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Looking ahead---

Florida Consortium

San Pedro Center, Orlando, FL—July 21-22, 2016

Southeast Region Members' Meeting

Doubletree South Bay River, Jacksonville, FL—Oct 4-7, 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

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 12 to noon, March 12, 2017

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

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

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

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

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

In this Newsletter, you will find some reflections about the ACPE Conference in Denver, some directions about payment of fees for the rest of 2016, and an announcement about the relocation of Jap and Betty.

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

REFLECTIONS ABOUT THE ACPE CONFERENCE/DENVER

A more thorough accounting of the Denver happenings is contained in an email from the ACPE Office that is entitled ***ACPE Monday Briefing***.

You will want to take note of the changes made by the U.S. Department of Labor regarding overtime pay and exempt-non-exempt status in the [FLSA Changes and Supporting Documents](#).

You will be interested in the [Highlights of the May 2016 Board Meeting](#), but here are a few:

- unanimously approved the Certification Reform and Professional Development Task Forces proposal (soon to be posted on ACPE website)
- proposed a budget with no increases in individual dues, but with a 5% increase in accredited programs of SES
- proposed a name change: Association for Spiritual Health and Education (ASHE)
- adopted a new vision statement: *The consistency and exceptional quality of experiential education provided by our association creates measurable and appreciable improvement in the spiritual health and transformation of people and communities in the US and across the globe.*

You will want to give serious consideration to [What's in a name? Some rationale for a name change](#); and you may want to give Amanda Jones your responses (amanda.jones@rsfh.com).

More than fifty persons attended the **Southeast Region Meeting** in Denver. Among the first-time attendees were Renato Santos (Director of Chaplaincy at South Baptist Health in Miami), ACPE Supervisors Donna Farrar, Rhonda Gilligan-Gillespie, and Jennie Thomas, and two newly certified Associates Carol Battye and Amy Canoasa. Persons receiving scholarships from the region in support of their attendance were: Carrie Finegan and Trey Morrison (CCCGa), Alice Hernandez, Sunghee Hammersley, Brooks Heard and Matt Johnson (Palmetto), Amani Mani (FL), Yhanco Monet (Roper), Jose' Montenegro (Emory) and Tamekai Milton (Princeton). A goodly number of Candidates also were in attendance: Waleska Acevedo, Christiana Garcis-Alfonso, Debbie Shields, Patricia Symonette and Beth Tjoflat. Both President Carlos Bell and Executive Trace Haythorn brought greetings of appreciation for the support and leadership of the Southeast Region.

Reports from the following committees were given:

Annual Conference—Karen Heistand—Oct 4-7, 2016 at Doubletree South Bay River, Jacksonville, FL.
Focus on self-care in times of transition. Leadership is in place; and more will be announced in next Newsletter.

Accreditation—Jim Stapleford—called attention to use of Appendix 7D1, Appendix 2 and 5. Introduced new language: students “enroll” and supervisors “register” completion of units.

Certification—Cecelia Walker—Lynn Brown-Duffy and Patrick Whiteford were made Associates.

Standards—George Grant—standards committee will meet following the conference.

REM—Bridget Piggue—expressed appreciation for regional support and summarized the good meeting held in February.

Board of Reps—Amanda Jones—highlights of the Board Meeting can be found in *ACPE Monday Briefing* included in the reference above, but here is a greeting from Amanda:

Dear SERACPE,

I just finished the first meeting of my second term on the ACPE Board of Representatives and have never felt better about where we are as an Association. We spent valuable time thinking, planning, and looking forward to our collective future.

In addition, I am the board representative on the Organizational Design Work Group. Although I am now exhausted, we had a fun, energetic, and engaging meeting. Contrary to some of the rumors, there is currently no plan in place, nor any definitive decision about the future of our programming and/ or governance design. We have been engaging and listening. We are currently continuing our work to discern, compile, and work with all that we have heard in order to present options to the membership and board for consideration. Everyone's voice

and input is valuable. Watch for the next three options that should be mailed to you by mid-summer. Please give me and/or Jap your responses and preferences to those options. At the regional meeting in Denver, I asked those in attendance to give me feedback concerning the proposed name change for our association. I have received emails from six of you and would love to hear from others if you have comments or suggestions that you would like considered. Peace,
Amanda Jones / amanda.jones@rsfh.com

During the **Members' Meeting** section 3.01 of the By-Laws of the Association was amended to include two new categories of members: Q. International Peer and R. International Partner. The following were nominated and will be elected: President-Elect: Amy Greene, Secretary: Miguel Santamaria, Treasurer: Linda Wilkerson. A \$1,910,000 budget for 2017 was adopted.

