

Southern Early Childhood Association



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What's Happening at SECA

A Newsletter for Our Affiliate Leadership

There are no shortcuts to any place worth going.
Beverly Sills

As the school year winds down for many of you, it's a time to reflect on the past year and a successful or challenging year. You have touched the lives of many children and families during that year and, even if it's been a challenging year for you, you've made an impression on some young child that will stay with him or her for a lifetime.

REMINDER: Your 990 form (the tax form that you file with the IRS) must be filed within 5 months of the end of your fiscal year or you must request an extension. If your fiscal year ends on December 31st, the form must be filed or an extension requested by May 15th.

Interested in Doing Something about the Election Process in Your Program? SECA has a curriculum module posted on the website, www.SouthernEarlyChildhood.org, that is designed to help children understand elections. Go to the "Curriculum" page and you'll find *Raising Responsible Americans*.

- ✓ Due to conference and personnel changes within the SECA office, **we're behind** on getting out the second issue of *Public Policy Notes*. You'll receive that issue later this week. You'll also note that we combined the April/May Affiliate Newsletter. We spend the month after conference tying up loose ends, and we took the liberty of waiting to do this newsletter.

- ✓ The spring **SECA Reporter** is being printed and will be mailed out next week. It contains some fun photos of the 2008 conference (courtesy of Deni Schofield of South Carolina), information on the SECA Presidential Candidates, and information about the revision of the Developmentally Appropriate Position Statement by NAEYC.

SECA has assigned member numbers to your SECA membership. This will allow us to create a “members-only” section of our website by the end of the summer and automate the production and mailing of membership cards.

- If you are a member in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia, ***your SECA membership number will be the same as your NAEYC membership number.*** (We’re going to use those numbers to avoid confusion.)
- If you are a member in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi or South Carolina, ***you will be assigned a number by the SECA office. We will do a full state mailing in May to give everyone access to their member numbers.*** Please let your members know that their membership card will be coming.

- ✓ The deadline to submit **CEU applications** from conference was April 30th and we’re processing the applications this week to send to Kentucky. If you know anyone who is wondering about when to expect their CEU credits, please let them know.
- ✓ The **Leadership Letter #10** was e-mailed on the first of May. If you know someone who didn’t receive it, please make sure that we have the correct e-mail address. We get a number of messages returned and don’t know if it’s an incorrect address or a spam blocker. Just let us know, and we’ll make the change.

SECA Student Matching Grants

Student matching grants will be available for the 2009 conference. We’ll post the application by the end of May on the SECA Website.

- ✓ **The ballot for SECA President-Elect will go out by August 15th. The return deadline will be September 30, 2008.**

We’re excited about “*What’s Happening at SECA!*” and hope you are as well.