Southern Early Childhood Association

Fossils Directory

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This directory includes those Fossils about whom SECA has current information. If you are or know a Fossil who would like to be included in this directory, please email us at info@southernearllychildhood.org and we will be happy to make an addition.
About the Fossils

The Fossils, founded in 1990, began as a society of former SECA Board members who had a desire to continue contributing to the Association after their terms on the Board had ended. The next few pages feature scans of original Fossil documents provided by Dr. Margaret Puckett, one of the founding Fossils. Don’t you just love how Dr. Puckett’s coffee stains add to the already rich character of these pages!
Dear <first>:

Congratulations! Due to circumstances beyond your control, you have been tapped for membership in the SACUS Fossils! Your excellent service as a former member of the SACUS Board of Directors played an exclusive part in affording you this high honor.

The Fossils, an elite and highly selective group, was formed during the 1989 annual conference in Richmond, Virginia, by the Board "relics" who were being put out to pasture.

After two highly-structured years of meetings upon meetings, agendas waiting to be approved, more meetings, Think Tanks, tired feet and fannies, more meetings, yellow motion sheets, balancing budgets and balancing people, the relics were afraid that they would go into instant shock or possible severe withdrawal at the prospect of having to attend a SACUS conference and having time to attend interest sessions, to eat and sleep, and to visit leisurely with friends from other states.

There was also a consensus among relics that even though our official time on the Board was over, we weren't quite finished. We felt that the time had come to utilize the historical perspective of former members of the Board of Directors to provide a special, unknown, and possibly unwanted service to SACUS.

With these thoughts in mind, Frances Arnold and I have planned the first annual Fossils Think Tank meeting for Friday, March 30, 1990, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Pack Place in the Atrium of the Hyatt Regency Dallas.

At this meeting, we will discuss the structure, functions, roles, and responsibilities and benefits of Fossils membership. Induction of members will occur at this meeting. An "official" agenda for the meeting is attached. (We were afraid new relics would be unable to function without an agenda!)

I hope you will be able to join us as we further the camaraderie and friendships developed during our years as Board members. You won't want to miss it!

Sincerely,

Cindy S. Nail
SACUS FOSSIL SOCIETY MINUTES

The first annual meeting of the SACUS Fossil Society was held March 30, 1990, in the Park Place Lounge of the Hyatt Regency, Dallas, Texas. The meeting was called to order by Cindy Nail.

Members in attendance, constituting the Founding Fossils of this society, were:

   Fan Brooke                      Kent Christman - Friend
   Betty Pagan                     of Fossils
   Alma Scarborough
   Stephen Graves
   Ann K. Levy
   Cindy Nail
   Frances Arnold
   Margaret Puckett - late arriving
   Jo Ann Nally - late arriving, provisional member
   Ann O’Bar
   Rick Scofield

Emma Henderson, Betty Barbe, Milly Cowles and Lil Murphy had written to explain their inability to attend the meeting and their desire to be considered a charter member.


Membership will be extended to include all past SACUS Board members. The Fossils Society shall have a two-fold purpose: 1. to retain special camaraderie
   2. to provide a "think tank" for SACUS

Initiation dues shall be $2.00 which covers cost of the adopted logo pin - a dinosaur. There shall be a $1.00 per meeting fine for not wearing the pin. There shall be one meeting per year during the annual SACUS Conference, preferably late afternoon in the lounge. All motion sheets shall be black (fossilized). Cindy Nail was elected President, Frances Arnold, President-Elect, and Rich Scofield, Secretary-Treasurer.

Committee Assignments were volunteered for:

   Jo Ann Nally, Board Liaison until she goes off the Board, then Ann Levy will hold that position.
   (Only approved communication will be relayed to SACUS Board.)

   Stephen Graves, Constitution and By Laws, (to be developed prior to the Atlanta Conference)
   Public Policy
Fan Brooks and Betty Pagan submit proposal for a Grant from Div. Dev.

