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SEPA Comes of Age: A Continuing Theme

Dick Tucker, President

“SEPA Comes of Age: Psychology and the Aging Revolution” was the theme for the 48th annual meeting of SEPA, March 22-24, 2002 in Orlando. As I report to you about the meeting, in my previous capacity as 2002 Program Chair, I also want to use the theme to talk about some exciting things in progress as we begin preparations for our Golden Jubilee. Five invited speakers, all nationally renowned geropsychologists, presented on the conference theme.

Dr. Wendy Rogers, Professor, School of Psychology, Georgia Tech, presented the first invited lecture, “Fulfilling the potential for technology to enhance the lives of older adults.” Her description of the “Computer House” on the Georgia Tech campus and the many technological possibilities for promoting independence demonstrated how applied experimental psychology has contributed to the aging revolution.

Dr. Florence Denmark, Past-President of APA, and a pioneer in the psychology of women, presented the PSI CHI/SEPA invited address on “Myths about aging” to a large and enthusiastic audience.

Dr. William Haley, Past-President of the Clinical Geropsychology section of Division 12, presented the Rosecrans Invited Lecturer, “Clinical geropsychology: Recent advances in research, practice and training.” He traced the growth of this emerging field and the contributions it has made to assessment, intervention and research on a range of mental health issues for older adults and their family members.

Dr. Susan Krause Whitbourne, Professor, University of Massachusetts, a Past-President of Division Two and an acclaimed master teacher, led the audience through a multi-media presentation on how to incorporate aging content into psychology courses. Her address was entitled “To mid-life and beyond: What you (and your students) need to know about aging.”

Dr. Harvey Sterns, Professor, University of Akron, and director of the nation's only doctoral program in Industrial Gerontology, presented the Siegel/Wallston Invited Lecture, “Self-management of career and retirement.” He challenged the audience to rethink the meaning of “retirement,” especially in light of the aging of the Baby Boomers.

Despite a somewhat lower number of submissions coming in the month after 9/11, attendance at this year's meeting in Orlando was still over 1,300. In addition to the invited speakers on the conference theme, two other outstanding speakers, Dr. Lily McNair, University of Georgia, and Dr. Kurt Salzinger, Director, APA Science Directorate, were invited by CEPO and ADHP/SEPA, respectively. The workshops, symposia, paper and poster sessions were well attended, with four concurrent poster sessions scheduled throughout the meeting. Members proudly wore their “Thanks, Fran” ribbons, to honor Dr. Frances Dunham, our Administrative Officer, who was retiring after 13 years of dedicated service to SEPA. The reception honoring SEPA's Past Presidents also served as an occasion to honor Fran for her outstanding work. It was apparent that the Orlando Chamber of Commerce had ordered the weather for our meeting, adding that Florida touch to what the attendees considered a very successful meeting.

Elsewhere in the Newsletter, Dr. James Pate, Chair, Golden Jubilee Committee, has outlined preliminary planning for a very special meeting in 2004 in Atlanta. SEPA has, indeed, “come of age.” This is a significant time for the organization to reflect back on its rich history and to build upon that tradition and success to plan for SEPA in the 21st century. We have been blessed with very capable and wise administrative leadership from Fran Dunham, and we look forward to the continued leadership of Rosemary Hays-Thomas. She has served SEPA over the years in many elected positions and she brings invaluable experience and commitment as our new Administrative Officer.

While the Executive Committee will continue to set policy, we look to the AO, and our very capable Administrative Assistant, Linda Wasserman, to oversee the daily operations and the considerable efforts that go into the annual meeting. We also look to the new AO and the SEPA office to facilitate systematic planning for the future. These plans include utilizing better electronic communication to allow members to keep in touch throughout the year, not just at the annual meeting. We will continue to develop our WEB page to be more accessible and to serve as a rich source of information for the membership. We will mount a pro-active campaign to recruit new members and to re-enlist those with whom we've lost contact. We will continue to celebrate our success in making SEPA a vital and diverse organization, but look to new opportunities to assure equal professional opportunity. We are fortunate to have a sound financial base, but we must explore additional ways to assure our financial future. What better time than now to plan for the future as we near our Golden Jubilee. Yes, SEPA has “come of age”!

