



South Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children
2015 Annual Report

Mission

The Mission of the South Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children is to serve and act on behalf of the needs, rights, and well-being of all young children and families with the primary focus on the provision of quality care and education services; and SDAEYC leads the effort to foster the growth, development, and collaboration of the professionals who care for and educate young children.

About SDAEYC

The South Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children is the state's largest professional organization of early childhood educators and others dedicated to improving the quality of programs for children from birth through age eight. Founded in 1978, SDAEYC close to 400 members and serves an early childhood education community of more than 3,000 professionals.

SDAEYC Executive Committee 2014 - 2015

President: Mary Bowne, Mary.Bowne@sdstate.edu

Vice President: Loretta Leloux, loretta.leloux@southeasttech.edu

Past-President: Sherrie Bosse, sbosse@usd.edu

Treasurer: Ellen Schlosser, rebcschl@nvc.net

Secretary: Carmen Stewart, Carmen.Stewart@usd.edu

Operations Manager: Tara Topete sdaeyc@gmail.com

SDAEYC General Business 2015

SDAEYC was a sponsor for the Siouxland WOW conference held at the Sioux Falls Washington Pavilion in January 2015. Presenters and topics included:

Lisa Murphy- Jan. 17, 2015. Creating Child Centered Environments/Oh, Those Little Ones/Let's Go Outside/The Importance of Early Experiences

SDAEYC co-hosted the SDECE conference in Rapid City, SD, April 9-11, 2015.

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Form 990N was completed and sent to the IRS.

Committee chairs and local presidents have conference calls prior to the annual conference and the December meeting. The Executive committee has monthly conference calls.

Dues remained at \$99 for comprehensive, \$55 for regular, and \$35 for student fees.

A student breakfast was held at the April conference with participation by students and faculty advisors from various Regental SD universities.

Local affiliates communicated various activities, events, and questions and participated in voting at Governing Board Meetings.

SDAEYC Governance 2015

- Three Governing Board Meetings were held (April, July, December)
- Executive Committee held monthly conference calls
- Local presidents held two conference calls
- Committee chairs held two conference calls
- Sherrie Bosse, SDAEYC president and affiliate representative represented SDAEYC at the June Affiliate Council Meetings
- Tara Topete, Operations Manager attended the June Affiliate Staff Meeting
- Election results: Mary Bowne, President; Loretta Leloux, Vice President (for a 1 year term, took over for Mary Bowne's term); Carmen Stewart, Secretary; Kayla Klein, Member-at-large
- Susan Ratkovsky was appointed as Accreditation Chair and Marissa Miller was appointed as Student Group Chair

- Sherrie Bosse's position moved to Past-President
- All board members signed Attendance Policy and Board Member Agreements and completed Board Demographic Survey.
- Reviewed and accepted current Mission, Vision, and Value Statements
- Locals completed Annual Report/Verification Check

SDAEYC Membership 2015

- Alyssa Erickson is the Membership Chair.
- Currently there are 117 students, 147 regular, and 48 comprehensive members.
- A membership survey was completed. There were a total of 39 responses. The majority of these respondents stated they were very satisfied with the conference, newsletter, information provided to members, advocating, and fiscal responsibilities. They were somewhat satisfied with the website, public policy events, WOYC events, local meetings, and recruitment. Regarding benefits, members felt the primary ones were networking, professional development, and information provided. A few suggestions included social media, mentor program for retention purposes and further recruitment at colleges/universities.

Student Organizations 2015

- Marissa Miller is the Student Group Chair.
- A student leadership breakfast was held in conjunction with the annual conference, several student groups were represented.
- YiYi Jiang, a student at USD was awarded the annual student scholarship to support attendance at the annual NAEYC conference. She presented with Gera Jacobs about dual languages within early childhood.

SDAEYC Accreditation 2015

- Susan Ratkovsky is the Accreditation Chair.
- South Dakota has 4 accredited centers – Citibank Center (Sioux Falls), Fishback Center for Early Childhood Education (Brookings), Ellsworth Child Development Center (Box Elder), Enemy Swim Day School (Waubay).
- Accreditation is celebrating its 30th year. Currently there are 6,994 Nationally Accredited Programs, 593,810 children served.
- There were two accreditation scholarships awarded totaling \$1,000.
<http://www.naeyc.org/accreditation>

SDAEYC Public Policy 2015

- Sarah Sherlock is the Public Policy Chair.
- Sarah attended the Public Policy Forum in Washington, DC. SDAEYC covered a portion of her travel costs. Some key happenings within Public Policy included:

1. The President Signed a New Education Bill into Law

On December 10, 2015, President Obama signed into law the new Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which Congress passed with significant bipartisan support and which includes an elevated focus on the importance of the early learning in our education system both by weaving early childhood into language throughout the bill, and by including a Preschool Development Grant program that provides \$250 million annually to help states and communities plan, coordinate and expand their early childhood programs for low-income children. The new legislation transfers significant authority to the states to create accountability systems and to ensure that all children have the support they need to be successful in school.

2. Early Childhood Received Increased Funding in Appropriations

The Omnibus FY 2016 Appropriations Bill, which Congress passed on Friday, December 18, included significant increases in funding for early education programs, including: an increase of \$326 million for the Child Care Development Block Grant; an increase of \$570 million for Head Start, which includes a \$141 million COLA for Head Start educators; a \$15 million increase for IDEA Part B Preschool Grants; a \$20 million increase in IDEA Part C Grants for Infants and Families; and \$250 million for the continuation of Preschool Development Grants.

SDAEYC Public Awareness 2015

- Website www.sdaeyc.org
- Operations Manager sdaeyc@gmail.com
- Professional Service Award winners – Collene Fletcher and Robin Sjogren
- Exhibit table at Siouxland WOW Conference and SDECE Conference
- Published 3 Newsletters (March, May, December)

SDAEYC Conferences

SDAEYC co-sponsored the SDECE Conference in Rapid City, SD, April 9-11, 2015

SDAEYC booth promoted membership at the SDECE Conference

2016 Conference Dates set for April 14th-16th in Aberdeen

2017 Conference Dates set for April 19th-21st in Sioux Falls

2018 Conference Dates set for April 12th-14th in Spearfish