

# Senior Notes

South Carolina Association of Educational Office Professionals-Retired

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## SAVE THE DATES

SCAEOP BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 3, 2018  
COLUMBIA PLACE MALL, RICHLAND 2  
COLUMBIA, SC

FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 3, 2019  
HILTON RESORT  
MYRTLE BEACH, SC

NAEOP ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
JULY 15-20, 2019  
BOISE, IDAHO

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fall is in the air. You can feel and see the changes in this season. The leaves are changing from green to brown, yellow and orange, the colors are so beautiful. It is so great to see His beautiful work of art.

I thank God for those who made it through Hurricane Florence last month. Although we know there are some areas that are still having flooding, may He be with you. I hope everyone had little or no damage. Hope everything is fine with you and your family.

Remember to purchase and send your \$10 gift card to Rebecca Crabtree. This will be one of our fundraisers for State Conference in February. Also send your gifts and eggs to Elaine Miles.

If you have grandchildren or great grandchildren graduating from high school in 2019 and who will be attending college, you will probably want to take advantage of the Dot Aiken Scholarship. The application is on the website. Contact Pauline Alford.

The SCAEOP Community Service Project for 2018-2019 is the "The Homeless Period Project". This program provides the basic necessities for the women and girls in our communities and schools throughout South Carolina. Please let us support and participate in this worthy project. Contact April Turner at scaeopcommunityservice@gmail.com.

Please remember Barbara Bowman, one of our retirees and her husband in your prayers. Also, pray for those in the association and their family members who are sick.

I would especially like to thank those who came to our SCAEOP-Retirees Meeting September 21, 2018. We had a great meeting and made some awesome plans that we will accomplish as retirees.

If you have concerns or questions, please contact me.

SCAEOP-Retirees, remember we are retired, but still inspired.

*Patricia Prioleau, CEOE*  
SCAEOP-R President



**SCAEOP-Retired  
Meeting Minutes  
September 21, 2018  
(Draft)**

The SCAEOP-Retired meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. at Grecian Gardens Restaurant, Columbia, South Carolina, on September 21, 2018, by Patricia Prioleau, CEOE, President.

Attendees were Pauline Alford, Flora Barnes, Martha Barr, Pearl Bledsoe, Rebecca Crabtree, Wilma Hayes, Janie McLeod, Elaine Miles, Patricia Prioleau, Doretha Simpson, Sylvia Sullivan, Mary Taylor, Gloria Tisdale, Chris Whitmire, Judy Young. Guest Host Annie Dorn, Guest Mr. Barr and Guest Ronnie Hayes.

We began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Martha Barr.

Judy Young, Chaplain, read a very inspirational story from her minister. There were two water pots, one perfect and one cracked. Water spilled from the cracked pot. The imperfect pot was ashamed because it did not do its share; however, the water that leaked out gave flowers nourishment to grow.

The moral of the story is that we, being imperfect, are what makes our lives together so very interesting and rewarding. So let us accept that we are all cracked or flawed in some way and make the most of it.

Wilma Hayes, CEOE, presented copies of minutes for our meeting at conference on March 2, 2018. No corrections were noted.

Motion #1: To approve minutes of March 2, 2018  
Rationale: For the history  
Motion by: Wilma Hayes, CEOE    Seconded by: Pauline A. Alford, CEOE  
Meeting date: September 21, 2018    Passed: YES  
Presiding Officer: Patricia Prioleau, CEOE    Secretary: Wilma Hayes, CEOE  
(Copy with minutes)

Patricia Prioleau, CEOE, presented us with several things for information from our State Organization (SCAEOP) that should help to strengthen our relationships. We need to move forward.

Board has agreed to reduce our registration fee from \$175 to \$150 for the year 2018-2019 Conference. (Retirees) Conference date are February 28-March 3, 2019, at Myrtle Beach Hilton. The 2020 venue will be at Embassy Suites, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Past Presidents and Retirees will be in charge of Membership Luncheon on February 28, 2019. Theme to be announced. Group discussed this since it had not been mentioned to Retirees prior to today's meeting.