New Orleans Welcomes SEPA for 2003

Steve Hobbs, Program Chair

The Big Easy will once again serve as host city for our annual meeting, March 26-29, 2003. You'll find the city provides a wonderful variety of things to do: great restaurants, river cruises, shopping at the French Market, New Orleans' own brand of jazz, an exciting night life, a host of interesting historical and cultural sites (been to the Voodoo Museum yet?), and much more. To top it off, most of it is within walking distance of our convention hotel, the Radisson Hotel New Orleans.

Of course, the main reason for being in New Orleans will be to attend the conference, see old friends, make new acquaintances, and share our mutual interests in psychology. The theme for the 2003 meeting will be "Psychological Science and Its Applications."

Although we anticipate having the usual wide assortment of presentations and symposia, this theme invites some focus on the scientific foundations of our discipline and how that science can be, and has been, put into practice. This emphasis coincidentally parallels APA President Phil Zimbardo's initiative to examine how psychological research has "made a difference."

- In light of that, we are pleased to announce that Dr. Zimbardo has agreed to be the Psi Chi/SEPA featured presenter. Aided by his efforts to develop a compendium of valuable psychological research applications, he will give a talk entitled, "How psychology makes a significant difference in the lives of individuals and the nation."
- The CEPO/SEPA invited speaker for 2003 will be Dr. Robert Sellers of the University of Michigan, a leading researcher on racial identity, race socialization, racial discrimination, and psychological well-being in African Americans.
- Another outstanding and widely recognized presenter will be Dr. Christina Maslach of the University of California, Berkeley. She will address the conference on her research on job burnout, along with intervention programs to deal with that syndrome.
- Also on the program will be Gary Wells of Iowa State University. Dr. Wells' research of, and advocacy for, identification accuracy, has led to the adoption of specific policy and procedural changes by the federal government when conducting eyewitness lineups.

- Other exciting invited speakers will be added to the program shortly.

As always, the SEPA program will consist of anything and everything of interest to the diverse field that we are. However, members are especially encouraged to submit proposals this fall which support the program's central theme. Consider, for example, a symposium which brings together basic scientists and practitioners on a common topic. The "Call for Papers" will be mailed in late August, so now is the time to be thinking about what you could contribute.

SEPA History Project: 2002

James L. Pate

With the 50th anniversary meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association (SEPA) approaching, the SEPA History Project is more important than ever. In addition to providing information about the past, the project may provide a good basis for looking ahead to the next 50 years. The major annual events within the History Project (the Historian's Lecture, the History of Departments of Psychology in the Southeast Symposium, the History of Psychology in the Southeast Symposium, and the Eminent Southeastern Psychologists Symposium), which were described in the 2001 SEPA Newsletter, will be continued, and if you are interested in any of these activities, you may contact me.

For the next two years, I am particularly interested in obtaining original or photocopies of documents from the early years of the SEPA. In the archives, we have the formal annual reports that have been published, but if anyone has minutes of Executive Committee Meetings, Business Meetings, or any committee meetings from the early years of the SEPA, I would like to know about those documents.

Announcements of the annual meeting, calls for papers, and correspondence also are of interest. In addition, if anyone has photographs of early meetings, handouts from or copies of papers from the early meetings, or any other documents or information, I would be delighted to know about those. In all cases, I will be happy to arrange to have photocopies made of any documents that you want to retain. Please contact me to discuss adding your documents to the SEPA Archives.

For any matters related to the SEPA History Project, you may contact me electronically at jpate@gsu.edu or by regular mail at 1015 Wadsworth Drive, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30318-1655.

Psi Chi Speaker Dispels Myths About Aging!