Jo Ann Nally - conduct needs analysis
Margaret Puckett - awards for Atlanta Conference
Cindy Nail - copies of letterhead for approval at next meeting.

Alma Mae Scarborough and Alma David were thanked for their work on preserving SACUS's 40 year history.

The program, as presented by Cindy Nail, stimulated thought and discussion on the following topics:

What do you expect SACUS to be doing in the year 2000?
bigger, better and more pro-active
30,000 members
monthly publication to members
more affiliate states
regional early childhood training network
clearing house and consultants for children under six training
standardized membership form
minutes and policies on microfiche
fax machine in home of each SACUS member
Fossils speak up and help keep SACUS on track

What kind of expanded services can we offer?
Fossils promote SACUS
Fossil ribbons for SACUS Conference name tags
get practical things in the hands of members
assist with training of members
advocate for SACUS inside SACUS

Rich Scofield was requested to study the issue of sunshine meetings: Are SACUS board meetings open to members? What about executive sessions? What has happened in the past? What policy is currently in effect?

SACUS Board Liaison, JoAnn Nally, was requested to ask the Board for immediate recognition and approval of the Fossil Society with the Society maintaining its autonomy, but having a self appointed Board Liaison. She was also requested to encourage the SACUS Board to appoint a History Committee NOW for the next 10 year period so they can work on current items for the history.
Cindy Nail asked each member to think of things the Fossils can contribute to SACUS and let her know.

All the above items were moved, seconded and approved.

The next meeting will be held in the President's Suite in Atlanta, Friday night between 6 - 7:30 p.m. The request was made that the bar be stocked.

There being no further interesting business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances Arnold
Temporary Secretary

Date: March 10
3/10 and 3/11
March 9, 1991

Cindy S. Nail
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Dear Cindy;

What a good idea. Two dollars included. Add my name to the list of fossils. In honor of this occasion I have written a limerick.

There once was a group who did jostle.
They actively SACUSed, never docile.
They’re old as sin,
but not one a has-been.
All proud as a colossal fossil.

I am not able to get to SACUS this year. I am half-time retired and have a company named Rapport Unlimited. I do speeches and workshops on Child Development, Gerontology, and Creativity. I include a brochure of my after dinner speech, Juggle Yourself to Life.

Please let others know that I am still alive and am happy you have brought this group together.

Also, my congratulations on your writing skill. This is just plain fun.

Thanks again. Hope to make it next year.

Sincerely,

Don Rapp
Fossils Meeting, 3/15/91, Ides of March at the Atlanta Hyatt Lounge
submitted by Rich Scofield, Secretary/Treasurer

Sylvia Weinberg present by letter, fully paid fossil

Others Present: Anne Hunt, Fan Brooke, Cindy Nail, Pat Henry, Frances Arnold,
Crum, Ann Marie Leonard, Ruth Ann Ball, Sharon Meinhardt, Rosemary
Althouse, Elaine Wilson, Steve Graves.

Rich Scofield was fined once again for not wearing his pin.

Kevin Swick has made an official protest of Fossils group saying he is not
old enough to be a fossil.

Cindy Nail will send one more mailing to solicit Fossil members.

By end of the official Atlanta meeting of the Fossils, Treasury stood at $7.

Recommend clarification of sunshine law re: Board meetings - open to members.
Recommend that they be open but retain right to close when discussing
personnel matters such as salaries, etc. (similar to school boards or
NAEYC which can call for an Executive Session--not to be confused with
Executive Committee).

Recommend: To help flow of information from states to SACUS, that establishing
a 1-800 number be explored and that each state's newsletter be sent to
the office and to each Board member.

Recommend: Look at how procedures for deciding the field of nominees got
changed and re-evaluate the entire procedures because of re-occurring
issues and concerns in order to open up the process.

Recommend: Look at how Public Policy Chair, Editorial Board, and Div-Dev
relate to the Board. Also look at how all kinds of changes are
communicated to the Board.

