

What's Happening at SECA

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New Public Policy Resources from SECA

Professional Development Systems and the SECA States

Includes a Power Point presentation and information document.

Common Core Standards

Special Edition of *Public Policy Notes: State of the State Addresses*

Coming soon

Health Care Reform: The Final Chapter –What It Means to You

Meet the Candidates!

2010 is an election year for SECA and we've got two wonderful candidates who are vying for the office of President-Elect.

In submitting their name for consideration by the SECA Nominating Committee, each candidate was required to answer in writing these questions:

1. What do you see as the major challenges facing SECA during the next 4 years?
2. What issue/issues would you like to address if you are elected President?
3. What are SECA's strengths?
4. What are SECA's weaknesses?
5. How will your leadership help SECA to address the weaknesses and how will you build on the current strengths of the organization?



Nancy Cheshire of West Virginia



Beverly Peden of Mississippi

We've been including their answers to these questions in a variety of SECA publications and you'll find a large article with some of their responses in the Winter 2010 *Dimensions of Early Childhood*.

The spring *SECA Reporter* will be available this month and we've included information about their vision for SECA in that issue.

On page 2 of this newsletter, you'll find their responses to question #2.

In **August 2010**, we'll mail the ballots so that you can select the next President of SECA. We hope that you'll take the time to participate and return your ballot. The Association is only as strong as its leadership and you, as a SECA member, are responsible for making that selection.

Dimensions Article to Become On-line Course

SECA has been approached by an on-line educational firm to utilize one of the articles from the 2010 winter issue of *Dimensions of Early Childhood* to develop an on-line course for early childhood professionals.

The SECA Executive Committee has reviewed the proposal and agreed to allow this article to be utilized by the on-line company.

We're delighted to know that the content provided in *Dimensions* has value and can

be utilized effectively in other formats. If you develop on-line courses and are interested in utilizing the *Dimensions* content this way, contact Glenda Bean at gbean@southernearlychildhood.org.

From Beverly



Beverly is the current Mississippi representative on the SECA Board of Directors and a retired day care center director.

I think SECA needs to address legal issues that affect child care centers and public schools..... A local child care center's director was arrested when a school-aged child (who was a known bully) enrolled at the center and was hit by another child in self-defense. Even though the accuser didn't show up for court and the case was thrown out, the director had to have a lawyer and go through the stress of this false accusation that was written in the papers. This is not an isolated case. SECA can also provide parent education

training that teachers and schools can use to educate parents. Our director organization's members have noted that in the last five years, one-year-old children are more like creepers in their behaviors, twos are more like ones, etc. Therefore, our center worked hard to educate parents early on these things to help them help their child develop self help and regulation skills.

Excerpted from the candidate's response to the SECA Nominating Committee

From Nancy



Nancy is a former member of the SECA Board of Directors and retired early childhood professor.

As SECA President, I will continue positive practices which have been successful in the past. I will continue strengthening the relationship between SECA and state affiliates, as well as with NAEYC and other professional organizations.

I believe a marketing plan can be implemented to provide name recognition of SECA at both the state and local levels within our affiliate states.

To improve quality of care and education, professionalism must be supported. I

would like to encourage family and child care providers and others caring for young children to see themselves as "teachers" who have an important impact on children's lives.

I will encourage the building of future early childhood leaders and will support college and university early childhood groups and other leadership initiatives.

Excerpted from the candidate's response to the SECA Nominating Committee

Dr. Wilma Robles de Melendez Joins the SECA Editorial Committee

Dr. Wilma Robles de Melendez is the newest member of the SECA Editorial Committee. She will be coordinating our efforts to bring Spanish-language materials to *Dimensions of Early Childhood* and the SECA website.

Dr. Robles de Melendez is Director and Program Professor of Early Childhood

Education, Graduate Teacher Education Program at the Fischler School of Education and Human Services, Nova Southeastern University in North Miami Beach, FL.

The SECA Editorial Committee is designed to advise the SECA Board of Directors on matters related to editorial

policies and the production and distribution of SECA publications and media materials.