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Martha Barr, President-Elect, reported that we are planning to have candy filled eggs again, along with jewelry, scholarship raffle and a money tree for scholarship. We will need about 50 gifts worth \$10 to go with eggs. Eggs will be \$1 each. Gifts can be purchased on sale and need to be placed in individual gift bags. Money can be given to Rebecca Crabtree, CEOE, for the money tree or checks or gift cards for \$10 can be mailed to her before conference.

Doretha Simpson, CEOE, had a question going back to our Dot Aiken Scholarship 50/50. "Has SCAEOP said we could have one of the three 50/50s?" The answer is NO.

Mary Taylor, CEOE, Vice-President, reported she had been sending birthday cards. Some may have been early and some late. She had surgery and family obligations. She needs an updated roster with new member names and addresses.

Treasurer's Report was given by Elaine Miles, CEOE. Numbers for the year 2017-2018:

Beginning balance for May 1, 2017, was \$7,234.87; Expenses: \$852.03;  
Revenue: \$2,590.63; Ending balance: \$9,234.47. Savings account: \$25.00;  
Scholarship CD: \$6,070.21; Past President's Funds: \$673.65 (Copy with minutes)  
Up-To-Date report for year 2018-2019:

Beginning balance for May 1, 2018: \$9,234.47; Revenue: \$10.03;  
Expenses: \$2,000.00; Ending balance: \$7,244.50. Savings account and Past President's  
Funds remained the same. Scholarship CD had interest of \$15.13. (Copy with minutes)

Internal Auditor for the year 2017-2018, Wilma Hayes, CEOE, reported no discrepancies. Everything was in perfect order. She further congratulated Elaine Miles, CEOE, on a great job. (Copy of report with minutes)

Patricia Prioleau, CEOE, shared report on Community Service Project in the absence of Mary Graham, CEOE. Our Organization's project for 2018-2019 the Organization PERIOD (gathering hygiene supplies for homeless and poverty stricken females).

Next Board Meeting will be November 3, 2018, at Columbia Place Mall, Two Notch Road, Columbia, South Carolina.

Chris Whitmire, CEOE, Newsletter, asked for articles for our newsletter due by September 30, 2018.

Pauline Alford, CEOE, Scholarship, went over changes to our Scholarship application. The changes were done in order to be more in line with NAREOP. (Copy with minutes)

There was no unfinished business.

New Business: NAREOP Newsletter to be updated. BEAM is on hold. Look for both on line at NAEOP web-site.

Patricia Prioleau, CEOE, welcomed new member, Sylvia Sullivan, CEOE, and shared news about absentees. Some had surgery, others had obligations elsewhere or were sick.

- Motion 2: To adjourn
- Rationale: Business finished
- Motion by: Rebecca Crabtree, CEOE Seconded by: Chris Whitmire, CEOE
- Meeting Date: September 21, 2018 Passed: YES
- Presiding Officer: Patricia Prioleau, CEOE Secretary: Wilma Hayes, CEOE

Respectfully Submitted,

Wilma D. Hayes, CEOE  
SCAEOP-Retired Secretary

Patricia Prioleau, CEOE  
SCAEOP-Retired President

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### SCAEOP MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL INFORMATION

SCAEOP does membership renewals via electronic mail and no longer issues membership cards due to postage expense and man hours used to mail them. Mary Beth Bowers, SCAEOP Membership Recorder, will send the renewal notices via electronic mail and then email a receipt as well as renewal letter to members once their dues have been paid. She uses the US Postal Service to send renewal correspondence to those who do not have email as well as to those who have not responded to email renewal correspondence after a reasonable time. It is very important that you personally contact Mary Beth at [scaeopmembership@gmail.com](mailto:scaeopmembership@gmail.com) if you have a change of address, email status or change of beneficiary on the life insurance policy received with your membership.