Alvin Wang



**Peter Giordano, Florence Denmark and
Alvin Wang after the Psi Chi/ SEPA 6
Invited Address**

Once again, Psi Chi was an active participant at this year's annual meeting of SEPA held in Orlando, Florida. Psi Chi President Dr. Peter Giordano and Publisher Mr. Dan Bockert staffed a table at SEPA registration that provided conference orientation materials to all participants.

On Thursday of the conference, Professor Florence Denmark gave her Psi Chi/SEPA Invited Address titled "Myths About Aging." The 350 people in attendance made Professor Denmark's presentation one of the most popular events at SEPA.

During his introductory remarks, Psi Chi Vice-President Dr. Alvin Wang pointed out that Professor Denmark is an eminent scholar who served both APA and Psi Chi with distinction. In fact, she was the only person ever to serve concurrently as president of both APA and Psi Chi. After her presentation, Professor Denmark met with several students in Psi Chi's Hospitality Suite to chat informally about her research on aging.

Both Psi Chi workshops on "Preparing for Graduate School" also proved to be highly popular among student conferees--over 100 students attended these workshops.

Finally, Psi Chi was very proud to recognize twelve Psi Chi students with "Regional Undergraduate Research Awards." These students received an award plaque and \$300 at the Psi Chi/CEPO Student Poster Sessions.

2002 Special Topics Graduate Student Research Awards

Valerie Whittlesey

These awards were originally established and supported through a grant from APA's Science Directorate to encourage more convention submissions from graduate students in subject areas traditionally less well represented on the program. Since last year, funding was provided solely by SEPA. In accordance with a decision made by the 2000 SEPA Executive Committee, the topics were limited to three areas: cross cultural, animal-biological, and developmental.

Submissions to each of this year's categories were evaluated by at least three faculty reviewers with expertise in that area. Based on these evaluations, three excellent abstracts were selected for recognition: one in cross cultural, one in animal-biological, and one in developmental. The winners of the Special Topics Graduate Student Research awards are :



Cross-Cultural Psychology Category
Virginia Wickline and Stephen Nowicki, Jr.
**Predicting Cultural Adjustment Outcomes from
Nonverbal and Verbal Communication Skills**
Emory University

Animal/Biological Psychology Category
Todd J. Smith and Richard Saudargas
**Plasticity of Social Structure for Captive Genetically
Related *Papio Hamadryas***
University of Tennessee at Knoxville

Developmental Psychology Category
Erin M. Neary, Sheila M. Eyberg, and Jane G. Querido
**The SESBI-R: Teacher Report Psychometrics in a
Head Start Population**
University of Florida

The first author for each winning submission received a check of \$200 and presented a paper from the research in a special SEPA session on Sunday, March 24, at 10:00 am. Congratulations to the winners!

CEPO Report

Harriette W. Richard

The 48th Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association in Orlando, Florida was a dizzying event. Dizzying if you tried like I did to keep up with all of the CEPO events as well as the wonderful SEPA presentations, papers and speakers. All of the CEPO speakers were excellent and the sessions were well attended, even those on the morning of the last day. Keynote speaker, Dr. Lily McNair, Clinical Psychology Program, University of Georgia held the complete attention of the nearly packed room as she power-pointed "Multicultural Competence in Psychotherapy: Current Issues and Future Directions." Her examples of clinical issues facing psychologists conducting psychotherapy or working with any multicultural or disenfranchised population presented new insights for even those not involved in a clinical practice.

The Graduate Student Network presented a session on "Perspective on Applying and Obtaining an Academic Position in Psychology." Cynthia Koenig, University of Florida, organized the session with graduate students in mind. Participants were Richard Griggs, University of Florida; Beth Pontari, Furman University; and Andrew Christopher, Albion College. Andrew Christopher is the incoming Chair of the Graduate Student Network. I know he will find it challenging to fill the shoes of Dr. Cote. The Network has an e-mail network. Announcements to be distributed to the network should be sent to nathaliecote@bac.edu for screening and distribution.

