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CAROLINA

COUNCIL  
FOR

EXCEPTIONAL  
CHILDREN

OCTOBER  
2022



"ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE; TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH." - HELEN KELLER

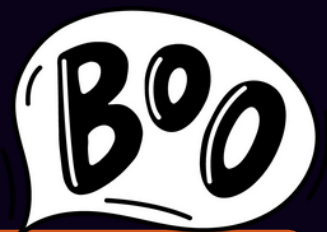
# STRONGER TOGETHER

SOUTH CAROLINA CEC IS EXCITED TO SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR 2023 CONFERENCE WHERE WE CAN CELEBRATE BEING "STRONGER TOGETHER."

OUR ANNUAL CONFERENCE IS A GREAT TIME TO LEARN FROM LEADERS IN OUR FIELD, COLLABORATE WITH COLLEAGUES ACROSS THE STATE, ENJOY TIME WITH LIKE-MINDED PROFESSIONALS, SHOP WITH EXTRAORDINARY VENDORS, AND CELEBRATE EACH OTHER.

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US!

VENTURE FURTHER FOR ALL  
CONFERENCE INFORMATION



# Thinking of You...

As we move into the fall season, I am thinking of each of you. It is my hope that your 2022 school year has settled into a sustainable pace and that you are having enriching experiences in your classrooms and other settings. I wish you great success as you work with students and individuals with disabilities throughout the year. Remember to share your positive stories and experiences of triumph with us at [sccecpublications@gmail.com](mailto:sccecpublications@gmail.com).

SCCEC is busy preparing for our annual conference in February. And we can't wait to connect with YOU! This will be our first face-to-face conference since 2019 and we are excited to be together again. Our theme this year, **Stronger Together**, exemplifies the unity, resilience, strength, and spirit of SC educators. Please join us in February to explore new resources, research, and effective strategies. This will be a time to build relationships, learn from one another, and continue the important conversations around special education. We hope that you plan to join us in Charleston for this amazing conference.

Let's stay connected and committed to our profession and to those we serve!

Jamia



EMBASSY SUITES®  
Charleston Area Convention Center



February 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>  
5055 International  
Boulevard  
N Charleston, SC 29418

## Save the Date

*Hosted by the SC CEC Executive Committee  
at Embassy Suites Charleston Area Convention Center*

### 2023 SC CEC Conference

Registration and Proposal  
information coming soon



5055 International Boulevard, North Charleston, SC 29418 [www.embassysuitescharleston.com](http://www.embassysuitescharleston.com)



# CONFERENCE LINKS

LINK TO REGISTER ONLINE THROUGH  
EVENTBRITE:

[HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM/E/SOUTH-CAROLINA-COUNCIL-FOR-EXCEPTIONAL-CHILDREN-ANNUAL-CONFERENCE-REGISTRATION-452934688847](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/south-carolina-council-for-exceptional-children-annual-conference-registration-452934688847)

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A PRESENTER AND SHARE YOUR IDEAS AND EXPERTISE WITH US, YOU CAN USE THIS LINK TO SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL:

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/LGBXS49V9YWEGTXZ5](https://forms.gle/LGBXS49V9YWEGTXZ5)

THE DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS IS  
DECEMBER 1, 2022.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT A POSTER SESSION, YOU CAN USE THIS LINK TO SUBMIT YOUR POSTER SESSION: PROPOSAL:

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/SZWCJQSIWUB6J5ON](https://forms.gle/SZWCJQSIWUB6J5ON)

THE DEADLINE FOR POSTER SESSIONS IS  
DECEMBER 15, 2022.

LINK FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS:  
[ROOM RESERVATION](#)





**2023 SCCEC Annual Conference**  
**Charleston, SC**  
**February 17-18, 2023**  
**Embassy Suites and Charleston Area**  
**Convention Center**  
*Pre-conference: Thursday, February 16th (Registration is Separate)*

Please print clearly. Please use one form for each registrant. Forms may be mailed/paid for together.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street City State Zip

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ CEC Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Category	Early-Bird Price	Price	Amount Owed
	(Post-marked by December 15, 2022)	(After December 15, 2022)	
Professional <b>Member</b> Registration	\$140.00	\$165.00	
Professional Non-member Registration	\$210.00	\$235.00	
Student <b>Member</b> Registration	\$50.00	\$60.00	
Students Non-member Registration	\$75.00	\$85.00	

ATTENTION

Please indicate if you will attend the Awards LUNCH on Friday. If nothing is marked, you will NOT be able to attend.

