

# The Vision

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SCAAIDD Newsletter

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*SCAAIDD ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
October 10-12, 2007  
Crown Reef, Myrtle Beach SC*

## SCAAIDD—A Winning Spirit!

*The Conference will be held at the Crown Reef Resort in Myrtle Beach, Wednesday, October 10th through Friday, October 12th, 2007. Mark your calendars now and begin making plans to attend this outstanding event. You will receive further details as plans are finalized along with registration material for you to register for the conference.*

### **Enclosed with your Newsletter is:**

- Information on the Conference and nominations for officers

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

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION ON Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities  
STATEMENT

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

**A Winning Spirit:** The SCAAIDD annual conference will be held at the Crown Reef at South Beach in Myrtle Beach on October 10-12. The opening on Wednesday will include a report from Dr. Butkus and a report from AAIDD National President DR. David Rotholtz. Coach David Bennett of Coastal Carolina University starts with the ‘Kickoff-Keynote’ address. That evening will be the opening day reception by the ever popular ‘Men of Distinction.’

On Thursday the keynote will be a National AAIDD representative to discuss National issues that impact all of us in the field. Thursday evening join you colleagues at the Hospitality Suite at the End Zone. And Friday morning come to the Bottom of the Ninth Breakfast and Business meeting and hear Marianne Fredrick, *‘Enjoy Life: This is not a Dress Rehearsal.’* Ms. Fredrick is known as the “OSHA Queen” due to a keen interest in injury prevention and because her hard hat says so! She is an author with publications of *Exceptional Accomplishment; Success Is a Team Effort; Team Up* featuring *The Solemate Search* and her current project *If They’re Laughing...Are they Learning?*

Concurrent sessions include: The Pervasive Developmental Disorder Program; Competency to Stand Trial and the Legal Process; Promoting Abilities by Respecting Choice; Making Training Useful and Fun; Managing Risk for Administrators, Supervisors and Direct Support Staff; Moving from Institutional Thinking to Person-Centered Thinking; Human and Civil Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Inside and Out of the System; It's really no big mystery: Ways to get people to cooperate: Supervision: I got the promotion—now what do I do?: Quality Enhancement Process “Making a Difference”: Sexuality, AIDS and People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities: and Walk Awhile in My Autism: It’s a Book, It’s a Workshop, It’s an Experience. And there are other presentations still being planned.

In addition there is the always fun scavenger hunt, the exhibitors and this year in keeping with the ‘winning Spirit’ will be other ‘spirited’ events for everyone.

So come join your colleagues, make new friends in the field and develop ‘The Winning Spirit’ at Myrtle Beach in October. Conference registration will be \$95.00 before October 1. Contact the Crown Reef Resort at 1-800-405-7333 and use SCAAIDD Group Code 4166 to make your reservations.

## From the Chair

### SC AAIDD Newsletter Article

Greeting Members,

We appreciate your support of AAIDD and SC AAIDD through your membership. Rufus Britt and the Annual Conference Planning Committee have done an excellent job in putting together the 2007 Conference and I would strongly encourage you to make plans to attend. Information is available in this Newsletter, on –line and through additional mailings.

A big thanks goes to Ron Lofts for his willingness to serve as the Newsletter Editor and Publisher. Also, I want to recognize the participation and many fine efforts of YOUR Association’s Executive Committee for the dedication and commitment they demonstrate on your behalf.

Finally, I am pleased to report that all South Carolina documents have been completed to reflect the recent name change made by the American As-

sociation on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. This includes the Constitution, By-laws and documents required by the government.

Warmest Personal Regards,  
Jim Manning, Chair  
SC AAIDD

### 2008 SCAAIDD Leadership & 2007 Annual Awards

The Executive Committee is soliciting nominations for the **2008 SCAAIDD Leadership**. SCAAIDD has enjoyed a strong, active chapter that has made important skills training available to many in our state, and has brought national leaders to South Carolina in order to keep us abreast of topics and changes in our field. Please submit nominations for these very important leadership positions. Self-nominations are welcome. We are seeking nominations for **First Vice Chair**. The First Vice Chair serves a one-year term in preparation for ascension to Chairperson-Elect the following term, and then to Chairperson. We are also seeking nominations for **Members-at-large**. Members-at-large shall represent the SCAAIDD membership on the Executive Committee and may be asked to handle individual assignments by the Chairperson during their term in office. Three members-at-large shall be selected. This is a one-year term.

Do you know someone who goes above and beyond the call of duty? What better way to recognize their efforts than to nominate them for a **SCAAIDD Annual Award**? We are looking for deserving persons in our field to receive SCAAIDD's Annual Awards. The nominee does not have to be an SCAAIDD member. These awards will be presented at the annual conference on October 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> in Myrtle Beach.

To submit a nomination for a leadership role, please indicate the name and contact information as well as your AAIDD Membership number. This can be submitted by email to [gevans@cherokeedsnb.org](mailto:gevans@cherokeedsnb.org) or the address below.

To submit a nomination for an award, please include name and contact information, your AAIDD Membership number and a one page summary of the nominee's accomplishments. Award areas include: (1) **Outstanding Service to the Field Award: Research/Education & Training/Supervision & Management**, (2) **Self Advocacy Award**, (3) **Outstanding Service to the Field Award: Direct Support Professional**, and (4) **Student Award**. This information may be submitted via email to [gevans@cherokeedsnb.org](mailto:gevans@cherokeedsnb.org) or the address below. Nominations must be returned by September 14, 2007 to:

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