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PLANNING AGENDA

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Peabody Little Rock Hotel
3 Statehouse Plaza
Little Rock, AR



February 5-7, 2010

THEME: Today's NEA: Hope...Innovation...Transformation

Friday, February 5

1:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Registration

1:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Fundraiser: *NEA Fund for Children & Public Education*
(open throughout conference - set up near registration)

Lee Hedgepeth, Organizational Specialist, NEA Govt. Relations

1:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Information Mall (open throughout conference)

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Organized Tours: Clinton Library, Central High School, Heifer International

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

First Time Participants Reception

Door Monitors: Dorothy Stricland, Vice President, Alabama
Brenda Robinson, Vice President, Arkansas
Joanne McCall, Vice President, Florida
Calvine Rollins, Vice President, Georgia
Debbie Meaux, Vice President, Louisiana
Seyed Darbandi, Vice President, Mississippi
Ray James, Vice President, South Carolina
Earl Wiman, President, Tennessee
Gera Summerford, Vice President, Tennessee

5:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Facilitators Briefing

5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

State Caucus Meetings

Alabama
Arkansas
Florida
Georgia
Louisiana
Mississippi.....
South Carolina.....
Tennessee

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Dinner Meeting/Opening Session

Presiding: Donna Morey, President, Arkansas

Moment of
Inspiration: Brenda Robinson, Vice-President, Arkansas

Greetings/
Introductions: Laura Montgomery, President, National Council of
Education Support Personnel, Arkansas
Cathy Koehler, President, Little Rock Classroom
Teachers Association
Joyce Powell, NEA Executive Committee, New Jersey

Speaker: Lily Eskelsen, NEA Vice President

Overview/Announcements: Harry Lawson, Jr., Interim, SE Regional Director

8:15 pm

Cash Drawings: *NEA Fund for Children & Public Education*

Door Prize Drawings

Saturday, February 6

7:00 a.m.

Breakfast Buffet

All day

Information Mall (open throughout conference)

7:30 a.m.

Registration continues

7:45 – 8:30 a.m.

General Session: Transforming Education

Presiding: Calvin Collins, NEA Board of Director, Florida

Speaker: Kay Brilliant, Director, NEA Education Policy & Practice (EPP)

8:40 – 11:00 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions: Leadership Development

Track I: Hope

Emerging Leaders are the Hope for the Future of the Association through their Fresh Energy and New Ideas

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Presenters: Linda Garrett, UniServ Director, Alabama
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Erica Jones, Jackson, (Title), Mississippi
Liz Davenport, FAMU Chapter President

Track II: Innovation

Leading a Healthy, Relevant Association through Innovative Ideas

- Engaging members through innovative strategies
- Transforming the association to meet the needs of the future
- Communication skills for today
- Decision Making
- Planning
- Problem Solving
- Leading so others will follow

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Presenters: Daryl Sinkfield, UniServ Director, Alabama
Erma Hughes, Higher Ed. Jefferson Co., Alabama
Sharon Terrell, Communications Director, Louisiana
Debbie Etheridge, President, St. Johns Education
Association, Florida

Track III: Transformation
Leading the Association through Changes that Make it Viable

- How the world has changed and its effect on association leadership
- Leading the Association through effective communication
- New tools
- Listening
- Sharing feedback
- Creating balanced and productive groups for association action
- Valuing diversity
- Keeping the hope and enthusiasm for the association alive

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Presenters: Vanessa Tilman, Past President,
St. Lucie Education Association, Florida
David Pittman, President, Escambia
Sharon Terrell, Communications Director, Louisiana

10:00 – 10:15 a.m.

Break

11:30 - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

Presiding: Dorothy Strickland, Vice-President, Alabama

Moment of Inspiration: Ronnie Ray James, Vice-President,
The South Carolina Education Association

Speakers: Jermaine Coleman, NEA Student Chairperson
Becky Pringle, NEA Secretary-Treasurer

Entertainment: Mabelvale Elementary African Drummer
Frank Williams, Director

12:45 – 1:00 pm

Cash Drawings: *NEA Fund for Children & Public Education*

Door Prize Drawings: 4 dinners at Doe's Eatery

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions: Continue Leadership Tracks

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3:15 – 4:15 p.m.