Recommend: Draft of new conference guidelines be sent to state boards
prior to SACUS Board action.

Recommend: Fossils meeting be held in a separate area such as presidents suite
Dear Fossil Friends,

It is time to escape your digs and join your fellow Fossils in mutual sympathy and support. You know who you are. You are the once esteemed member of an overworked but willing SECA Board of Directors and Officers. Now, an ex-member of the Board, you are in need of tender affiliation with those who have made it through the painful but always successful ribbon-withdrawal journey.

We, the Fossils are in the unique and most deserved (but modestly reluctant) position of providing guidance to the now seated Board. Our guidance and suggestions are both sought and valued by current Board members ... well, most of them. We quite nicely, most of the time, pool our collective experience and history with the organization to provide stability and broad based perspectives on the goals and aspirations emerging in the SECA leadership.

Your participation in the Fossils group carries with it a number of responsibilities: 1. Attending Fossil meetings
2. Paying fines, as assessed
3. Being kind, friendly and supportive of current SECA Board members
4. Offering whispered suggestions to the SECA Executive Director (who has no obligation to listen to you)
5. Sharing a cup of coffee with former Board members and Fossil who seem to be wandering aimlessly through the Conference
6. Staying current on SECA organizational needs and aspirations.

The Fossils will meet with the Executive Director and some of the current Board members on March 19 (date), at 1:30 time, in Room (Look up in Program). Please come and join your fellow Fossils. We have important issues to address and want your input. If you are currently in the throes of ribbon withdrawal, rest assured there will be a warm and friendly support system in place for you.

Looking forward to seeing you in Daytona.

Margaret B. Puckett
Reluctant Convenor
MEMORANDUM

To: SACUS Fossil Society Members/Potential Members

From: Cindy Nail

Date: March 4, 1991

Re: SACUS Fossil Society

During the SACUS Annual Conference in Dallas, the SACUS Board of Directors approved our request for recognition of the Society and approval for us to "operate". Our purpose is to retain special camaraderie and to provide an unofficial Think Tank for SACUS.

Charter members of this elite group of SACUS relics are Fan Brooke, Betty Fagan, Alma Scarborough, Stephen Graves, Ann Levy, Cindy Nail, Frances Arnold, Margaret Puckett, Jo Ann Nalley, Ann O'Barr, Rich Scofield, Emma Henderson, Betty Barber, Milly Cowles, and Lil Murphy. Kent Christman was recognized as a Friend of Fossils.

We are extending membership to include any past SACUS Board member. Initiation dues are $2.00 which covers the cost of the adopted logo pin - a dinosaur. Charter members please remember that there will be a fine for neglecting to wear your pin.

Ann Levy will be our Board liaison. Frances Arnold, our current President-Elect will be initiated and we will need to elect another President-Elect and a Secretary-Treasurer. The first ever award will be presented.

Due to a request from a charter member, minutes are not being sent to you prior to the conference. They will be dispersed at the meeting. Certain members had assignments and I hope that they remembered them. (If not, I have enclosed copies of the minutes in their letters.) I have enclosed a copy of the tapping of membership letter to those of you who are now being tapped.

Our second annual meeting will be held on Friday, March 15, 1991 in the lobby bar and we do hope you will join us from 6:00 to 7:30 for a light-hearted time of fellowship.

I hope that you will all be able to attend this important meeting. Please remember that it is dutch-treat! See you in Atlanta.
The third annual Think Tank of the SACUS Fossil Society was held in the lobby lounge of the Double Tree Hotel in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Members present and on time: Cindy Nail, Sylvia Weinberg, Ann Marie Leonard, Anne Hunt, Ruth Ann Crum, Mary M. Landis, Billie Phillips, Frances Arnold, Jean Shaw, Chris Phillips (friend of fossil) and Janette Baggett (liaison to Board). Dr. Steven Graves arrived late with a passable excuse.