George Fitzgerald from the Pacific Region was the Distinguished Service Award recipient and **Carlos R. Bell** was installed as the ACPE President. I was privileged to offer the closing benediction:
May you have grace sufficient fresh every morning.
May you be given wisdom, courage and strength for the tasks of everyday.
May you know mercy aplenty as the sun sets beyond the horizon.
May peace and joy inform your dreams and give you rest and renewal for the ministries to which you have been called and gifted.
In the gray light of dawn, may you hear the Voice declaring: "Behold, I am making all things new!"
May that message empower you with hope for your loving care, your servant leadership, and your responsible relatedness.
May the God of our faith be with you now and forever. Amen.

At the Memorial Service we remembered and celebrated the contributions of fifteen ACPE Supervisors. It was my privilege to re-member **George Pierson Dominick** who rested from his labors of ninety plus years on January 1, 2016.

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DIRECTIONS ABOUT PAYMENT OF REGIONAL FEES

The ACPE, Inc. is a legal entity (incorporated by the State of Georgia) and is a unified financial entity (a tax exempt 502C-3 professional educational organization). All members, wherever one might work, and all funds in every account (checking or savings) are responsible with and accountable through the ACPE Board of Directors.

Given this reality the Administrative Board of the Southeast Region agreed that the Chief Financial Officer of the ACPE, Inc. (Tammy Davis, CPA) should become the bookkeeper of the Southeast Region. Tammy and I have been working consistently to implement this action. Things are now in place so that beginning June 1, 2016, all regional revenue (i.e., "student registration fees," "accreditation site/review fees," and "conference registrations") will be made payable to the Southeast Region, ACPE and mailed to:
Tammy Davis, CFO
ACPE, Inc.
One Court Square, Suite 325
Decatur, GA 30030

Please inform your fiscal department of this change of address for the mailing of your fees.

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ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT RELOCATION OF THE KEITHS

Betty and I will be moving from 503 Birch River Drive by mid-July. We have enjoyed a decade adjacent to the number one hole on the Achasta Golf Course. My “musings” have been written from a back porch overlooking the Chestatee River. Haven’t played much golf in the past three years, but we have enjoyed some very good times in so many ways in northeast Georgia.

We will be moving into a cottage in long term healthcare facility (Lanier Village Estates) that is located half way between Dahlongega and Gainesville on Ga. off Highway #60. Many of our friends from the First Presbyterian Church in Gainesville live in LVE, and we will be welcomed and valued by more than a hundred. Trust we will become friends with many more of the 500 residents.

This move is our way of caring for both ourselves and our children over the next decade or more. Two joys I anticipate are; 1) I will still enjoy Betty’s cooking, and 2) I have a 10’ by 30’ vegetable garden. My intention is to reduce the “shepherding tasks” and take on “gardening joys.”

I think it is serendipitous that our new address will be 4510 Evening Song Lane, Gainesville, GA 30506. Between now and then next venture, we have the joy of living on “Evening Song Lane”—a time for preparing for the inevitable, reflecting on what has been and is, and enjoying the time yet given to us.

The email address (newjnk77@gmail.com) and the phone (404-272-2515) will remain the same. Please, stay in touch!

SOME ANTICIPATIONS ABOUT OUR FUTURE

Amanda is correct and absolutely transparent when she reassures us that no plan has been formed for the future structure of the ACPE, Inc. governance and program that will ensure our “purpose and mission statements,” our “values” and “strategic initiatives.”

Nevertheless, I see opportunities and challenges forthcoming. As a member of the Organizational Design Work Group who has been listening to the feedback from the membership, I think we are headed for a structure that must take seriously the sources of our revenue and the allocations thereof. We are envisioning good missions; but in the end, practicality of what we can afford and who will pay for it will be the driving factor in what we finally attempt. To date there is no “business plan” being discussed for what the members want; and that will be the tough discussion and the even harder decision.

It seems clear that we are headed toward a structure that will not contain nine regions and their governance. Most likely, we will end up with some “areas” that will be serviced by persons employed by the ACPE, Inc. I envision those “area” services to include resourcing center development, certification processes, care of supervisors and the consumer public. I expect accreditation, professional development, continuing education, conferences and fund raising to be the work of the ACPE, Inc. Office. Service to our members and those in the process of becoming supervisors will require some “localized” attention, but governance and fiscal accounting can be more efficiently done by the ACPE, Inc. How the service to the areas will be structured and resourced is yet to be determined.

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 way 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. Stay tuned...response with your perspectives...form the new beginning of the association of our future.

Blessings and peace for each and all, and gratitude and joy for your trust!
Jap