NEA Department Presentations

P21/Transformation
ESEA Updates & RTTT
Censes
HIN Overview
RAA as a Recruitment Tool
MCO
Facilitative Leadership
PEP/FSCP
Constituent Relations

4:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Special Interest Group Meetings (III)

NEA American Indian/Native Alaskan
NEA Black Caucus
Early Childhood Educators
Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender
NEA Hispanic Caucus
National Council for Education Support Personnel
National Council for Higher Education
National Council of Urban Education Associations
NEA Merger Caucus
NEA Retired
NEA Peace & Justice
NEA Republican Educators Caucus
Southeast Region Student Caucus
Student Advisory Council
NEA Women's Caucus

Free Evening -- Dinner on Your Own

Sunday, February 7

7:30 a.m. **Breakfast Buffet**

7:30 a.m. **Information Mall**

8:15 – 9:00 a.m. **Legislative Open Hearing**

An opportunity to help shape NEA's federal legislative agenda. Hear an update on congressional actions that impact public education and share your thoughts on NEA's priorities for the 111th Congress.

Facilitator: Sheila C. Gallagher, President, South Carolina

Moderator: Shilpa Reddy, NEA Campaigns & Election

Resolutions Open Hearings

The NEA Resolutions Hearing provides an opportunity for attendees to review and ask questions about the 2009-2010 Resolutions document and the procedures for consideration of NEA resolutions. Attendees of the hearing may submit proposals for new resolutions or amendments to existing resolutions for consideration by the NEA Resolutions Committee

Facilitator: Joyce Haynes, President, Louisiana

Moderator: Ron Moss, Tennessee

9:00 – 9:45 a.m. **Budget Input Open Hearing**

Facilitator: Jeff Hubbard, President, Georgia

Moderator: Becky Pringle, NEA Secretary-Treasurer

9:45 – 10:15 a.m. **General Session**

Presiding: Donna Morey, President, Arkansas

Speaker: Dennis Van Roekel, NEA President

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. **Sharing Key Learnings**

Facilitator: Earl Wiman, President, Tennessee

Live Auction of the Southeast Basket

Facilitator: Jeff Hubbard, President, Georgia

Door Prize Drawings

Facilitator: Jeff Hubbard, President, Georgia

Final Cash Drawings: *NEA Fund for Children & Public Education*

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Conference Wrap-Up/Evaluation

Thank you for your participation in the 2010 SE Regional Leadership Conference. Please complete your RegOnline Evaluation. The Evaluation Link: www.regonline.com/63382_751622j.

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www.myaea.org

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Arkansas Education Association

www.aeaonline.org

Donna Morey, President
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Florida Education Association

www.feaweb.org

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Georgia Association of Educators

www.gae.org

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Louisiana Association of Educators

www.lae.org

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Mississippi Association of Educators

www.ms.nea.org

Kevin Gilbert, President
Seyed Darbandi, Vice-President
Dr. Elaine Coney, Secretary-Treasurer
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Cheryl Ross Case, NEA Director

The South Carolina Education Association

www.thescea.org

Sheila C. Gallagher, President
Ronnie Ray James, Vice-President
Aaron Wallace, Executive Director
Joyce R. Wilson, NEA Director
Kelly Bowers, Student NEA

Tennessee Education Association

www.teateachers.org

Earl Wiman, President
Gera Summerford, Vice-President
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Our involvement in federal elections has never been more important! **Now** is the time to build our power so we can elect pro-public education candidates up and down the ticket in 2010. The NEA Fund has undergone a political makeover to emphasize our mission. We also have several new features that will make our fundraising program more effective, and thus more powerful, than ever before.

Credit Card Kiosks!

Kiosks make contributing easy! Secure! Fast! Sign up in seconds for continuous or one time contributions! Contributions are tracked instantly for quicker reporting and recognition!

New NEA Fund Merchandise!

Prizes, auctions, giveaways and plenty of new items with the updated NEA Fund logo!

The suggested minimum contribution for this conference is \$40. Every participant who meets this goal will receive an NEA Fund t-shirt.

For more information, visit us on the web at www.neafund.org.

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Special Thanks

The NEA Southeast Regional Office wishes to extend its appreciation to everyone whose hard work and determination contributed greatly to the success of this year's conference. Your assistance has been invaluable to us.

Special thanks to:

The Southeast Region Conference Co-Chairs, Vice Chair and Planning Committee for your time and efforts in developing this year's program.

Our excellent speakers, presenters, moderators and facilitators for sharing your knowledge and expertise.

The Arkansas Education Association for hosting this year's annual conference.

The Central High School for their spectacular entertainment.

The Mabelvale Elementary African Drummer under the direction of Frank Williams,
Director

The Horace Mann Companies for your financial support and contribution to the overall conference.

California Casualty Insurance for your financial support and contribution to the overall conference.

NEA Member Benefits for your financial support and contribution to the overall conference.

Everyone who provided materials for the Information Mall and/or shared your time promoting NEA programs and services.

Our participants for your attendance and support. Educators make a difference in providing great public schools for every child.

Future Dates for the Southeast Regional Leadership Conference

February 4-6, 2011

Marriott Tampa Waterside Hotel & Marina
Tampa, Florida

February 3-5, 2012

JW Marriott Hotel
Washington, DC