**Yes.** I will attend the Awards Lunch.

Email any dietary restrictions to [scceconference@gmail.com](mailto:scceconference@gmail.com)

**No.** I will not attend the Awards Lunch.

**\*\*There is a limit to the number of seats at lunch. Register early to guarantee yourself a seat!\*\***

I need special accommodations during the conference. (If you check this box, someone will contact you.)

**Please attach either a copy of the District Purchase Order or a check made out to SCCEC.**

Make your own room reservation. <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/chseme-embassy-suites-charleston-airport-hotel-and-convention-center/> or by phone at [+1-800-EMBASSY](tel:+1800EMBASSY) (Tell them you are with the SCCEC group for group rates). The last day to book a room with the group rate is January 16th, 2023.

**All paper registrations must be postmarked by February 1st, 2023**

Eventbrite registrations accepted through February 6th, 2023

**If you have questions, please email [scceconference@gmail.com](mailto:scceconference@gmail.com)**

*\*\*To be completed by treasurer.*

Payment Method: <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Purchase Order <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Registrants		<b>Email form and PO to:</b> <a href="mailto:scceconference@gmail.com">scceconference@gmail.com</a>  Or  <b>Mail registration and payment to:</b> SCCEC Conference PO Box 1751 Columbia, SC 29202
Purchase Order Number	Amount	
Invoice Number	Date Invoice Sent	
Second Notice	Date Payment Received	
Check Number	Amount	
Account Name		

# Call for Nominations!

This year SCCEC will be electing a new **Vice President and Treasurer** during Representative Assembly at the Annual Conference. SCCEC has several members who are unsung heroes, who have given their time and efforts to make our organization better. Now is your chance to give back! What a perfect opportunity to contribute to our organization by serving on the Executive Committee and Board. How rewarding would it be for someone, or even you, to provide leadership and your expertise to impact education in South Carolina! We encourage you to consider someone who embodies the spirit of serving as a deserving candidate.

According to our by-laws, the elected Vice President will serve a total of 4 years. (Vice President-1 year, President-Elect- 1 year, President- 1 year, and Immediate Past President- 1 year).

## **Vice President** (Year 1)

1. Serve in the place of, with the authority of, the President in the absence or disability of the President and President-Elect.
2. To assist the President in appointing all standing committees and any special committees, except the Nominations, Finance, Awards, and Conference Committee.
3. To assist in the program planning for the Annual Conference.
4. To conduct and coordinate Representative Assembly registration and to determine and validate the representatives to Representative Assembly.
5. To coordinate planning for the training other than Conference.
6. To make an annual report to the SCCEC President for Representative Assembly.

## **Treasurer** serves a 3- Year term.

(elected every 2 years, in odd years with one year as a transition year with the newly elected Treasurer)

1. To serve as custodian of all funds of SCCEC.
2. To pay for expenses approved by the Executive Board and on the authorization of two of the following: the President, the Immediate Past President, the President-Elect, or the Vice President.
3. To submit records of collections and disbursements for audits.
4. To make financial report in writing to the Executive Committee and Executive Board at each called meeting.
5. To transfer all funds and records to the new Treasurer after the end of the administrative term.
6. To serve as chairperson of the finance Committee.
7. To make an annual report to the SCCEC President for Representative Assembly.

Interested in serving? Complete the form on the next page!

SCCEC Officer Nomination Form

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

CEC Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

The position for which you are nominating:

\_\_\_\_ Vice President

\_\_\_\_ Treasurer

Present Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Organization/District's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Job Description in Brief: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Bio: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If self-nominating, please explain why you are interested in this position. If nominating someone else, please explain why you think this person would be a good candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

What previous experience do you have that may contribute to your ability to fulfill the expectations of this position? \_\_\_\_\_

When is a good time to contact you? \_\_\_\_\_

Person making Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please email this form along with a headshot of the nominee to Constance Mays at [maysconstance@gmail.com](mailto:maysconstance@gmail.com) by November 30, 2022.**

**Candidates' bios will be included in the Conference Newsletter so that representatives for Representative Assembly will have the information before coming to conference.**

**You may send additional information attached if not enough space is available on this form.**

**\*\*All nominees must be in good standing of SCCEC\*\***



# Silent Auction!

SCCEC is seeking donations for the **Silent Auction** to be held at the Annual Conference in Charleston, SC, on February 17, 2023. Proceeds from the Silent Auction are used to support the Betty Brown Training Grant. We would like for all chapters and subdivisions to donate at least one item to the Silent Auction. Additionally, this year we are asking that some of our Special Education Directors consider donating an item for the Silent Auction as well. Also, if you know someone with a business that would like to donate an item for the auction, we will graciously accept it!