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### DOT AIKEN SCHOLARSHIP For Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren of Retirees

The application and guidelines are on the SCAEOP website under the Membership tab/Retirees. All applications must be postmarked by **January 16, 2019**.

**Our thoughts and prayers for:**

Dot Aiken

Barbara Bowman and husband, Paul

Wilma Hayes, eye-lid surgery

Linda Honeycutt, surgeries

Jan Roberts and husband, Dub

For all those recovering from Hurricanes Florence and Michael

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The SCAEOP-R board has implemented plans to raise funds for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Two of the fundraisers approved are the prize egg sales and the gift card tree.

1. Prize Egg Sales: This was a big hit at conference this year with 120 small eggs sold @ 0.50 ea. and sold all the first day. The eggs were filled with candy and/or a pink pig. Anyone who got a pink pig got a prize. For the 2019 conference we will use the large filled colored eggs and sell them for \$1.00 ea. Elaine Miles and Judy Young will sponsor this activity. Elaine's contact information: Elaine Miles, 506 Prestwick Drive, Florence, SC 29501. Phone: (843)0687-1931, Email: junebug872@gmail.com. Some eggs and prizes were received at the September SCAEOP-Retirees' meeting. We have been asked to bring gift bagged or wrapped gifts to give to those who receive the lucky prize eggs, and we have been encouraged to look for clearance sales for these items. Please contact Elaine if you have questions.
2. Gift Card Tree: All members are asked to donate a gift card of \$10 or more for this activity. The gift cards will be attached to a tree and raffled off at the conference. If you don't feel like you can afford to give a card by yourself, get together with another member or two. Rebecca Crabtree is sponsoring this fundraiser. Rebecca's contact information: Rebecca Crabtree, 117 Pink Dill Road, Greer, SC 29651. Phone: (864)360-6543; Email: 107sister@gmail.com. Gift cards can be mailed to Rebecca throughout the year.

Donations can be made anytime during the year. Send donations to Elaine, Pat Prioleau (President), Martha Barr (President-Elect), Pauline Alford (Scholarship Chair) or any other board member. Please put a note inside the envelope to indicate what activity your donation should be assigned to.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to SCAEOP-R efforts in 2018. We are looking forward to a successful 2019.

## ALASKA and ARIZONA TRIP 2018

On August 8, 2018, Pauline and Al took a trip of a lifetime. We boarded a Delta Airlines flight to Anchorage, Alaska arriving at 2:30 am because of flight delays, 23 hours after getting up on Wednesday morning. We spent the night at the Marriott Downtown Anchorage. Very nice hotel. After breakfast we walked to the Cathedral of the Holy Family which was two blocks from the hotel and recited the rosary with the people in the cathedral.

At lunch time, Ellen and Don Gamel (NAREOP dear friend) came to the hotel to get us to go to lunch and give us a tour of Anchorage. It was a fun time since we had lunch at a Mom & Pop Restaurant and had delicious fried chicken. Anchorage is a beautiful city.

We then met with the Norwegian Host at the Marriott and got our itinerary for our land tour that began early on Friday morning. Luggage was picked up and brought to the next hotel, Denali Park Village Hotel and Cabins.



We boarded a bus with 55 people and rode to Talkeetna Train Station to board the glass dome train to Denali. Lunch was served on the train. At the end of the train ride, we boarded our bus to the Denali Village Park Hotel and Cabins. The next day, Saturday, we had a beautiful day in the mountains and the sunshine helped a great deal however it was still very cold at Mt Denali. The guide informed us that only 30% of the people who visit get to see Mt. Denali (former Mt. McKinley). We were fortunate to see it. We saw Mouse, Caribou, Brown bears, Dall Sheep and Golden Head Eagles.