Frances Arnold, President, called the meeting to order and asked Cindy Nail to take minutes in the absence of secretary, Rich Scofield.

Mary Landis, Billie Phillips and Jean Shaw were officially recognized and inducted into membership.

A suggestion was made by Dr. Graves to amend the dues from $1.50 to $3.10 because the treasury is running so low.

Rhonda Corley and Ann Levy arrived late and were excused because they said they had been to a conference committee meeting.

Jackie Clemens was not able to attend the conference and was inducted in absenteeism.

Ruth Ann Ball sent a letter of support for the Fossils and has moved to St. Paul, Minnesota.

The limerick submitted by Dan Rapp was approved joyfully as presented.

There once was a group who did jostle. They actively SACUSed, never docile. They’re old as sin, but not one a has-been. All proud as a colossal fossil.

A report from Ann Levy included the following:

Clarification of the sunshine law re: Board meetings - open to members. Board meetings are open to any member unless a decision is made by the Board for discussing personnel matters (this is included in the SACUS Board policy manual).

Recommendation establishing a 1-800 line for the SACUS office. The Board has explored this repeatedly but the cost is too much.

Recommendation concerning the nomination process. SACUS Board welcomes all comments and is looking into the process.

Margaret Puckett arrived late and her excuse was that her feet hurt. Marlene McCullough was also late and her excuse was that she was in a meeting.

Back to questions and answers from Ann:

Recommendation concerning Public Policy, Editorial Board and Dev-Dev Relationships to Board. SACUS Board works closely with all arms and operate as one entity. The Board has the final authority.
Janet Black arrived very late with a poor excuse. Because of the flexibility of the Fossil Society, she was excused.

Fines were imposed on Margaret Packet and Janet Black.

Marlene was inducted.

Dr. Graves was very anxious and hopeful to know if any other members were going to be inducted as his responsibility was to kiss the new inductees as inducted (female only!).

The newsletter idea was applauded as excellent but because of the time involved and expense the idea of a newsletter being sent only every 2-3 years, or so was approved.

Pan Brooke, our current President-Elect will work on planning next year’s meeting.

Ann Hunt was nominated and elected as our next President-Elect. The minutes reflect that Cindy Nail will be Secretary-Treasure. (Could this have happened?) Stephen is still working on constitution and by-laws. Hopefully they will be started by Biloxi.

A recommendation was made to have the Founding Fossils recognized. It was not clear as to where they should be recognized, but from here on they will be known as the Friendly, Fumbling, Founding Fossils.

Margaret Puckett made a motion for a task force for seriousness but the motion was fossilized (it died!).

Regarding awards – Margaret Puckett reported that a task force on awards had been set. Nancy Alexander was appointed awards chair with the distinguished member from Texas to help.

Stephen recommended having a Fossil phone. He has been requested to bring a Fossil phone to next year’s meeting.

Issues to Board or whoever cares:

Recommend making the program a hardback with index and in larger print (leather with gold initials for fossils).

Friendly suggestion to SACUS – program is hard to read.

Separate quiet from noisy sessions at conference. (What? Do we ask presentors if they will be quiet or noisy?)

Somehow we need to give more visibility to President and Past President and Board.

We also need to recognize the SACUS staff. Let’s thank them publically for the great job they do. Do we need to establish a Fossil Gram?

A new issue was raised as to whether we need to establish state pins – or a conference pin w/logo – could this be a collectors item or a project for Dev-Dev.
Margaret made a suggestion that the fossil meeting be included in the program.

Ann and Fan will work on the agenda and meeting for next year in Biloxi.

Ann polled the Fossils for where to meet in Biloxi. The theme was chosen to be - Drink Seriously and Eat Seriously!

A suggestion was made to invite friends of Fossils to the meetings and it was unanimously defeated. Reason - Fossils have no friends!

A fossilized motion was made to have the largest number of fossils at the next meeting in Biloxi.

A standing ovation was given for Millie Cowles who finally arrived. Her excuse for not knowing about the meeting was not accepted.