Please bring your items to the registration table at the conference. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Constance Mays at [maysconstance@gmail.com](mailto:maysconstance@gmail.com).

We thank you in advance for your generous donations!

## Student Night at Conference!

SCCEC values our college students and we have planned special conference events just for you! Friday, February 17th will be Student Night at the conference. After our poster sessions there will be an opportunity for "speed interviewing" with districts from around the state and a special student reception for networking.

We can't wait to see you there!!



# AWARDS!

It's time to nominate your colleagues for awards!

Please nominate your colleagues who have worked so hard these past few years. Please see our website to review the nominating criteria.

We have awards for teachers, paraprofessionals, principals, students, and undergraduates. We also have a training grant for students and instructional mini-grants for teachers.

Nominations are due November 1, 2022.

Nomination link -

<https://forms.gle/4Bkkw8QBgwDyGfAD6>





# Updates from Around the State...

## SC-TED:

- This past summer, we held a professional development opportunity on July 15 titled, “SC-TED’s Building Bridges Across the State” at Francis Marion University.
- The executive board held our first meeting of the 2022-2023 year on September 21, 2022. Outcomes of the meeting:
  - We developed a planning document to ensure all of SC-TED’s organizational goals will be met by the end of the 2022-2023 academic year.
  - The president will start sharing a quarterly report of activity with SC-TED members via e-mail. This report will summarize both what we have accomplished and what we are working on.
  - We are planning membership initiatives to recruit new members and to survey current members in order to best provide for our members.
  - Related to the SC CEC conference in February 2023, we are planning to work on a TED-specific strand of presentations, and we are also in the early stages of planning a pre-conference professional development opportunity/workshop to occur on the day immediately preceding the SC CEC conference.
  - The president will review the national TED policy and advocacy information in order to better direct the SC-TED to support these initiatives.
  - We are reviewing our nomination procedures. At the moment, we do know we will need nominations for a Vice President for 2023-2024. Information about this will be sent at a later date.
- The executive board will be meeting again in November to continue our work toward the above items and more.
- If any SC-TED members would like to provide input related to any of the above items or other, they may do so by contacting our corresponding secretary, Rhonda Miller, at [rmiller1@coastal.edu](mailto:rmiller1@coastal.edu).



# Mid-term Elections

Just a reminder that mid-term elections are right around the corner! Mark your calendars for November 8th, as there are several important offices up for grabs, including one US Senate Race, all of the US House races, Governor, state house, school boards, and even ballot measures about increasing the state's Reserve Funds.

We would like to ensure you review the candidate information for the Superintendent of Education election. Lisa Ellis, Ellen Weaver, and Patricia Mickel are vying for the position. Please take a few moments to view each of their websites linked below to get up to speed on where they stand on education issues.

Lisa Ellis: <https://www.lisaforsc.com/>

Ellen Weaver: <https://ellenforeducation.com/>

Patricia Mickel: <http://www.scgreenparty.org/>

Early voting starts October 24th! You can check your registration here: <https://scvotes.gov/voters/>



# Important Dates

Executive Board Meetings

March 25, 11:00 a.m.

Newsletter Submissions

December 11

February 23

April 1

November 1

Award Nominations Due

November 30

Nominations for Officers Due

December 1

Proposals for SCCEC Conference Due

January 27

RA Reports and Representative Names Due

February 15 - 19

2023 CEC Conference

February 18

Representative Assembly



# 2022-2023 Officers

President - Dr. Jamia Thomas-Richmond

President-Elect - Dr. Jennifer Watson

Vice President - Dr. Tiffany Hollis

Past-President - Mrs. Constance Mays

Recording Secretary - Dr. Matt Collier

Corresponding Secretary - Dr. Nicole Uphold

Treasurer - Mrs. Darlene Stowe

Parliamentarian - Mrs. Amanda Walkup



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