Lugenia Dixon, Bainbridge College, was the Chair of the CEPO Student Research Award Competition. The 1st place winners were Darcy McMullin and Katherine Bruce. Jane G. Querido, Tamara D. Warren, and Sheila M. Eyberg; and Teresa Napolitano Gerber and Noel K. DiSerafino submitted second place ties. The papers were thoughtful, well documented and well received by students and faculty.

Pamela Scott-Johnson and Angela Farris-Watkins, Spelman University, did an excellent job on the CEPO/PsiChi Undergraduate Research Program, again, this year. The abstract booklets continue to be unique additions for students and faculty. We wish to especially thank their reviewers, student assistants and Administrative Assistant for all they did to receive, mail, and read abstracts, as well as set up the poster sessions. Several changes were recommended by the past Chairs and are being considered for the next year (i.e., electronic correspondence and submission, and earlier deadlines). The new Committee Chair is Pamela Banks,

Jackson State University.

The Minority Interest Group chaired by Rosemary Phelps and Sekai Turner had a lively discussion, which featured a forensic and a clinical psychologist. They each spoke of what it took to overcome hurdle after hurdle to achieve their goals, and how there were always new hurdles.

This year, SEPA/CEPO will secure a speaker to be featured during the 49th Annual Meeting in New Orleans. As you will recall, this joint venture replaces the Visiting Minority Scholar Program and gives prominence during the Annual Meeting to a more diverse viewpoint. Getting the word out about the SEPA Annual Meeting and accompanying information still proves challenging for the organization. Please do all that you can to encourage faculty and students to participate in CEPO and SEPA.

This is the beginning of my last year as Chair of CEPO. If you have suggestions or nominations for this office, please let me know. Thank you Committee Chairs and members for the encouragement and support, not to mention your tireless efforts. May we continue to grow, speak, and act in support of inclusion!

Getting the Word Out: We Need Your Help!

Do you have something you would like to have included in either the next SEPA Newsletter or the SEPA Website? Please direct any material, questions, comments to:

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Association of Heads of Departments of Psychology Update

George D. Goedel

Our annual December meeting this past year in Atlanta was a resounding success. I'm certain that several of the comments made by our guest speaker, Deryl Leaming, will continue to amuse many of us throughout the year. Next year, we will be returning to Buckhead once again (December 6-7 at the Sheraton Buckhead). I have reserved a block of rooms at \$129 per night, single or double. The rooms will be held until November 15th and we must fill at least 80% of this block, so reserve a room prior to that date and make sure to mention the AHDP conference. The hotel recommends the Atlanta Airport Shuttle (800-842-2770) as the best. There is also MARTA (Atlanta's light rail) from the airport to Lenox Square station (across from the hotel).

With the help of Jim Lawler (AHDP co-chair), I will soon be working on the 2002 program. I will contact publishers again to sponsor some of our refreshments and other expenses. This initiative worked well for us last year with the return of "Grosslights" (compliments of Wadsworth/Thomson Learning) and a wonderful cocktail hour on Friday evening. I hope we do as well this year allowing us to keep dues (\$55) and conference registration fees (\$30) unchanged. In Fall, I will send out dues letters with info about the December conference.

At the SEPA 2002 meeting, we sponsored a great speaker, Dr. Kurt Salzinger, APA's Executive Director for Science. Dr. Salzinger delivered a very interesting talk on "The Splintering of Psychology." I hope to continue to "raise our profile" at SEPA next year in New Orleans with a comparable program submission.

I continue to update the AHDP web page: <http://www.nku.edu/~ahdp> and will add some photos from 2001 and information about the 2002 conference. Also on our website is an online directory, some history of our organization as provided by Al Smith our AHDP Historian, association bylaws, program agendas from prior conferences, and a variety of other helpful web links. Any suggestions or comments for improvements would be welcomed.