Sunday morning, we boarded our NCL bus for Anchorage, Girdwood and the Alyeska Resort and Tram. We had a delicious dinner at the resort on Sunday. It was cold again on Monday morning however we took the tram ride to the top of the mountain where it was foggy, and we could not see the glaciers or snow on the mountain. We departed the resort about 11:30 am headed to Seward to board our ship, NCL Jewel, for our seven days at sea in the inside passage stopping in Juneau, Icy Straits, visiting Hubbard Glaciers, then on to Skagway and Ketchikan, then our debarkation in Vancouver. In Juneau, we took an excursion to Mendenhall Glaciers and Gardens (Rain Forest) and of course a gift shop. In Skagway, we took the trolley tour of Skagway and had a wonderful guide to explain the happenings at the cemetery. In Ketchikan, we took the duck tour of the city and went into the harbor. All three tours were great. Did a bit of souvenir shopping at each stop especially for the pins from the areas we visited.

Our cruise was great. We had an ocean-view room on the Starboard 5<sup>th</sup> level mid ship. Played bingo four times, came close but no cigar. Had dinner in the specialty dining restaurants and the Garden Café. Our best dinner was at the Teppanyaki restaurant. The entertainment every night was phenomenal.

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In Vancouver, we took the city tour by a local tour company from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm when they dropped us off at the airport. It was smoky in Vancouver due to forest fires however, the sun was out and it was a beautiful city tour. The flowers were beautiful in the gardens. We also visited Granville Island Market area and had a Fish and Chip lunch at the sidewalk café that was delicious. Left Vancouver at 5:30 pm with temperature about 76 and arrived in Phoenix at 9:15 pm at 90 degrees. Temps reached 103 in Phoenix while we were there. Visited with our Military friends, Bob and Sharon Brown in Glendale.

We, then went on a 3-day road trip with them, to the Four Corners; Arizona; New Mexico; Colorado; and Utah; Flagstaff, Sedona and Winslow Arizona. We saw Monument Valley, Painted Desert (with Sand Storm), and the



Petrified Forest. The Park Ranger asked the four of us who was the senior member of you recycled teenagers? Got a good chuckle! We spent the nights in Blanding, Utah at Four Corners Inn, and The Wyndham Days Inn in Holbrook, AZ. AI took over 1300 pictures and is editing so we can make thumb drives for our relatives and friends in Arizona.

We returned to our home in South Carolina on August 28, 2018. These were the best three weeks' vacation in a long time. Now planning for our next trip next fall in New England and Canada since it will be my 60<sup>th</sup> Class reunion in Massachusetts.

Submitted by Pauline Alford

(AI and I standing on Four Corners)

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CONGRATULATIONS TO MARY TAYLOR



Mary Taylor of Orangeburg was named the Regional Medical Center Auxiliary's Volunteer of the Year at the 2018 Volunteer Awards Luncheon held at the Orangeburg Country Club in April. Her local newspaper reported that at the presentation it was said of Mary "Ms. Taylor is always busy and on the go with her various activities, but she is never too busy to help out her friends." According to the article Mary joined the auxiliary May 2005 and currently serves on the auxiliary board as parliamentarian, is on the auxiliary program committee, has volunteered more than 2600 hours, serves as a salesperson in the RMC gift shop, is a member of the RMC Foundation board, is on the Orangeburg County School District 5 Foundation Board and volunteers at the Orangeburg County Development Commission. Mary is also president of her United Methodist Women's Circle at St. Andrews Methodist Church.

SCAEOP Retirees are thankful for Mary and the many other retirees who volunteer in various capacities in their communities. Retired, but still inspired! And serving!



EDITOR'S NOTE

Happy Fall Retirees. Thank you for providing information for this edition of Senior Notes. Please contact me at [cwhitmire131@gmail.com](mailto:cwhitmire131@gmail.com) with information you would like to share. The deadline for articles and pictures for the next issue is **December 31, 2018**.

On a more **personal note**, I wish to resign from this position for the next term with my last newsletter being January, 2019. Please let Martha Barr, President Elect, know if you would be interested in taking this position. A new editor would be installed with her board at the 2019 Retirees' conference meeting in Myrtle Beach.

Chris Whitmire, CEOE  
Newsletter Editor

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