

SACES Financial Transition to ACES: Dues and Membership Information

Dear SACES Members:

I am writing to share some important information about your SACES membership and renewal process. On March 31, 2016 at the ACA Conference in Montreal, the ACES General Assembly unanimously voted to change the ACES By-Laws. This vote approved the transfer of fiduciary responsibility of all ACES regions to the Division level.

What this means is that now instead of renewing your regional membership with SACES, you will renew directly when you pay your annual membership fee to ACES. ACES has increased its dues \$15.00 for all member types to include this automatic, regional membership. Therefore, after August 1, 2016 when you renew your membership in ACA/ACES, you will pay an additional \$15.00 and will automatically become a SACES member. You may join other regions for an additional \$15.00 per region.

FAQ's

Q. What if I have already paid for a two or three-year membership to SACES?

A. If you have paid for a two or three-year membership in your region, you will be eligible for a rebate when you renew your ACA/ACES membership after August 1, 2016. Your rebate will be prorated based on the number of months between your payment for regional membership and your renewal of your ACA/ACES membership divided by the number of months in your original membership. To receive this rebate, please contact ACES treasurer, Dr. Brian Dew (bdew@gsu.edu) and send him documentation of when you paid your regional and ACA/ACES dues and the number of months of that membership (e.g. 2 years = 24 months). Be sure to include your mailing address so a check can be sent directly to you. ***The deadline for all rebate requests is August 1, 2017.***

Q. What if I just renewed my SACES membership within three months of my ACA/ACES renewal date?

A. If you renewed your annual regional membership within three months of your ACA/ACES renewal date, you may be eligible for a prorated regional membership rebate. Please send your rebate request via email to Dr. Brian Dew, ACES Treasurer, (bdew@gsu.edu) who will review it and forward it to the ACES Governing Council for approval. ***The deadline for all rebate requests is August 1, 2017.***

Q. Why have I been unable to directly renew my SACES membership during June and July, 2016?

A. To assist in this structural transition, SACES, along with the four other ACES regions, has elected to opt out of collection of regional membership dues during the months of June and July, 2016 in order to avoid duplication of payment by members.

Q. What if I do not belong to ACES, and want to only be a member of SACES?

A. Due to the organizational structure of the national organization as illustrated in the Division's bylaws, regional affiliations require that their members belong to ACES. Therefore, there will be no option to join a region without first maintaining an ACES membership.

As SACES President-Elect I want to thank you for your patience and understanding as we make this major structural change in our member and financial management. I believe that the move will strengthen our region and the services we provide to counselor educators and supervisors in the southern United States. Please look for an email in the next few days with the proposed changes to the SACES by-laws to reflect these changes. Please feel free to direct any questions about your SACES Membership to Alexandra Hicks at arocks88@gmail.com.

All the Best,
Melanie Iarussi
SACES President-Elect