If you are new to heading your department or have never participated in AHDP activities, I invite you to join and attend our December conference. Whatever the situation you encounter, it is likely that one of us has "been there before" and can offer the wisdom of our experience and/or a helping hand. If you would like more information, please contact me (goedel@nku.edu or 859-572-5574). Take care and have a great summer.

Message from the Past-President

Sheila Eyberg

It's the time of year to consider whether you or someone you know would be a good candidate for election to a spot on the SEPA Executive Committee. Service on the EC is a great way to get to know your SEPA colleagues around the region and to learn about important issues in psychology, how conferences are put together, and how a regional organization such as SEPA is run.

This year we will elect a President-elect and a Member-at-Large. The President-elect serves as Program Chair the first year, President the second, and Past-President the third. Thus, he or she will serve on the EC for a three-year period. Members-at-Large are elected for three-year terms, and each year one position becomes vacant. Members-at-Large participate in the policy-making meetings of the EC and generally take responsibility for some committee or project, such as Membership or Awards.

If you would like to serve SEPA in this way, we encourage you to nominate yourself and contact your SEPA friends to ask them to nominate you as well. The nomination ballot (in this issue) must be returned by the August 1 deadline. Those receiving the highest numbers of nominations will be contacted for further information and their names will appear on the ballot, which is mailed at the end of August.

Help us build a slate of strong candidates for this year's election!

New Membership Category

Jean Spruill

SEPA members voted to establish a category of membership for individuals who are not psychologists but are interested in the scholarly aspects of psychology. This category of membership, Affiliate Members, is aimed at individuals who are high school teachers of psychology but others may also become an affiliate. Affiliate members must have the endorsement of three SEPA members and may participate in meetings and serve on ad hoc committees, but they may not vote, hold office, endorse member applications, or sponsor programs.

Outstanding Professional Presentation Awards for 2002

Steve Hobbs

The second set of SEPA/APA Outstanding Professional Presentation Awards were announced at the 48th Annual Meeting in Orlando. The awards are funded by a grant from APA's Science Directorate and encourage the oral presentation of high quality psychological science by our professional members. Finalists were selected based on initial abstract reviews by the regular conference program reviewers, and the stated preference of the senior author for giving an oral presentation. Finalists were then asked to submit completed manuscripts to a special panel of judges who both reviewed the manuscripts and attended the actual conference presentations. This year's recipients were:



Dr. Hall P. "Skip" Beck of Appalachian State University who won first place (\$500) for his presentation, "Two procedures for promoting rational use of computerized decision aids" (co-authored by Mary T. Dzindolet, Linda G. Pierce and Nancy Piatt).



Dr. Janie H. Wilson of Georgia Southern University who won second place (\$300) for her presentation, "Social buffering in the presence of a female stranger: Heart rate, galvanic skin response, and cortisol measures" (co-authored by James Pugh). This marks the second time that Dr. Wilson has been an award recipient.

The SEPA Executive Committee has determined that these awards will be continued next year, chaired by Slater Newman (North Carolina State University). Look for details in the SEPA 2003 Call for Papers this fall.

2nd Annual Georgia Undergraduate Research in Psychology Conference

Georgina Hammock
Leslie MacGregor

After the great success of the first Georgia Undergraduate Research in Psychology (GURP) Conference at Kennesaw State University, we are excited to announce the second annual conference, which will tentatively be held on April 12, 2003. The conference is a forum for undergraduates to present their empirical work in any area of the discipline. The response we received in the spring was extraordinary. We had 8 paper presentations and 30 poster presentations from 15 different institutions in Georgia, Tennessee, and South Carolina. We were pleased to have over 100 students and faculty participate.

Both poster and paper sessions will be presented and two keynote speakers will address the participants. A formal call for papers will be distributed to the psychology departments of all the colleges and universities in Georgia and surrounding states in January 2003, with a tentative deadline for submissions of March 3, 2003. Only students who are enrolled during the 2002 - 2003 academic year are eligible to submit papers.

