

**VAECE Executive Board Meeting  
Richmond, Virginia  
March 11, 2009**

**Mission Statement  
“VAECE Acts and Speaks on Behalf of all Young Children in Virginia”**

**Attendance**

Joyce Jones, president	Mary Landis, treasurer
Holly Pence, secretary	Debi Deloose, 1 <sup>st</sup> vp for affiliates
Joyce Hughes, 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP for services	Kathy Strickler, 3 <sup>rd</sup> vp for liaisons
Toni Cacace-Beshears, SECA rep, NAEYC affiliate council chair	Mary-Margaret Gardiner, NAEYC affiliate council rep.
Susan Barnes, Valley AEYC co-pres. and member at large	Angie Taylor, PAECE and member at large
Holly Layne, PAECE and member at large	Mary-Catherine Deadman, PWAEYC and viewpoint ed.
Pat Victorson, PWAEYC and Public Policy chair	Shirlie Anson, TAECE and Accreditation chair
Marilee Williamson, SVAECE and conf. co-chair 2009	Kristi Snyder, NRVAEYC and conf. co-chair 2009
Barbara Hoy, Southside AECE	Danielle Shepherd, SVAECE
Katy Irene St. Marie, pres. NRVAEYC	Paige Beatty, NVAEYC
Anne Goldstein, pres. NVAEYC	Najia Khaterzui, CVAEYC
Pamela Bryant, CVAEYC	Lois Rylander, TAECE
Jacqueline Adams, (just listed VAECE)	Brendalyn Jackran, (just listed VAECE)
Ginny Brenner, RECA	Joan Smith, pres. TAECE
Shelly McClintock, NRVAEYC	Maria Ferrone, pres. SVAECE
Kathy Flanders, pres. CVAEYC	Jennifer Lehnertz, pres. PWAEYC
Janet Trent, pres. PAECE	Beth Diehl, pres. elect TAECE
Rhonda Thomasson, SAECE	Jen Winkler, SouthsideAECE
Jane Plees, NVAEYC	Christine McCartney, NRVAEYC
Florine Davis, RECA	Kim Bloom, TAECE
Edyth Wheeler, NVAEYC and past president	Carole Whitener, TAECE
Marie Mosby, VAFCC Liaison	Mary Braxton, VAFCC Liaison
Guest: Sandra Parham, Saint Park's Day Care	



Joyce Jones

**Retiring Board Members –**

Holly Layne, member at large  
Angie Taylor, member at large  
Kathy Strickler, 3<sup>rd</sup> vp for Liaisons  
Joyce Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> vp for services  
Mary Landis, treasurer

Joyce noted that although these folks are “retiring” we always like to “recycle” our board members and will be finding opportunities for them in the future.

**Reflections:**

Joyce referred all to the 2008-2009 Activities on the agenda and include:

1. The new Contract Manager is Sara Dix. Sara has worked for NAEYC and is now with us.
2. Updated Virginia Public Policy Statement
3. Capitol Steps Day – supporting what is best for children by lobbying each January at the State Legislature.
4. 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference – Reston
5. Continued support of the NAEYC Accreditation
6. VAECE attendance and participation in the following:  
NAEYC Leadership Day/Conference  
SECA Leadership Event/Conference  
NAEYC Professional Development Training – this year will be in Charlotte, NC  
NAEYC Public Policy Forum at the National level – we sent a team of 7 from VAECE.  
NAEYC Quality Rating System Forum – Carole Whitener and Mary Landis represented us.
- Participation in the NAEYC FedEx Initiative. VA is piloting generic marketing materials that will be distributed through Fed Ex. This is still being developed.
7. Developed a VA Technology Plan – required by NAEYC
8. Appointment of a DAP Representative – The roll out for this in Virginia will be in

B13 today at 1:45. If you buy the new version of the book, you also get to choose a free book, but only at the conference.

9. Active participation with agencies, organizations, and businesses throughout the state of Virginia.

**Week of Young Child**, April 19-25, 2009 – Joyce hopes each affiliate is active in promoting this event through their local area. She asked affiliate presidents to please share with VAECE what is being planned in your area.

**Election Results:**

Members at Large – Joyce Hughes and Paige Beatty

3<sup>rd</sup> vp – Kathy Strickler

2<sup>nd</sup> vp – Joan Smith

Treasurer – Ginny Brenner

SECA Rep – Joyce Jones

**Special Presentation:**

Joyce asked the following people to come up and thanked them for their service during the past year.

Edyth Wheeler, Debi Deloose, Holly Pence, Susan Barnes, Toni Cacace-Beshears, Kathy Flanders, Mary-Margaret Gardiner, Anne Goldstein, Katy Irene St. Marie, Janet Trent, Jennifer Lennertz, Ginny Brenner for Elaine Kastelberg, Barbara Hoy, Marie Ferrone, Joan Smith, Pat Victorson, Shirley Anson.

Edyth Wheeler

Edyth noted that VAECE is not a “Club” you have to break into but a family you belong to. As past president, Edyth’s role was to chair the nominating committee. She thanked all who are willing to serve and reminded each of us that we will certainly keep looking for ways to involve those who have served on the board in the future as well as bring in new people.

**Viewpoint:** The transition from Toni to Mary-Catherine as editor has been wonderful. Edyth also thanked Toni for all her years of work on the Viewpoint.

Joyce Jones	<p>Edyth recognized Joyce Jones as president and now past president with a large gift in the shape of a giant gemstone. Her past president's pin will be coming soon!</p> <p><b>Recognition of Conference Chairs 2009:</b> Kristi Snyder and Marilee Williamson. Joyce thanked both of these ladies for their fabulous work with the conference this year.</p> <p>Joyce introduced Sara Dix as our new contract manager. Sara said a few words and accepted a small token of appreciation from Joyce.</p> <p><b>Other Business:</b> <b>Carole Whitener</b> asked that the new members who are in attendance please stand and introduce themselves.</p> <p><b>Joan Smith</b> noted that the Tidewater affiliate received an NAEYC membership grant and that is how they were able to get new members.</p> <p><b>Adjournment:</b> Kathy Flanders moved that we adjourn the meeting, Toni Cacace-Beshears seconded. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am.</p>
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