



## Southeast Area Newsletter

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### IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Happy Valentine's Day to All!

Southeast Area is saddened to hear about the loss of 1988-1989 NAEOP Past President Geraldine "Boots" Owens on Tuesday, February 8, 2011.

Welcome to the Southeast Area! My name is Melissa Carpenter and it is my privilege to serve as the Southeast Area director and Special Projects Co-Chairman. We are looking forward to attending the Charleston, South Carolina annual conference. Southeast Area now has a page on the NAEOP Website at [www.naeop.org/area\\_southeast](http://www.naeop.org/area_southeast). Please check it out!

Thank you for becoming a member of the National Association of Educational Office Professionals for the 2010-11 association year. If you have not renewed your membership, I would like to encourage each of you to renew your membership with NAEOP and recruit new members to join our wonderful organization.

If you know of an affiliate or member who would like to be spotlighted in the next newsletter, send information to [melissa.carpenter@usm.edu](mailto:melissa.carpenter@usm.edu) by March 18 for consideration.

### SOUTHEAST AREA OFFICERS

Melissa Carpenter, CEOE, MS - Director  
Mimi Pike, CEOE, KY - Secretary  
Pat Whitley, MS - Treasurer  
Valerie Bonner, MS - Professional Development Seminar Co-Chairmen and Geraldine "Boots" Owens in memorandum

### SOUTHEAST AREA STATES

Alabama  
Arkansas  
Florida  
Georgia  
Kentucky  
Louisiana  
Mississippi  
Tennessee  
Africa  
Bermuda  
Caribbean Areas

### DATES AND DEADLINES TO REMEMBER

March 4-6, 2011 – Southeast Area Professional Development Seminar in Oxford, MS  
March 15, 2011 – NAEOP scholarship and awards deadline  
April 11, 2011 – *NES Connector* Summer issue "Technology"  
May 1, 2011 – Affiliate renewal deadline  
May 15, 2011 – PSP filing deadline  
July 18-22, 2011 – NAEOP Annual Conference in Charleston, SC

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kathy Ester, MS  
Janet Fox, MS  
Terri Harmon, FL  
Tiffany Johnson, MS  
Trish Lamb, AR  
Anita Mitchell, GA  
Pamela Mitchell, MS  
Veronica Nelson, AR



### Mark your calendars!

The Southeast Area Professional Development Seminar will be hosted by the Mississippi Association of Educational Office Professionals March 4-6, 2011, at The Inn at Ole Miss. Registration deadline is February 18. Information packet attached.

**PSP/CEOE RECIPIENTS**

Vanessa Brown, CEOE, (MS), Recertification  
 Patricia Cameron, (MS), Associate Degree,  
 Option II  
 Christine L. Walsh, (FL), Advanced III, Option I

Let's see who will be featured next!

**SOUTHEAST AREA AFFILIATES**

Arkadelphia AEOP  
 Arkansas AEOP  
 Arkansas Past Presidents AEOP  
 Duval AEOP  
 Florida AEOP  
 Fort Smith AEOP  
 Fort Smith Frontier AEOP  
 Kentucky AEOP  
 Louisiana AEOP  
 Mississippi AEOP Past Presidents  
 MS Gulf Coast Community College AEOP  
 NAEOP Past Presidents  
 North Little Rock AEOP  
 Ozark Unlimited Resources AEOP  
 Pearl River Community College AEOP  
 Sarasota County AEOP  
 Southern University AEOP  
 The University of Southern Mississippi AOP

**AFFILIATE NEWS FLASH**

We want to hear from all affiliate presidents. To affiliate, go to <http://www.naeop.org> and download the forms and check out what is available to you as a member and affiliate. Affiliate early so you can receive all the many wonderful benefits NAEOP has to offer its affiliates. Affiliates can send articles to Linda Sockwell, CEOE, at [linda.sockwell@risd.org](mailto:linda.sockwell@risd.org) NES Connector Editor, and articles for *Keeping Affiliates Active* to Elizabeth Napolitano at [ENapolitano@wallingford.k12.ct.us](mailto:ENapolitano@wallingford.k12.ct.us).