Anyone interested in serving as a contact for your department and/or reviewing abstracts, please contact either Georgina Hammock (gammock@kennesaw.edu) or Leslie MacGregor (lmacgreg@kennesaw.edu).

CEPO Graduate Student Network Andrew Christopher

Be part of CEPO's Graduate Student Network! The network sponsors a session at the annual meeting and is also developing an e-mail distribution list of people interested in receiving announcements or sharing information relevant to graduate students.

Send us ideas for the session at the 2003 annual meeting. Previous sessions have focused on conflict management, finding your niche in graduate school, and landing your dream job. What would you like to hear about and discuss?

To make suggestions or join the e-mail list, please provide your name and e-mail address to Andrew Christopher (Network Chair) at AChristopher@albion.edu. We also welcome suggestions for the kinds of information you would like to receive by e-mail.

From Your New Administrative Officer

Rosemary Hays-Thomas, Ph.D.

After 13 years as the Administrative Officer of SEPA, Dr. Frances Dunham has retired! Those present in Orlando may have attended the wonderful reception we held in her honor; we continue to thank Frances for her dedication to SEPA over the many years that she has served the organization and its members.

On May 1, 2002, I became SEPA's third Administrative Officer (AO). I am truly honored to put that title after my name, for the two people who preceded me in the job (Frances Dunham and the late Laurence Siegel) both were good friends, valued colleagues, and wonderful mentors to me. From each of them I learned a very great deal about psychology and about the Southeastern Psychological Association.

Your President, Richard Tucker, has asked me to describe my view of the role of the Administrative Officer. According to our Constitution, the AO is an *ex officio* member of the Executive Committee and, as a non-elected member, does not vote. Traditionally, the AO has been responsible for overseeing management of the membership records, arranging logistical details of the annual meeting, handling the clerical aspects of construction of the annual program, and managing the checkbook and other financial records on behalf of the organization. As a staff member rather than a part of the governance, the AO implements the policies that the EC develops. The job is conceptualized as a part time position.

The AO's position presents many challenges. I will be negotiating with hotels and vendors on your behalf, gathering information for the EC on potential convention locations, developing the schedule for the annual meeting, preparing the program for the meeting, balancing the financial books as well as the checkbook, and advising the EC when appropriate about the implications of maintaining, dropping, or changing various policies, procedures, or activities.

As AO, I am responsible for initiating changes in the operational procedures in our SEPA office (staffed very capably by Linda Wasserman and graduate student Jennifer Holmes). We want things to run smoothly and to be responsive to our membership and other persons and organizations with whom we interact. However, your elected officers are responsible for initiating *programs* on behalf of SEPA and for making decisions about *policy*. There will probably be many times when

someone will expect me to do something that is actually the prerogative of those in the elected governance. I will try to be very careful not to cross the boundary between staff and governance and hope you will be understanding if I say, that's someone else's role. (Besides, this is a *part-time* job!)

Constructing the schedule for the annual program will be one of my biggest challenges this year, I am sure. It is an extremely complex and time-sensitive task. Much of the work must be done far in advance of the day you receive your copy of the program. It is highly dependent upon the timely completion of program work of our volunteer members, and there are many competing interests to be balanced to make the whole thing "work." Once the program is set, there are very few "degrees of freedom" to make changes. I welcome your feedback about the structural details of the program, and ask your understanding about any aspects that may not be to your advantage.

APA's CEO Ray Fowler in a recent *Monitor* article (May 2002, pp. 68-69) listed several insights for executives of professional associations. Among them are the following:

- Be accessible to your members.
- Appreciate your governance.
- Work closely with the president.
- Free the board from central office worries.
- Understand who is in charge (*note: it's the governing board!*)
- Be open to feedback *and ...*
- Don't take things too personally!

I plan to have Ray's article framed and hung in a prominent place to remind me how to do this job well for the Southeastern Psychological Association and for you, its members. And now, I am off to New Orleans to negotiate favorable room rates for our next meeting March 26-29, 2003. I look forward to seeing you there!

