

# The Vision

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## SCAAMR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

### We Want More in 2004!

MORE *choice*

MORE *quality*



MORE *opportunities*

and MORE *satisfac-*

*The Conference will be held at the Crown Reef Resort in Myrtle Beach, Wednesday, October 27th through Friday, October 29th, 2004. Register now and plan to grow professionally at this wonderful event. You will not find better continuing education training for better rates.*

**VOTE** **Your Ballot is Enclosed** **VOTE**

Recruiting  
New Members

Everyone needs to be a recruiter! Please help us let others know the benefits you receive as a member to encourage them to join. Also, please ask your colleagues to join as they complete their Conference Registration.

We are currently updating the  
**SCAAMR Web Site** / Check it Out  
[www.scaamr.org](http://www.scaamr.org)

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION ON MENTAL RETARDATION  
MISSION STATEMENT

AAMR promotes progressive policies, sound research, effective practices and universal human rights for people with intellectual disabilities.

# MEET YOUR SCAAMR ELECTED OFFICERS

Chairperson - Mrs. Evelyn A. Turner, Disabilities Board of Charleston Co.

Chair Elect - Mr. Grady G. Evans, II, Cherokee DSNB

First Vice-Chair - Mrs. Sims Lynn, Chester, SC

Secretary - Mrs. Helen Davis, Florence DSNB

Treasurer - Mr. Pearson Cooper, Cherokee DSNB

Members At Large - Mr. Rufus Britt, III, Aiken DSNB

Mrs. Susan John, Little River, SC

Mr. Jim Manning, SCDDSN - Midlands Center

Immediate Past Chair - Mrs. Hester Wannamaker, Calhoun DSNB

## Letter from Our Chairperson

Happy Spring Everyone and welcome to all of our new members!

Your 2004 AAMR officers expect to continue the strong tradition of being a leader in the area of providing education and training to professionals in the field of developmental disabilities during 2004. All committees are up and running to include the conference committee which is being chaired by Mr. Grady Evans of the Cherokee board. Mark your calendar for the SCAAMR Annual Conference on October 27 - 29<sup>th</sup> at the Crown Reef in Myrtle Beach. We intend on offering quality training, social work credits, low accommodation rates and much more! If you are looking to get more involved with the organization, working on the conference committee is a great way to get your feet wet! Just call or e-mail any of the officers to let them know your interest.

The SCAAMR was a repeat co-sponsor for the Annual Disabilities Awareness Day in March 2004 at the state-house. Members are asked to continue to advocate for services and supports for citizens who have disabilities and special needs.

If you know of someone who has not renewed their AAMR membership, please encourage them to do so or if you know of someone who would benefit from membership, please share AAMR information with them. Anyone interested in membership can contact Ms. Terry Schilling at 803-642-8828.

Elections in the fall will not only include the three positions for Members at Large and the First Vice Chair but will also include two very important positions for the 2005 year. The secretary position which has been held by Mrs. Helen Davis of the Florence board and the Treasurer position which has been held by Mr. Pearson Cooper of the Cherokee board for the last two terms are going to be expiring. I am asking that everyone consider their role with the AAMR and their interest in running for one of these positions. Nomination information will be coming in the fall.

As usual the executive committee has started off the year strong with specific goals to accomplish. I look forward to a great year and having the privilege of working with and getting to know the best professionals in this field from across the state. If you have any questions about the organization at the state, regional or national level, please feel free to contact one of the SC officers.

Hope to see everyone at the Annual conference in October!

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~Evelyn