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Looking ahead---

ACPE LEADERSHIP MEETINGS
Marriott, Decatur, GA Nov 14-18, 2015

Southeast Region Invitational for Supervisors of Supervisory Education Students

*Epworth-by-the-Sea, St. Simons Island, GA
January 10-11, 2016*

REM Invitational
*Albuquerque, New Mexico
February 14-16, 2016*

Southeast Region Leadership Meeting

Hickory Knob State Resort Park, McCormick, SC
Administrative Board, 3 p.m., March 12 to noon, March 13, 2016
Accreditation, 3 p.m., March 13 to noon, March 14, 2016
Certification, 3 p.m., March 13, 2016; Sub-committees, Mar 14-15
Peer Reviews, evenings of March 13-15, 2016

ACPE Conference, May 14-21, 2016, Denver, CO

Southeast Region Members' Meeting

*Doubletree South Bay River, Jacksonville, FL
Oct 4-8, 2016*

Certification Committee, 3 p.m. 4 Oct to noon 6 Oct
Accreditation, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., 5 Oct
Administrative Board, noon to 9 p.m., 5 Oct
Peer Reviews, as needed and scheduled, 5-6 Oct
Standing Committees, 8 am to noon, 6 Oct
Continuing Education, noon 6 Oct through banquet
Members' Meeting, 9 a.m. to noon, 7 Oct

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**In this Newsletter, you will find a review the actions of the
Members Meeting in North Charleston, a summary of
financial statement, and some musings about our future.**

***Please let me know if you received this Newsletter!
Blessings, peace and grace sufficient to you! Jap***

REFLECTIONS ON THE MEETINGS IN NORTH CHARLESTON

PRE-CONFERENCE MEETINGS

Accreditation had a shorter meeting than usual. Their work has been greatly resourced via technology, the internet, and the apps created in the ACPE Office. Going forward this committee may do more of its work via the internet, but I suspect this committee will need to offer some continuing education events for the members and/or new members of the accreditation committee at our fall conferences. The cost of their meeting in North Charleston was \$4,400; and their expenses in 2015 are over budget by \$2,400.

Administrative Board met from 2 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday including a meeting with the Budget and Investment Committee after dinner. The meeting with B & I was informative; and going forward, I think this will be a good procedure to follow because both the members of B & I and the Adm Bd receive information that ensures collaboration. The Adm. Bd. is over budget by \$567, and B & I is over budget by \$2,400. B & I is an energized and responsibly functioning committee, and we may need to increase their line item in next year's budget. [Minutes of the Adm Bd Mtg are posted on our website: seracpe.org.]

Certification 's continuing education event was led by Carson Rogerson at no cost to the region on Tuesday afternoon. Their dinner may have been the best of all our meals. Five sub-committees, comprised of 35 Supervisors met 14 persons (3 pre-candidacy consultations, 7 candidate request reviews, and 4 extended candidacy requests). Of the 35 Supervisors serving on the possibility of three sub-committees, two served (Bill Baugh and Nancy Anderson) on three sub-committees, 15 served on one sub-committee, and the others served on two sub-committees.

Pre-Candidacy Consultations were given to Amy Beth Hair, Michelle Robinson and Yhanco Monet Rodriguez.

Extension of Candidacy was granted to Carrie Finnegan, Debbie Shields, Patricia Symonette, and Csaba Szilagyi.

Candidacy was granted to Christian Garcia Alfonso, Robert Brooks Heard, Trey Morrison, Caroline Peacock, and Beth Tjoflat.

Income from candidates amounted to \$2,550.

Expenses for the CCC amounted to: \$5,471 travel; \$4,410 ldg & mls; \$78 snacks; \$500 Secretary...for a total of \$10,459. For 2015, CC is over budget by \$8,000.

Peer Reviews were provided for Amani Legagneur, Randy Shoun, Wayne Mayberry, Connie Bonner, Maureen Shelton, Stephen Robinson, Brenda Green and David Nowlin. Twenty-three supervisors participated at a cost of \$3,500. The PR Committee is \$2,300 over budget.

Some of the other standing committees met on Thursday morning, but all remained within their budgeted allotments so far as expenses are concerned. Annual Conference, Mission and Development, REM, and Seminary/Faith seemed to have had more productive meetings and were better attended than were others.

Combining all standing committees expenses, we are over budget by \$10,000.

THE CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENT was well planned, well attended and received positive feedback. Thanks to Dorothea Lotze-Kola and other members of the Annual Conference

Committee. In the end we had in attendance 5 spouses, 6 student members, 13 clinical members enrolled in SES programs, 52 Supervisors and a gift from St. Francis/Bon Secours of \$2,000. Total income was \$11,150. Our expenses included: \$1,650 honorarium to Emmanuel Lartey; \$200 contribution to Interfaith Speakers Network; ldg & mls for four panelists and Lartey \$1,765; travel for Lartey and four panelists \$1,746; technology \$970; refreshment breaks \$1,020; banquet and Friday lunch \$6,034 ... total of \$13,385 ... deficit of \$2,235.

During the banquet, the Covenant Counseling Institute (Joe Whitwell and Kerry Duncan) was acknowledged for its contributions to many students and to leadership within the SERegion, and will be missed as this center will not be renewing its accredited status in the ACPE.