For more information and photos of the members of the 2010 Editorial Committee, visit the *SECA Publications* page of the SECA website.

www.southernearlychildhood.org

Interested in Being a Mentor for the SECA Facebook Page?

Like most organizations today, SECA has developed a Facebook page; however, we're looking for some innovative ways to make it useful for our current members and our student/emerging leaders.

We're looking for volunteers who would be willing to serve as **Facebook mentors for students**.

What does that mean?

- Each volunteer would agree to act as the SECA Mentor for one month during the year.

- At the beginning and middle of the month, the mentor would post a professional topic/issue that would be of interest and pertinent to students.
- Students would post questions/observations on the page during that two week period.
- The mentor would respond to selected questions/observations at the end of the two weeks.

We will only ask someone to serve for one month; however, if you find it's

something you really enjoy, of course, we'll schedule you for more than one month.

Students need a lot of encouragement and expert professionals to help them learn and understand the field of early childhood.

If you're interested in this new SECA project, contact Glenda Bean at gbean@southernearlychildhood.org

President Humphries Appoints 2010 Executive Committee

Dr. Janie Humphries appointed the 2010 Executive Committee for the SECA Board of Directors in January.

According to SECA policy:

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, Vice-President, President-Elect or Immediate Past President, the Fiscal Officer and the Secretary. The President votes only in case of a tie.

The Executive Committee is empowered to act for the Board in

emergency matters in which a decision is urgent and cannot await the action of the total Board.

The Secretary will report Executive Committee actions for the Board at the next scheduled meeting.

The Executive Committee serves as the SECA personnel committee. The SECA Personnel Committee is under the direction of the SECA Board of Directors. This committee monitors implementation of per-

sonnel policies and recommends modifications to existing policies.

Members of the 2010 Committee are:

- **Dr. Janie Humphries**, President
- **Georgia Lamirand**, Past-President
- **Susan Carrigan** (OK), Vice-President
- **Sister Roberta Bailey** (FL), Fiscal Officer
- **Dr. Joanna Grymes** (AR), Secretary

Interview with Dr. Pam Schiller Available on SECA Radio

We hope you're taking advantage of the SECA Radio interviews and finding them useful. This month you'll find an interview with **Dr. Pam Schiller**, a nationally known early childhood expert who is a



Dr. Pam Schiller

favorite of SECA members. Her interview is ***Understanding and Teaching to Multiple Intelligences*** and, if you know Pam, she has a real knack for making a complicated subject easy to understand!

You'll find a button to click on the home page of the SECA website at www.southernearlychildhood.org.

It's on the right side of the page and it's impossible to miss.

If you'd like to return to a previous interview or just missed one, you can find the interview archives below the current interview information on the radio page. Just click on the link and they'll play for you. Enjoy!

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Melanie Clark, WV State Representative

Dr. Herman Knopf, (SC), Member-at-Large & Public Policy Chair

Carol Montealegre (FL), Member-at-Large

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

SECA Welcomes Five New Members to the Board of Directors

Five new members of the SECA Board of Directors joined us in January and have just begun their 3 year terms on the Board. We wanted to introduce them to you.

Joyce P. Jones of Virginia replaces Toni Cacace-Beshears.



Our thanks go to the members of the Board who finished their terms in 2009:

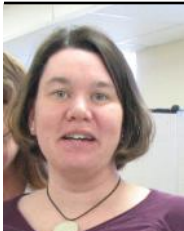
Beth Parr of Georgia

Kathy Attaway of Kentucky

Debbie Ferguson of Tennessee

Judy Carnahan-Webb of Texas

Toni Cacace-Beshears of Virginia



Katie Shaughnessy-Williams of Kentucky replaces Kathy Attaway.



Mary Jamsek of Texas replaces Judy Carnahan-Webb.

It's always sad to say good-bye, and these professionals who made such a contribution to the organization will be missed. However, we're looking forward to working with the new leadership that the states have selected.

Terrie Buckner of Georgia replaces Beth Parr.



Lisa Maddox-Vinson of Tennessee replaces Debbie Ferguson.



For more information about these new members and contact info, go to the Leadership page of the SECA website.