Her response - "I'm taking my toys and going home." She was convinced to stay but had to recite the limerick and kiss someone. After much consideration, Dr. Cowles read the limerick and kissed Ronda. Dr. Graves was most upset.

A motion was made and approved to fossilize the minutes.

A motion was made to adjourn but failed to pass.

An in-depth discussion concerning the oldest, most fossilized member ensued. The discussion included panty hose, hair spray and other things that can not be talked about.

Billie Phillips requested the floor and thanked the Society for inducting her - she had worked long and hard to get to this point and really appreciated it.

A recommendation was made to adopt the Dev-Dev Silent Auction as a fossil project. It was passed and as fossils we agreed to serve time at the auction. Let's be Dev-Dev Advocates is our rally call!

After more discussion concerning Dev-Dev, it was decided that we would do all we could do to help.

Frances was directed to develop a song - or anthem for the SACUS Fossil Society! Do we need a flag during the flag ceremony?

The discussion disintegrated and the motion to adjourn was finally approved.
Southern Early Childhood Association  
Fossil Society Annual Meeting

The fourth annual Think Tank meeting of the SECA (formerly SACUS) Fossil Society was held in Mariner’s at the Grand Biloxi in Biloxi, Mississippi in conjunction with the annual SECA (formerly SACUS) conference.


Ann Hunt, President of the 1993 Fossil Society, called the meeting to order and gave a brief but very informative history of the elite and highly selective Fossil Society. The Secretary-Treasurer was commended on the table decorations and refreshments.

Fan Brooke moved that the minutes be approved as mailed. A friendly amendment to the minutes noted that Nancy Alexander had been officially tapped for membership and had been inducted at the annual meeting in Tulsa in 1992. The minutes were approved as amended.

There was some discussion concerning the best time and location for the annual Fossil meeting. There was general agreement that the society should meet in conjunction with the annual SECA (formerly SACUS) conference and that the meeting room location was agreeable, that the timing needed to be better coordinated. The incoming President, who is responsible for the meeting next year, will need to check to see when Happy Hour begins and schedule the meeting accordingly.

After a discussion concerning the fiscal affairs of the society, it was decided to change the annual dues from $3.10 to $2.00 to cover yearly operating expenses as well as meeting expenses. Rich Scofield passed the hat and members generously donated to the Kitty.

The President reminded society members that they are required to wear their fossil pin at all times during the SECA (formerly SACUS) annual conference (beginning on the day conference registration opens). Failure to wear such pin can result in fines for each infraction. It was decided that any Fossil member can impose this fine on anyone not wearing the pin.

Fines of $8.00 each were imposed on Margaret and Jo Ann for pin wearing failures. The fines were debated because all eight infractions occurred during the same evening cultural event. (Did we ever decide if boots made in Mexico came close to boots made in Texas and more importantly did anyone have tassels?)
Pan Brooke made a motion to take H.H. break but it failed to pass.

President Hunt called for a report from the constitution and By-Laws committee. The chair of this committee was not present and no report had been sent. It was decided that the work of this committee would continue until such time as it is completed or deemed unnecessary. The secretary was directed to communicate with the committee chair.

After some discussion, it was decided to adopt "any aged" drink as the official Fossil drink.

Angela O'Bar arrived late and was excused because she was supporting the Div-Dev auction with generous bids and needed to collect her goodies.

The following new fossils were recognized, passed the induction requirements and were pinned: Dr. Mildred Vance, Dr. Jeannette Gardiner, Ann O'Bar, Nancy von Bargen, Lil Murphy.

The members of the society discussed the new issue of what to do when a fossil goes back on the SECA. (formerly SACUS) Board of Directors. Suggestions included taking his/her temperature or defossilizing said person. A motion for defossilization was withdrawn when it was pointed out that the person in question is currently the Fossil slave and more importantly is a Friendly, Fumbling, Founding Fossil. President Hunt decided that she would appoint a study committee to look into the issue, but declined to say when she would appoint such a committee. A motion was made that any Fossil who went back on the SECA (formerly SACUS) Board could come to Fossil Society meetings but must keep their mouth shut and could not vote. This motion was amended to read could open their mouth but could not vote on major issues. The motion was approved as amended.