**SOUTHEAST AREA AFFILIATES NEWS**

**Louisiana Association of Educational Office Professionals** 32<sup>nd</sup> annual conference will be held in Bossier City March 3-5.

**Mississippi Association of Educational Office Professionals** will be hosting the 2011 Southeast Area Professional Development Seminar March 4-6 at The Inn at Ole Miss in Oxford, MS.

If your affiliate did not appear in this issue, then let us hear from you soon so you can be featured in the next edition.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

As special projects co-chairman for 2011, our battle cry will be "show me the money"  to assist in raising funds for NAEOP. The Special Projects committee functions to provide the mechanics necessary to carry out any special projects as approved by the Board of Directors. **Affiliates are asked to provide baskets. We are asking members to donate silent auction items for the conference.** If you have silent auction items, send them to Melissa Carpenter, 118 College Drive #5048, Hattiesburg, MS 39406, or bring them to conference with you. Start saving your 50/50 money today! Special Projects Committee will be selling "blankets to go." Committee members are always welcome by submitting your contact information to [melissa.carpenter@usm.edu](mailto:melissa.carpenter@usm.edu).

If you are planning to attend the Charleston conference and have some free time on your hand Tuesday, July 19 and Wednesday, July 20 and would like to donate your time and talents to the Special Projects table, please send Lori Schumann your name and time you can volunteer to work at the table to [lori.schumann@unoka.k12.mn.us](mailto:lori.schumann@unoka.k12.mn.us). We would love to have you!

You can also raise money for NAEOP when you search of shop online at [www.iGive.com](http://www.iGive.com).

**SPECIAL NOTES OF INTEREST**

The Southeast Area has 485 members. Let's have an increase by the next edition of the newsletter!

Remember to affiliate with NAEOP and continue to recruit new members!

Remember to keep Ruby Allen, Butch Bender, Connie Bergeson, Bill Eberle, Debbie Jasinski, Wanda Lowe, Geraldine "Boots" Owens family, Lola Young in your thoughts and prayers.



**NAEOP 2011 Conference  
Charleston, SC  
July 18-22, 2011**

Make plans now to attend NAEOP 2011 in Charleston, SC, because we are making BIG plans for your visit! We have arranged awesome speakers as keynotes, as well as, for the Institute and Briefings. Take this opportunity to explore a beautiful, historic city deep in the heart of the south and experience the local charm and customs, dine on southern favorites and some of the best seafood in the world, all while you learn and laugh with NAEOP.

The Embassy Suites, Airport/Convention Center will be our host hotel and is attached to the Charleston Area Conference Center. All rooms are two room suites that include microwave, refrigerator, coffee makers, and sleeper sofas. Rooms are \$145.00 per night. A cooked to order free breakfast buffet is offered every morning. (Area and Council Breakfasts will now be Area and Council "meetings" so you can eat your free breakfast before you go to the meeting.) The Embassy also includes the complimentary manager's reception in the evenings. The hotel provides free transportation to and from the airport and the nearby Tanger Outlets and parking is free! The hotel and Charleston Convention Center are located approximately 12 miles from Historic Downtown Charleston. Member and Guest registration will include free shuttle service to the downtown area on specified days and times.

Be prepared to learn, laugh and live life to the fullest in historic Charleston, South Carolina, in 2011. Be sure to start planning now so you can take advantage of the *Cruise to the Bahamas* that will follow the conference leaving from the Charleston Port. Bring your family and make this a relaxed vacation following the conference.



**NAEOP**

**CARNIVAL FANTASY**

**JULY 23 - 29, 2011**

**6-NIGHT CRUISE SAILING FROM CHARLESTON**

**CRUISES FOR LESS**

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**National Association of Educational Office Professionals MISSION Statement**

*The mission of the National Association of Educational Office Professionals, the only national professional association for educational office personnel, is to provide professional growth opportunities, leadership, and service for employees in education through a specifically-designed certification program, quality training, a network for sharing information and ideas, recognition of achievements and fellowship.*