

# What's Happening at SECA

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## SECA Board Adopts Dues Increase for 2014

**The SECA Board of Directors voted at the summer meeting to increase SECA dues by \$2 per year on September 1, 2014.** Dues are now \$20 per year.

SECA By-laws require that members be provided notice of a dues increase 6 months in advance of that increase.

State dues, as determined by individual

state associations, are added to the SECA dues to determine yearly membership dues. States that include NAEYC membership in their dues structure (AL, FL, GA, KY, OK, TN, TX, VA & WV) add the cost of that membership to state and SECA dues. SECA dues include all individual member benefits as well as support to state affiliates.

**SECA By-Laws: Article IV**  
**Dues for each class of**

**membership shall be determined by the Board of Directors. The membership shall be informed through their state affiliate boards and by written notice from the SECA office at least 6 months prior to any dues alteration.**

**The increase in SECA dues will be the first increase since 2004.** This notification is being provided in accordance with the By-laws.

## SECA Endorses Code of Professional Ethics

**We are pleased to announce that the SECA Board of Directors has endorsed the NAEYC Code of Professional Ethics** and is now one of two organizations listed as an endorsing association.

The statement was previously endorsed by the Association for Child-

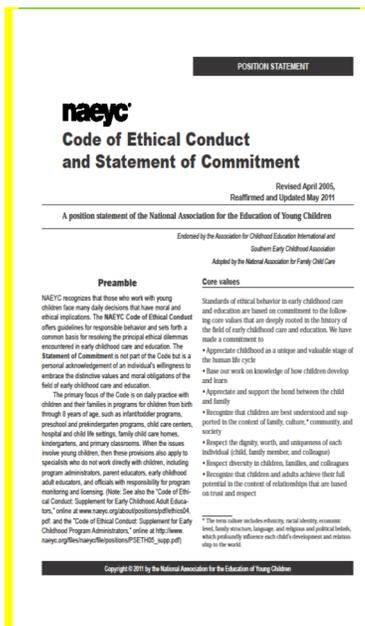
hood Education International (ACEI) and adopted by the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC). The endorsement also applies to the *Supplement for Early Childhood Program Administrators* and the *Supplement for Early Childhood Adult Educators*.

For a copy of the Code and the Supplements, go to

<http://www.naeyc.org> and click on Position Statements.

You'll also find more detail about the components of the Code in our **November 2012 issue of *The Leadership Letter***.

Look on the website at <http://www.southernearlychildhood.org/leadership>



## Making the Transition: *Dimensions* is Going Green!

You've already experienced in 2013 one issue of an on-line version of *Dimensions of Early Childhood*. Providing the issue on-line accomplished several of our **goals for the journal**.

- ⇒ **We were able to produce the journal in full color**, a particular treat as we highlighted the state winners of the SECA Exemplary Outdoor Classroom Contest because the cost of production was limited to graphic design work.
- ⇒ **Availability was enhanced for members**. Because we could post the journal on the website, it

was available 24-7 to all members. **No more lost copies**—particularly a problem in the summer since we mail to closed schools and members aren't there to receive their copy. **No delays in receipt** because bulk mail doesn't always move very quickly.

- ⇒ **We reduced the cost of producing the journal** by eliminating the printing and mailing costs which totaled around \$20,000 per issue. This allowed us to make the decision to defer a dues increase and to enhance the value of the journal to mem-

bers at the same time.

**You have one more printed copy of *Dimensions of Early Childhood* coming your way at the end of October.** Take a moment to compare the product that we can deliver with the on-line version. You'll find:

- ◆ Full color for the on-line version vs. a color cover and black and white pages in the printed version.
- ◆ Easy access to individual articles in the on-line version: copying the old-fashioned way for the print version.

We know it's a change but one we think will benefit everyone.

## Just Can't Give Up the Hard Copy? We've Got Another Option

We know that some members are disappointed that we're not making the journal available in the printed version any longer....*I've got all my journals in library boxes and on my shelves!*

We listened to you and we've found a way to provide a paper copy but it will require you as a member to pay an additional fee. Beginning with the first 2014 is-

sue that will be published at the end of February 2014, we'll provide a **subscription option** to receive a print copy that will be mailed to you.

However, it will require that you subscribe and pay an additional fee to receive that copy. **We're pleased to be able to offer the new subscription (3 print issues per year, mailed to you) for an additional fee of \$15 per**

**year.** You'll be able to purchase this subscription on-line through the SECA store or submit a paper application through the mail. **You'll also be able to access the on-line version as a SECA member.**

Look for details on the SECA website by December 1, 2013. We'll also promote this option to the membership so watch for information.



## Meet the New SECA Editor

Dr. Mari Cortez of the University of Texas at San Antonio assumed the position of Editor for *Dimensions of Early Childhood* on October 1, 2013. Mari is currently serving as the Chair of the Department of Interdisciplinary Learning and Teaching at the University and brings a wealth of experience in the early childhood field to this new venture. The fall 2013 issue of *Dimensions of Early*

*Childhood* will provide a more in-depth look at her background.

We are delighted that Mari has agreed to work with SECA to support the further development of our journal and to bring a new and diverse perspective to the role. You will begin to see her contributions in 2014. Welcome Mari!

## Student Grants Available for Conference

**Student groups are eligible to apply for up to \$1000 in matching grant funds** to support their attendance at the annual SECA conference. SECA began this initiative several years ago and it's designed to support our "emerging lead-

ers" in experiencing a high quality professional development opportunity.

**A Letter of Intent must be submitted by December 2, 2013.** The application is available on the conference page of



**Our students with Don Monopoli at Just for Students! in 2011**

the SECA website under registration.

## Thanks to Stephen and Karen



**Thanks  
Stephen &  
Karen!**

January of 2013 brought an editorial transition with the departure of a long-time SECA editor, Janet Brown, and a new editorial "crew" took the helm.

Dr. Stephen Graves, a former chairman of the SECA Editorial Committee, agreed to take the editorial position during the transition and Karen Leffler of

Mississippi agreed to assist him as a copy editor. Their last issue will be the fall 2013 theme issue, our last print edition.

With a new permanent editor, it's time to say good-bye to Stephen and Karen and thank them for their service to the Association.

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*Melissa Smith, Secretary*

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

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

## A North Carolina Partnership

The Board of Directors is dedicated to finding ways to enhance our outreach to students and to bring them into our professional associations, both as members and as emerging leaders.

At the summer meeting, the Board voted to support a proposal from faculty and students at the *Fayetteville Technical Community College Early Childhood Club in North Carolina*. They proposed that both SECA and

NCAEYC (the North Carolina NAEYC affiliate) join together to provide an entry level program for these students that will be unique among our states. SECA and NCAEYC will provide a year of free membership to this student group, with the only cost to members being the NAEYC dues of \$31. The students will receive all member benefits for one year and then will have the option of joining within the regular mem-

bership structure. It's an exciting experiment to see if we can support the establishment of this student group and make it attractive to future members. SECA and NCAEYC have been in discussions about how we can rejuvenate our relationship since the SECA affiliate in the state failed in the early 1990's. Those discussions have led to a productive dialogue and this project.