President Hunt conducted nominations for officers for the 1993-94 year. Margaret Puckett was unanimously elected to the coveted office of Secretary-Treasurer and, by acclamation JoAnn Nalley will be President. The lovely ladies from Texas and Arkansas will take office in September. (The current officers will be responsible for passing on any necessary supplies and advice.) They will be responsible for the 1994 annual meeting.

Rhonda Corley arrived late and was excused without fine because she was helping with the Div-Dev auction.

Friendly suggestions/recommendations for the SECA (formerly SACUS) Board of Directors:

Regarding the conference program - it would be helpful to have an index in the front of the program; having presenter's addresses is great; it would be helpful to have the page number of the
presenter's session(s) next to their name so that if a conference
attendee wanted to attend a specific presenter's session they
could easily locate when and where the session was being held.

Regarding the conference - excellent sessions - good variety and
interesting selection of topics; great keynote speakers; more "walk
time" is needed between sessions if they are going to be as far
apart as they were at this conference; shuttles running more
frequently if they are going to be so far apart; it would be better
to have the conference at a site where the sessions did not have to
be so far apart.

Nancy Alexander arrived late but was excused because she was
finishing up her Fossil Committee work.

Regarding the SECA (formerly SACUS) logo - the concept underlying
the logo is good but the general consensus is that the medium
chosen for the artwork does not do proper justice to it. Most
expressed strong dissatisfaction with the artwork. One Fossil
member strongly disagreed and feels that the logo is not only
artistically sound but is also very classy. Possible changing the
name and the logo at the same time was too much. The entire
society voiced strong approval for the graphic depiction of the
organization's name. The lettering and color is excellent and very
well done. The consensus is that the Fossil Society does not care
for the logo and feels that the Board of Directors should address
the issue further.

Regarding the name change - forgive us but many are having
difficulty with the name change and while we approve of the change,
we will probably always have difficulty in remembering to say SECA
instead of SACUS.

President Hunt recognized Dr. Fruit and Dr. Joyce Frothers (Nancy
Alexander and Margaret Puckett) of the Awards Committee. Dr. Fruit
addressed the issue of ribbon withdrawal which occurs with every
new Fossil, and often even in old Fossils, when they no longer are
eligible wear the SECA (formerly SACUS) Board of Director's ribbon
at conferences. She presented the following stages of withdrawal
and informed us that there is a 12-step plan available for all
Fossils suffering ribbon withdrawal:

1. Denial
2. Disengaging
3. Repression
4. Seeking the Inner Child
5. Meditation
6. Heal and Reconnect
7. Reflect
8. Regress
9. Acceptance
10. Acceptance
11. Fossilization
12. Resurrection
Dr. Fruit explained each stage and encouraged all Fossils to be aware of their progress through the ribbon withdrawal process. The path is individualized and each member will eventually make it.

The following are the recipients of the 1993 Fossil Awards:

Flirtatious Fossil - Cindy Nail
Fickle Fossil - Jo Ann Nalley
Fashionable Fossil - Emma Henderson
Frugal Fossil - Fan Brooke
Flacky Fossil - Anne Hunt
Foxy Fossil - Millie Cowles
Flowering Fossil - Ruth Ann Ball
Pogogenic Fossil - Lil Murphy
Fermented Fossil - Ann O'Bar
Feministic Fossil - Nancy von Bargen
Frisky Fossil - Rich Scofield
Frantic Fossil - Rhonda Corley
Funky Fossil - Mildred Vance
First Class Fossil - Billie Phillips
Fancy Footwork Fossil - Anne Hunt
Fabulous Fossil - Jeannette Gardiner
Forthright Fossil - Margaret Puckett
1993 Outstanding Fossil - Cindy Nail

The Awards Committee was commended for doing an outstanding job. Award recipients unanimously agreed that they will treasure their awards. Nancy and Margaret graciously agreed to continue as the Awards Committee and they were challenged to top the presentation from this year.

