ⇒ Provision of initial start-up capital for student affiliates/chapters.
- ⇒ Provision of leadership development opportunities for those student affiliates/chapters.

Funds will be available only to state affiliates: any local affiliates must work with the state affiliate to access the funds allocated to that state. State affiliates

will be responsible for administering the grant funds and financial/programmatic reporting to SECA.

States may submit more than one application per year, with funds not to exceed \$250 per year. If several affiliates/chapters exist within the state, the state affiliate may choose to distribute the funds among those groups for authorized activities.

Applications from state affiliates will be accepted in the SECA office from March 1 through November 30 of each year. **The application will be available in January on the Affiliate/Board Resources page of the website.**

The SECA 3 C's: Coffee, Content and Conversation

We're trying something new at the SECA 2014 conference. The **SECA 3 C's: Coffee, Content and Conversation** is an attempt to provide options for presenters outside of the traditional conference format. (We were also looking for a format that would substitute for the traditional Research Theater ...no boards, handouts..etc. Technology would take its place.)

SECA issued a Call for Proposals this spring and invited presenters to submit a shortened presentation. We asked for a 4-7 slide PowerPoint presentation on a topic of interest to early childhood educators and promised a 20 minute slot to each presenter. We were thrilled that this format intrigued some of our presenters and, for 2014, we have scheduled three presenters for the

session. They will each present within a 2 hour timeframe with time for questions, interaction and a cup of coffee!

Make sure to check this session out. It's scheduled for Friday afternoon, January 17, 2014, in the Heritage Room from 1:00-3:15 p.m.

It's another option for the "greening" of SECA!

Nominees for SECA President-Elect

The SECA Nominating Committee is pleased to announce that the following individuals have been nominated for consideration as candidates for SECA President-Elect.

- ◆ **Carol Coleman Montealegre** of Florida
 - ◆ **Linda Novak** of North Carolina (formerly of West Virginia)
 - ◆ **Beth Parr** of Georgia
- The Nominating Committee will interview the nominees on Thursday, January 16, 2014 at the annual conference in Williamsburg. They will certify the candidates for SECA President and those individuals will begin their 2014 campaign at the conference.

Congratulations to our 2014 nominees!



Montealegre



Novak



Parr

Our 2014 SECA Award Recipients



2014 Outstanding SECA Member
Debbie Ferguson of Tennessee

2014 Friend of Children
Ellen Galinsky

2014 President's Award
Toni Cacace-Beshears (VA)



Rich Scofield Scholarship
Carolyn Hudman (KY)



2014 Marian B. Hamilton Awards



L-R: *Celebration of Children (LA), Dr. Lynn Darling (MS), the 2013 ECAO (OK) Conference Committee (Johnson & Sutherlin)*



2014 Helen Harley Scholarship Recipients
Morgan Janke (VA), Kelly Tivey (TN), Kenya Wolff

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- Nancy Cheshire, President*
- Kathy Attaway, President-Elect*
- Sister Roberta Bailey, Fiscal Officer*
- Melissa Smith, Secretary*

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**

What's Happening at SECA is written and produced bi-monthly by the Executive Director of SECA.

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

2014 SECA Leadership Summit

The 2014 SECA Leadership Summit will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at our annual conference in Williamsburg, Virginia. The Summit will begin at **2:00 pm and conclude at 6:00 pm.** A reception honoring the 2014 SECA Outstanding Member, Debbie Ferguson of Tennessee, will be held immediately following the Summit.

The focus of the Summit for 2014

will be "planning for the future" and the session will be conducted by Howard Mason of New Possibilities Associates of Louisville, Kentucky. During the afternoon, Howard will do a brief presentation about "change" and will also introduce the participants to a new type of discussion format and process, the World Café.

The session is open to current and emerging leaders. If you



The 2013 Leadership Summit

would like more information about the Summit or would like to participate, please contact Glenda Bean at gbean@southernearlychildhood.org.