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Looking ahead---

Southeast Region Invitational for Supervisors of Supervisory Education Students

Epworth-by-the-Sea, St. Simons Island, GA--January 8-10, 2017

Southeast Region Leadership Meeting

Hickory Knob State Resort Park, McCormick, SC

Administrative Board, 3 p.m., March 11 to noon, March 13, 2017

Accreditation, 3 p.m., March 12 to noon, March 13, 2017

Certification, 3 p.m.- 6 pm, March 12; Sub-committees, Mar 13-14, 2017

Peer Reviews, evenings of March 12-13, 2017

50th ACPE Conference, May 3-6, 2017, Minneapolis, MN

“What We Need is Here”

Southeast Region Members’ Meeting

Courtyard Marriott, Decatur, GA Oct 3-6, 2017

Certification Committee, 3 p.m. 3 Oct to noon 5 Oct

Accreditation, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., 4 Oct

Administrative Board, noon to 9 p.m., 4 Oct

Peer Reviews, as needed and scheduled, 4-5 Oct

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In this Newsletter, you will find a review of what we were able to accomplish at the Fall Conference in Jacksonville, FL.

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

FALL CONFERENCE AND BANQUET, October 7, 2016

Karen Heistand and the Annual Conference Committee (David Hutchinson, Jenny Sumner-Carswell, Martha Wright and Jonathan Ball) planned a most promising continuing education event. They secured the services of Professor **John M. Dirks** of Michigan State University to lead us in a workshop: "Beneath the Surface: Transformative Learning as Soul Work" that resonates with those who "seek to foster profound change in the ways in which our students perceive and understand themselves and their being in the world." Professor **Martha Serpas**, a member of University of Houston's Creative Writing Program faculty, was to share her poetry from three published volumes: *The Diener*, *The Dirty Side of the Storm* and *Cote Blanche*. Following the banquet we had planned a café gathering at which **Brett Foster** was to provide "gentle music" with his guitar and voice and we would also celebrate the retirement of Larry Wagoner, ACPE Supervisor at Baptist Medical Center in Jacksonville, FL.

All good plans and intentions were cancelled because hurricane "Matthew" was bearing down on the southeastern coastline and Jacksonville was scheduled for major flooding.

Nevertheless, sixty-four members made it to Downtown Hilton by the River, and we were able to complete the scheduled work of certification and accreditation, three of the six scheduled peer reviews, and a Meeting of the Members on Wednesday before most departed at 4:30 p.m. All of us made it home safely, but many were left homeless and devastated by the onslaughts of "Matthew." Some of our Supervisors and students served the needy in their own hospitals along the coasts of South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

ACTIONS TAKEN on October 5, 2016

Certification Committee: *Extension of Supervisory Candidacy Status* was granted to Anurag Mani, Darrell Robinson, and Patricia Symonette.

Pre-Certification (Readiness) Consultation given to Alisha Edwards and Dave Spence.

Accreditation Committee: Charlie Norwood VA (Augusta) and Roper/St. Francis (Charleston) completed five year reviews. Five year review pending Central AL VA. Chapters Health System (Tampa) is closing its accredited center.

Peer Reviews completed for Wes Monfalcone, Miguel Santamaria, and Dick Tibbits.

Persons nominated by **RANC** were elected to committees (cf. Leadership of Southeast Region, 2017 that is posted on the website). **Cora Saunders** was elected as the regional representative to the ACPE Representations and Nominations Committee. Two supervisors were nominated for the ACPE Emerging Leader Award, but no vote was taken at this meeting. The members will have an opportunity to vote for either Carson Rogerson or Miguel Santamaria via the internet in the coming weeks.

The following actions were taken at the **Members' Meeting**:

The **Fees for 2017** will remain the same as in 2016: Annual Center Fee: \$225; Student Fees: \$100 per student per unit for Level 1, Level 2, and SES programs. The Certification fees will be: Consultation (\$150); Readiness Review (\$200); Candidate (\$300); Extension of Candidate (\$350); and Supervisor Action (\$400).

Reimbursement of expenses for persons serving on standing committees in 2017 will remain the same as in 2016 (i.e., \$.50 per mile for single, \$.55 for double occupancy, and \$.70 for triple or more passengers, or airfare reserved two weeks in advance (whichever is least expensive); actual expense of lodging if room is shared by two members of standing committees, or one half the cost of lodging for single occupants, and actual cost of meals).

The History Committee, chaired by Mary Huie Jolly, had been working this past year, and several projects are underway. The committee was not able to meet in Jacksonville, but we celebrated their selected recipient of the **J. Obert Kempson Distinguished Service Award**. Mary shared some of the thoughts of the person who nominated the recipient. Woody Spackman and Jap Keith added comments of appreciation for the service of **Joe Whitwell**. At a later date the presentation of the DSA will be made in the presence of Joe's family, friends and colleagues when Joe is able to participate in the reception of the award.

The major issue of concern and discussion was the Organizational Design and the By Laws revision that will be voted on by the membership of the ACPE, Inc. in early November. Ramona Reynolds and her staff provided a booklet containing the report of the Organizational Design Work Group, the present By Laws and the recommended changes to those By Laws that would be in line with the design approved by the ACPE Board of Directors. Jap Keith described the design set forth on page 12, spoke to the elements of the governance structure, and explained the geographic structure on page 17. He responded to questions, most of which were expressions of grief about the anticipated loss of interpersonal relationships now valued in the sub-regional activities around programs of SES and the work of our standing committees.

Not knowing how the members of the ACPE, Inc. will vote about the By Laws in November, the region adopted two options for our work together in 2017 and we approved two budgets: one if the By Laws are rejected and another if the members approve the recommended By Laws and the organizational design. After the membership vote on the By Laws is recorded and after the ACPE Board of Directors acts in mid-November, we will inform the Southeast Region of the budget and the work we will undertake in 2017.

Whatever happens in 2017, the members voted to increase the corpus of our endowment fund to \$300,000 by 15 Dec '16, to designate that as the Jasper and Betty Keith Endowment, and to utilize the income annually for the support of programs of SES within the 2016 confines of the Southeast Region.

We voted to close all financial accounts now under the name of the Southeast Region and transfer those funds either to the ACPE Foundation or to the operating budget of the ACPE by 15 Dec '16 with the understanding that the ACPE, Inc. will provide the bookkeeping, management and accounting of all regional funds in 2017. For that service, the region will pay the ACPE, Inc. \$18,000 in 2017.

SOME ANTICIPATIONS ABOUT OUR FUTURE IN THE ACPE, INC.

We are in the throes of a major transition...not unlike fifty years ago when we created an association to enhance our life together and to form the ways in which we did the business of that association. I have no doubt that wisdom and care will prevail in the end because of who we are and to what we are committed.