Johnnie Humphries arrived late and her excuse of helping with the Div-Dev auction was accepted. She was recognize, passed the induction requirements and was pinned as a new Fossil. She was awarded the Fruitful Fossil award.

There being no further official business, President Hunt adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

Cindy Nail
Fossil Secretary-Treasurer
DATE: March 15, 1994
TO: SECA Fossil Society Members
FROM: JoAnn Nalley (1)
SUBJECT: Annual Think Tank

Our fifth annual Think Tank meeting will be held Saturday, April 16, 1994, at 5:00 p.m. in Profiles, the lobby lounge of the Sheraton in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Minutes from the fourth Think Tank have previously been mailed. The following reminders should help you adequately prepare for this very important meeting:

Annual dues are $2.00. Please make your checks or purchase orders payable to Margaret Fucet.

You are required to wear you official fossil pin beginning on the day conference registration opens. Failure to wear such pin can result in fines of $1.00 for each sighting. Any Fossil member can impose this fine.

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee chair needs to make a report at this meeting. (That’s you - Dr. Graves!)

The Awards Committee was challenged to top last year’s presentation (That’s you - Margaret and Nancy!)

New members to be inducted include Sally Herstine, Pam Schiller, Ruth Ann Crum, and Debbie Smith.

See ya in N’Orleans!
SECA Fossils Meeting
Orlando, Florida
1995

Fossils pictured, left to right and clockwise, are JoAnn Nalley, Nancy Alexander, Rhonda Corley, Billie Phillips, Mildred Vance, Cindy Nail, Rich Scofield, Millie Cowles, Cathy Grace, Jean Shaw, Ruth Ann Ball, Mildred Vance, and Ann O'Barr
Phil has been Executive Director of the Children's Home/Chambliss Shelter in Chattanooga since 1971 (beginning with the Children's Home prior to a merger).

He has served as President of the Tennessee Association for the Education of Young Children and served on the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth.

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Nancy Pennington Alexander is Executive Director of the Northwestern State University Child and Family Network. She served three terms on the SECA board and is proud to be among the initial group of Founding Fossils. Her interests include writing and photography. Nancy is a frequent presenter at regional and national conferences and the author of *Early Childhood Workshops that Work: the essential guide to training and workshops*, published by Gryphon House.

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2006-2009
SECA Secretary

Kathy is a preschool teacher at Chance School in Louisville, Kentucky. She has served on the KAECE Board of Directors for several years and as President of the Louisville Chapter for several years. She is currently President of the Kentucky Association for Early Childhood Education (KAECE).

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SECA State Represented: Alabama
1990-1995

Jannett retired from Auburn University Montgomery on May 31st and says she’s “beginning to get the hang of not working after 40 years of working! It’s fun to do life on my schedule. ...I hope to be able to get to a FOSSIL meeting and have a visit with old friends now that my life has ‘slowed down’. ”

Ruth Ann Ball

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SECA State Represented: Oklahoma 1988-1989
SECA Outstanding Member 2002
SECA Vice-President

Ruth Ann is working as an Early Childhood Consultant in her retirement from the Center for Early Childhood Professional Development at the University of Oklahoma, Norman. She has experience as a founding member and coordinator of the Early Childhood Professional Development work in Oklahoma, faculty member at two and four year universities and colleges, teacher of young children, director of a child development program, grant writer and project director of multiple federal and state projects, serving on state and national early childhood boards/committees and conference planning and presenter at local, state, regional, national and international conferences.
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*1993-2000*

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*SECA Outstanding Member 1986*

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SECA State Represented:  Alabama
2000-2006

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SECA State Represented:  Virginia
2007-2009