Nomination Notice

The following individuals have expressed interest in being nominated for the upcoming election:

President:

Chizuko Izawa, Tulane University

Member-at-Large:

Elizabeth Brestan, Auburn University
Maria Lavooy, Univeristy of Central Florida

Continuing Education and SEPA Al Finch

Continuing Education (CE) Workshops have become a tradition at SEPA. Each year we offer a variety of workshops (10 in 2002) ranging from applied clinical topics (e.g., Assessment of ADHD in Children) to statistical issues (e.g., Special Regression Topics in Industrial and Organizational Psychology).

The purpose of CE within SEPA has been to provide low-cost, quality continuing education opportunities for the membership. The costs are very low (\$35 for 3 hours; \$65 for 6 hours) and the workshops are well received based on the evaluations which are completed by participants each year. SEPA's CE programs are even approved by the American Psychological Association for Category I credit.

Now the question is "How do we offer such an array of quality workshop at those prices?" The answer is relatively simple. We depend on volunteers. None of our workshop leaders are paid but rather volunteer their services and at times even provide their own special equipment.

Each year we request proposals for workshops in the same packet which requests program proposals. In addition, we solicit suggestions for workshops from those members who attend. When requested workshop topics are not among those submitted, attempts are made to "draft" volunteers to cover those topics.

Now for the punch line. We need your help. If there is a specific topic on which you feel qualified to present a workshop, please submit a proposal. The CE committee is eager to review new and different ideas for workshops.

In addition the committee welcomes coverage of traditional topics, which will be of interest to members and students. If you do not feel you can present a workshop, let us know what you would be interested in attending. In Spring 2003, SEPA will be meeting in New Orleans. Why not attend a great meeting and either attend or present a quality workshop?

**Don't forget to send in
your 2002 Nominations
before August 1st, 2002!**

SEPA Golden Jubilee James L. Pate

The fiftieth meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association (SEPA) will be in Atlanta, Georgia, in 2004, and plans are being made to celebrate that landmark event. A Golden Jubilee Committee, consisting of Fran Dunham, Sheila Eyberg, Jennifer Friday, Raymond Fowler, Ellen Kimmel, Harold Moon, and James L. Pate (Chair), has been appointed and has begun planning the celebration. The Committee is considering a variety of special events for the meeting.

Charter members of the SEPA will be invited to participate in conversation hours during the meeting, and we hope that past presidents will participate in a variety of convention events. The Committee currently is developing plans for a reception with a buffet. SEPA exhibits (e.g., photographs, early programs, brief biographies of early members) will be presented at the reception so that people can mingle, eat, and see some historical SEPA documents.

The Committee also is considering having an evening for school reunions and the presentation of SEPA memories. The Committee encourages people to begin planning that event immediately. If you are interested in organizing a school reunion, please send me an electronic note.

If you have important memories about SEPA, such as your first SEPA meeting, your first paper presentation, or meeting your future spouse or partner, please send a brief statement to me. A booklet of these memories may be printed, or the memories may be displayed at one of the receptions.

Many other special events are being considered, and the committee members welcome your suggestions. For any matters related to the SEPA Golden Jubilee, you may contact me electronically at jpate@gsu.edu or by regular mail at:

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**SEPA 2003:
March 26-29
New Orleans, Louisiana**

SOUTHEASTERN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

June 2002

NOMINATION BALLOT

Please submit nominations for the offices listed below. According to the SEPA Constitution, you may nominate only one person for each office. The names of the three members receiving the highest number of nominations for each position will appear on an election ballot, which will be sent to you later. Write the name of your nominee for each office on the blank after the office title. Self-nominations are appropriate. (Please see the article on elections elsewhere in this newsletter.)