The History Committee honored (in absentia) Dorothy Dale Owens as the recipient of the 2015 J. Obert Kempson Distinguished Service Award. Dale has retired, but her legacy lives on in the number of SESs and the multitude of students she has supervised.

THE MEMBERS' MEETING

On Thursday morning we welcomed new supervisors into the region:

Vic Dippenaar, UAB in Birmingham, AL

Jessica Evans, Baptist Hospital in Pensacola, FL.

Rhonda Gilligan-Gillespe, Methodist in Memphis, TN.;

some clinical members who were not listed in the actions of the CC were: Patrick Corrigan, Sharon Garlington, Mark Gilbert, C. G. Gim, Matthew Johnson, Anurag Mani, Jose Montenegro, Michael Rogers, and Steve Williams;

and we received reports from standing committees.

Lex Tartaglia presented the CPE Curriculum Development Grants received from Templeton and solicited centers to participate in the research project.

On Friday morning the Members approved the proposed 2016 and the projected 2017 balanced budgets with 2016 being \$191,350 and 2017 being \$195,850. Both budgets are formed on the revenue from Annual Center Fee being \$225, and the Student unit fee being \$100 per student per unit. The 2016 budget will be included in the January 2016 Financial Statement that will be posted on the website.

Additionally, the fees for meeting Certification in 2016 will be: consultation (\$150), readiness review (\$200), candidate (\$300), extension of candidacy (\$350), and supervisory action (\$400).

Reimbursement per mile for travel expenses to participate in meetings of standing committees was slightly increased to \$.50 per mile for single driver, \$.60 per mile for double occupancy, and \$.70 for three or more passengers.

Mission and Development made grants totaling \$15,500 from Endowment Fund income for 2016; and the following were approved by the Members:

REM Invitational \$6,000

Florida Consortium \$3,500

Interstate Consortium \$2,000

Palmetto Consortium \$2,000

Spartanburg Consortium \$2,000

Ramona Reynolds was selected for the 2016 "Emerging Leader Award."

Beverly Ross submitted the RANC slate of nominees.

The RANC, Class of 2016, was elected with Connie Bonner, chair, Jennifer Bordenet (FL), David Hutchinson (SC), Cora Saunders (GA), and Kenneth Standley (TN).

The body took action to suspend section 7B of the Bylaws applicable only to Certification so that Cecelia Walker could be elected in the Class of 2018 and serve as the Chairperson of the regional certification committee for another three years. Nancy Anderson withdrew her nomination to certification, class of 2018, in order to facilitate that action without further confusion.

[The regional leadership for classes 2016 to 2018 is posted on the website: seracpe.org.]

A first reading of a change in the Bylaws occurred with a motion that the regional representative to the ACPE RANC would also serve as ex officio member of the region's RANC.

[Minutes of our Members' Meeting are posted on our website: seracpe.org.]

MUSINGS

I've been wondering about the "parallel process" I've experienced in preparing for, organizing, and facilitating this meeting in North Charleston. I've been frustrated by your ambivalence in registration, overwhelmed by the details, demands and financial constraints of a system beyond my control (i.e., Embassy Suites), and the assurance that no matter what I did, we would be facing a deficit. So, I've wondered if my experience isn't much like your experience in the places where you are responsible. Is my perception of a "parallel process" close to accurate; or, am I projecting my own junk?

For many years now I have been aware of the fact that Region is entrusted with your "fees" so that the region can support "our work" (primarily of certification and accreditation, but also of other standing committees) at least twice a year in "regional meetings" and at other times in "consortiums." So far your "fees" have covered "our expenses," and we have enjoyed a positive "end of the year" balance for thirty-two consecutive years. Our "cash reserves" and our "endowment funds" have slowly, but steadily increased. We have been good "stewards" by keeping our expenses at a minimum. Thanks for your cooperation and collaboration in well-doing! The future doesn't look to be as healthy.

This year we will show a deficit in our annual budget, a reduction in our EOY checking account, and a diminishing of our cash reserves and endowment fund (some of which is due to the "market" slide rather than to our "misuse" of funds). In thirty-two years this is a new experience for me. So, I'm second guessing my leadership. Is the reality of region's fiscal status all that different from your "shop" and/or your personal portfolio? It isn't so far as the Keith family is concerned; but I wonder.....

Going forward, we have contracts for the next three years in venues similar to North Charleston for our fall meetings. We must raise the registration fee, and we must contain the cost of the continuing education event. We've offered the C.E. event, a banquet and a luncheon for \$150 for many years, but that fee has to be increased. My concern is: if we increase the registration fee (that once upon a time was paid by centers, but no longer is universally paid by centers), will that increased fee reduce the number of participants (especially those who are involved in the certification process)? It feels like a "catch 22!"

Across the decades this region has been more supportive financially and otherwise to the REM Invitational than has any other region. I am proud of that fact! All of our support has come from income from our Endowment Fund (much reduced by the present market). In recent and in years to come, the M & D has to make choices about how to distribute the income from Endowment (some \$15,000 annually). Never before have we had such a multi-cultural representation of SESs being supported by four consortiums in our region. Herein lies our future.

Blessings and peace, Jap