Toni is a CEO of a United Way Early Childhood Education agency for the past 12 years. Children's Harbor has four early care and education centers, a community training and professional development department, a USDA food program for over 200 family home providers and an emergency voucher program. Toni also is the past president of the Virginia Association for Early Childhood Education and an adjunct professor at Tidewater Community College.
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Louise has been a member of SECA for over 20 years and served as President of the Mississippi affiliate. She served as the Mississippi representative on the SECA board from 1995-2001. In addition to presenting information on her programs and research findings at the national and state level, she has developed numerous publications. Her research interests include family child care, technical assistance, in-home parenting education, and early literacy.
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Peggy is a retired Professor of Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Mississippi, where she served as Coordinator of Early Childhood Education and Chair of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction for more than thirty years. Since her retirement in 1999, she has done some consultant work, worked with community groups related to education and human welfare and has become active in animal rescue, including Small Paws® Bichon Frise rescue. (Peggy is holding Perry, one of the rescue Bichons.) She thought her year as SACUS president, traveling to all the states involved and meeting so many wonderful professionals was one of the most exciting times of her career.
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Kathy has served president and treasurer of both the Nashville Area AEYC and the Tennessee AEYC as well as 2 terms as the SECA Rep. Though not currently, she also has held the position of State Finance Officer, working with the state conference chairs, for several years.

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SECA President  1997-1999

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Cindy Nail—In Memoriam

Cindy Nail will be remembered for her love of fun and passion for children. She served on the SECA Board during the term of Margaret Puckett, SECA President (1986-1987), and Margaret shared these thoughts about Cindy.

“She was a member of the Board during my term and was incredibly sharp, caring, an articulate child advocate and was a ton of fun---ever so witty. If my memory serves me correctly, she was the first to gather a bunch of former Board members in the hotel one evening during a SECA conference, where in spoof fashion we “organized” with an agreement to meet yearly. She took notes (which were distributed as “minutes”) and encouraged many of the “policies” (fines for tardiness and others). It was either this first meeting or the second that the group named itself the FOSSILS.”

Cindy spent the last 14 years in German as a civilian employee of the U.S. Army in Children and Youth Services. She was on the Board of the Association for Early Childhood Europe (European NAEYC affiliate) for over 10 years, serving as President from 2002-2004

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Kim is currently an Associate Professor of Early Childhood in the College of Education, University of Kentucky. She began her career in South Carolina as a public school kindergarten teacher. Prior to joining the University, she served three years as Director of the Division of Early Childhood Development at the Kentucky Department of Education and five years as Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Early Childhood Development, coordinating development and implementation of Kentucky’s KIDS NOW Early Childhood Initiative.
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1990-1991

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Judy is a third grade teacher at Gilbert Elementary School in Gilbert, South Carolina. Judy is also an adjunct faculty member at Midlands Technical College in the Early Childhood Development Department. She has taught in Florida and Tennessee, as well as South Carolina. In 2002, she received certification from the National Board of Teaching Standards. She served as president of the South Carolina Early Childhood Association (SCECA).
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Nancy has been actively involved in early childhood education for four decades. After completing bachelors and masters degrees, she worked as a public school teacher, preschool teacher, center director, consultant, author, college instructor, and CDA Rep. Her professional association activities include SECA, NAEYC, ECA of Florida - board member and president, North Central Florida AEYC - board member and president.
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Jo Ann has served as Executive Director / Head Start Director of Child Development, Inc since 1986. Throughout her professional career, has served as president of Arkansas Vocational Home Economics Teachers, Yell County Teachers Association, Arkansas Early Childhood Association (AECA), Southern Association on Children under Six (now Southern Early Childhood Association, SECA), Arkansas Head Start Association, Arkansas Medical Society Alliance, Pope County Medical Society Auxiliary, and Region VI Head Start Association. She was inducted into the National Head Start Association Hall of Fame in 2003 and selected for the NHSA Administrator of the Year award in 2007.

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