

# What's Happening at SECA

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### Available Now!

The **Call for Proposals for 2014** is now available. You will find it posted at

[http://www.southernearlychildhood.org/seca\\_conference.php](http://www.southernearlychildhood.org/seca_conference.php)

### New for 2014!

The **SECA 3 C's** provides a new presentation opportunity. Be sure to check it out on the same page of the website.

**Deadline to Submit:**  
**June 15, 2013**

## It's That Time Again! 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 Immediate 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, Virginia, 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 Arkansas. State affiliate presidents have been asked by President Cheshire to appoint 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.

## Remember: Your Summer *Dimensions* Will Be Available On-line Only!

As a nod to the increasing use of technology and the ease of getting information to you 24-7, SECA is moving toward digital editions of *Dimensions of Early Childhood*.

**We're beginning the process with the summer 2013 issue of *Dimensions* that will be released on August 1, 2013.**

We're starting out slowly to give everyone a chance to adjust to this new delivery method, and we'd like to hear from you about your experience in receiving the journal this way.

The issue will be available on the SECA website for download and will be in several formats:

- 1) A regular PDF that can be saved to your computer for reading now or later,
- 2) A version that will be compatible with the iPad or tablet and
- 3) an Android version.

**For this first issue, we're going to notify all SECA members by post card that the issue is posted on-line.** Those cards will go out the middle of July.

**We encourage you to make sure that all your members provide us with e-mail addresses so that they don't miss their issue of *Dimensions*. Also make sure that your e-mail**

**address is current. If you're not sure, call the SECA office at 1-800-305-7322 and we'll check for you.**

Because we will be producing this issue on-line only, it will be a full color issue of the journal. Printing in full color is cost prohibitive, and we think you'll like the change that the electronic version will provide.

**Don't forget that we archive the past issues of *Dimensions of Early Childhood* on the "members-only" page of the SECA website.** Recent issues also have PDF's of individual articles, so you can download or print just the one that you want.

## SECA Board of Directors Scheduled to Meet in July

**The SECA Board of Directors will meet in Nashville, TN on July 10-14, 2013 to begin a year long process of strategic planning.**

President Nancy Cheshire, President-Elect Kathy Attaway and Executive Director Glenda Bean have been planning how to structure the strategic planning process to ensure effective "visioning" and planning to car-

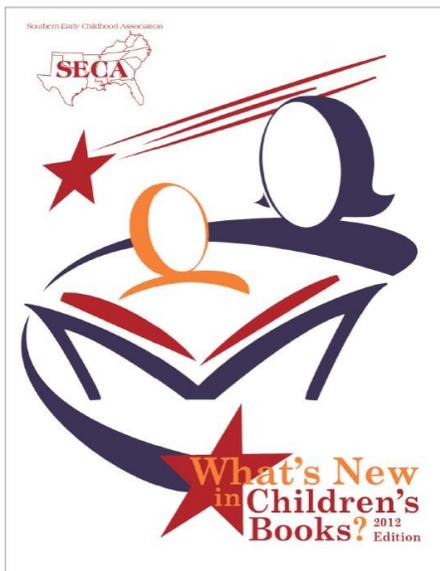
ry the Association through the next few years.

The process will be led by Howard Mason of New Possibilities Associates and will be designed to address "adaptive" changes during the next few years that will build a strong and effective organization for the future.

Beginning the process in July with the SECA Board, the next

meeting will be conducted during the SECA Leadership Summit in 2014 to access input from the SECA leadership and organizational stakeholders. The Summit will utilize the World Café method to solicit ideas and perspective from the field. The final meeting will be the summer 2014 meeting of the SECA Board where plans will be finalized.

## The 2013 Edition of *What's New In Children's Books* Under Production



**Each year, SECA produces this publication as a “gift” to our members.**

Publishers of children's books send their newest titles to us and we utilize a cadre of volunteer reviewers from the field to write the reviews.

### SECA Resources: What's Coming

During the next two months, several SECA publications will be coming your way. All are on-line, so they're available anytime you're ready to read them....an easy way to access your publications during vacation time.

The **June member e-mail** will be available around **June 10th.**

Each edition contains books that are no older than 1-2 years and titles that we think you may not have found yet. Each page highlights one book with a picture of the cover and information such as author and copyright.

The reviewers provide us with their insights on the theme of the book, why children would enjoy the book and why they would recommend its use in an early childhood classroom. Some also provide us with extensive “activities and strategies” on using the book as part of the early childhood curriculum.

**We are currently in the process of sending out books for review to our list of reviewers**

This e-mail will be focused on the topic of **playground supervision.**

The **summer 2013 SECA Reporter** will be available on **July 1st.** This issue features articles on the White House garden, professional development grants for teachers, research

**for the 2013 edition that will be released in December 2013.**

If you haven't signed up to do a review and would be interested in joining this group of contributors, go to the “Join Us” page on the SECA website at

**[www.southernearlychildhood.org/become\\_member\\_get\\_involved.php](http://www.southernearlychildhood.org/become_member_get_involved.php)**

You'll find information about how to submit an application. The next opportunity for new reviewers to participate will be the summer of 2014. If you haven't accessed previous copies of the publication, you can find it on the **Curriculum** page of the “members-only” portion of the SECA website.

on classroom management and an on-line books service.

***Dimensions of Early Childhood*** and ***Dimensions Extra*** will be available **August 1.** This issue contains an article and photos of the state winners of the **SECA 2013 Exemplary Outdoor Classroom Contest.**

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**A Voice for Southern Children!**

**We're on the web!**  
**[www.SouthernEarlyChildhood.org](http://www.SouthernEarlyChildhood.org)**

### 2013 Executive Committee

*Nancy Cheshire, President*

*Kathy Attaway, President Elect*

*Sister Roberta Bailey, Fiscal Officer*

*Mary Jamsek, Secretary*

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*Interested persons may sign up for free access to the newsletter at [www.southernearlychildhood.org](http://www.southernearlychildhood.org).*

## 2014 in Colonial Williamsburg

It's hard to believe, but our 2014 conference is just around the corner! We've closed out our 2013 conference and we're beginning to plan for 2014. Some things to note:

- ◆ The theme for the 2014 conference is **Play: Past, Present and Future**.
- ◆ **Conference dates are January 16-18, 2014, so we're a little earlier this year.**
- ◆ The conference will be held

at the **Williamsburg Lodge** which is adjacent to the historic area.

- ◆ **The Conference Call for Proposals and Call for Proposals for SECA 3 C's** is available on the conference page of the website. **Deadline to submit is June 15, 2013.**
- ◆ We have launched the second phase of the Exemplary

### 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

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



Outdoor Classroom contest and are looking for the **Best Outdoor Area Developed on a Shoestring Budget**. Information on submitting an application is posted on the conference page.

**Watch the website for more information.**  
**See you in January!**