PRESIDENT (2004-2005): _____

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER-AT-LARGE (2003-2006): _____

Mail the completed ballot, postmarked no later than **August 1, 2002**, to: SHEILA EYBERG, CHAIR, ELECTIONS COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT OF CLINICAL & HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY, BOX 100165 HSC, UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, GAINESVILLE, FL 32610-0165.

FORMER OFFICERS OF SEPA

PRESIDENT

1954-55 John B. Wolfe (Temporary)	1978-79 Ellen B. Kimmel
1955-56 John B. Wolfe	1979-80 Irwin J. Knopf
1956-57 Nicholas Hobbs	1980-81 William H. Calhoun
1957-58 E. E. Cureton	1981-82 Dorothy D. Nevill
1958-59 Winthrop N. Kellogg	1982-83 Pauline Rose Clance
1959-60 M. C. Langhorne	1983-84 Joseph H. Grosslight
1960-61 John F. Dashiell	1984-85 C. J. Rosecrans
1961-62 Stanford C. Ericksen	1985-86 W. B. Pavlik
1962-63 Irwin A. Berg	1986-87 Howard R. Pollio
1963-64 Susan W. Gray	1987-88 David E. Clement
1964-65 Louis D. Cohen	1988-89 W. Theodore May
1965-66 Ralph Mason Dreger	1989-90 Karen S. Calhoun
1966-67 Wilse B. Webb	1990-91 Cheryl B. Travis
1967-68 Ted Landsman	1991-92 John E. Williams
1968-69 Wallace A. Kennedy	1992-93 Henry E. Adams
1969-70 Earl C. Brown	1993-94 Charles L. Brewer
1970-71 Raymond R. Shrader	1994-95 Judith Worell
1971-72 Raymond D. Fowler	1995-96 Jennifer C. Friday
1972-73 Charles D. Spielberger	1996-97 Jacquelyn W. White
1973-74 William B. Spears	1997-98 Nathan W. Perry
1974-75 Joseph C. Hammock	1998-99 W. Harold Moon
1975-76 Marshall R. Jones	1999-2000 Rosemary Hays-Thomas
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Highlights from the APA Education Directorate

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In the last year, the Education Directorate (<http://www.apa.org/e>) has had many successes:

- In October 2001, the inaugural *Education Leadership Conference (ELC)* was held to provide a forum for the various constituencies with a stake in psychology education and training to discuss issues of common interest. Reports from the conference are available online.
- The Task Force on Undergraduate Major Competencies completed several drafts of a report that identifies recommended competencies for psychology undergraduate majors. The most recent draft document was approved by the Board of Educational Affairs in March and is available online. The Task Force will meet again in 2002 to finalize the document.
- A new affiliate category of membership for 2-year college faculty was established in 2002. The new committee, Psychology Teachers at Community Colleges (PT@CC) met for the first time during the APA Consolidated Board and Committee meetings in March.
- In collaboration with APA President Phil Zimbardo, Ph.D., Education Directorate staff is writing a new high school psychology textbook to be published by APA.
- The Education Directorate is participating in each regional psychological association convention in 2002. At SEPA, the Directorate co-hosted the Psi Chi suite and co-sponsored with Division 2 and the Council on Teachers of Undergraduate Psychology (CTUP) a 3-hour workshop for graduate students and new faculty entitled *Developing Your Teaching Philosophy and Style*. The directorate also usually co-sponsors with the Society for the Teaching of Psychology (APA Division 2) a G. Stanley Hall Lecture.
- The handbook for regional psychological association officers will be revised in April. Requests for updates will be made on the listserv or any changes may be sent to Lillie Harmon in the Education Directorate.

APA Convention 2002:

- The Education and Science Directorates will co-host the annual meeting for regional psychological association officers to provide a forum for discussion with key APA staff. Information will be forthcoming on the officer's listserv.
- The 3rd annual *Developing Teachers of Psychology* workshop for graduate students and new faculty will be held August 21 and 22 prior to the APA Convention in Chicago. Two career seminars will follow the workshop on August 22. Information will be available on the Education Directorate's website.

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