



**GOOD MORNING CASE MEMBERS!**

“All things seem possible in the month of  
May” ~ *Edwin Way Teal*



**PLEASE JOIN ME IN WELCOMING OUR  
NEW CASE MEMBERS:**

**Carol Chanter- Consulting Services**  
**Dr. Jennifer Lesh- School District of Palm Beach**  
**Donna Swindle- Karen M. Siegel Academy**

**We are so delighted that you have joined your  
professional organization!**  
**Please visit our website at [www.flocase.org](http://www.flocase.org) for additional  
information and resources.**



**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO**  
**FLORIDA CASE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SUMMER**  
**LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**  
**REGISTRATION IS OPEN! GO TO**  
**[www.flocase.org](http://www.flocase.org)**

**THEME: "RE-INVENTING SPECIAL EDUCATION:  
SHARE THE VISION"**

**June 8-10, 2015**

**Embassy Suites Resort and Spa Deerfield, Florida.**

**Hotel Reservations:**

**A block of rooms has been set aside for this conference at the rate of \$137.00/ Standard/Single or Double Room, \$152.00/Standard Triple, \$181.00/Ocean view, Single or Double, \$206.00 Ocean view Triple and \$231.00 Ocean View/Quad, plus tax (Tax exempt card will be honored) and a \$5.00 per day parking charge. When making reservations, please refer to "Florida CASE" AND ask for "Reservations." Otherwise the call may be transferred to the 1-800 desk and they are not managing our event.**

**Reservations at the group rate must be made by Friday, May 15, 2015 or until the room block has been reserved, whichever comes first.**

**\* You may make reservations 3 days prior to the Institute and 3 days following at the discounted rate\***

**Embassy Suites Resort and Spa  
950 South Ocean Drive, Deerfield, Fl. (954) 426-0478  
Embassysuites3.hilton.com**

**\*Please share our CASE Conference information with your colleagues \***

**Should you or your book keeper have questions related to registration or payment, please contact our treasurer, Debra Giacalone at 239-494-2083 or [debgiacolone@gmail.com](mailto:debgiacolone@gmail.com). All payments are to be mailed at 950 Robinhood Drive, Punta Gorda, Fl. 33982. Debra is always willing to assist you!**

**We look forward to seeing you!**



## FLORIDA CASE AWARD NOMINATIONS

On behalf of the Executive Board, I am proud to announce three new awards now available for ESE administrators in our state.

**A FRIENDLY REMINDER  
WE HAVE EXTENDED THE DEADLINE TO  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 21ST**

This is your opportunity to recognize one of your colleagues for the exemplary job they are doing in the area of Exceptional Student Education. The winner will be recognized at our CASE Membership Meeting at AMM.

**Rookie ESE Administrator of the year;** this individual should be an administrator of special education programs that has worked in this position for three years or less. This person should demonstrate vision and leadership skills that have supported children with disabilities and their families. The winner of this award will receive a plaque, paid registration for the 2016 CASE Summer Institute (Florida CEC registration

would be an alternative option) as well as the recognition of their peers at the CASE Meeting at DOE Administrators Management Meeting (AMM) in September 2015. Individuals nominated for this award do not need to be a member of CASE but must be a member of CEC.

**Outstanding ESE Administrator of the year;** this individual should be an administrator of special education programs that has worked in this position for five to 20 years, demonstrate consistent and outstanding vision and leadership for children with disabilities and their families and be recognized for the contributions they have made not only to their district but to their community and state. Individuals nominated for this award must be a current member of National CASE. Winner of this award will also receive a plaque, paid registration for the 2016 CASE Summer Institute, a beautiful gift basket and recognition at the CASE Meeting at DOE Administrators Management Meeting (AMM) in September 2015. This individual may also be submitted as a nominee for the National CASE award.

**Life Time Achievement Award;** this individual should be an administrator of special education programs for twenty years or more and has demonstrated consistent and outstanding vision and leadership for children with disabilities and their families and be recognized for the contributions they have made not only to their district but to their community and state. The nominee for this award must be a current and longtime member of CASE. Winner of this award will receive a plaque, paid registration to the 2016 CASE Summer Institute, National CASE or National CEC Conference, and a 3 day/ 2 night stay at the Deerfield Embassy Suites Resort and Spa and recognition at the CASE

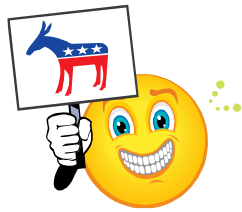
Meeting at DOE Administrators Management Meeting (AMM) in September 2015. This individual may also be submitted as a nominee for the National CASE award.

The nomination form is included in this newsletter (see attachment) and must be submitted electronically to Sandra Collins- Chambers, Membership Chair at [Sandra.chambers-collins@ocps.net](mailto:Sandra.chambers-collins@ocps.net) no later than Friday, August 21, 2015. Don't delay, nominate a deserving colleague today!

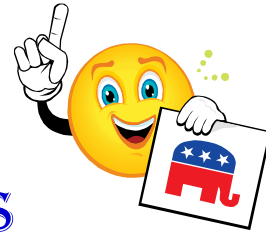


SENATE BILL 888

Please take time to review SB 888; it has significant impact on FTE for younger children. For more information go to [www.flsenate.gov](http://www.flsenate.gov) or see attached Bill.



## CASE BOARD POSITIONS



**You are Just the Right Person!!**

The Florida CASE Board of Directors is calling for nominations for the office of Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chair, Member-at-Large, and By-Laws and Legislative Chair. Please review the details below and consider nominating yourself or a colleague for the office:

**Secretary- (2- year commitment commence on July 1, 2015).**

Responsibilities: Keep accurate minutes of all meetings, conduct necessary correspondence and provide copies of the constitution and by-laws.

**Treasurer- (2- year commitment commence on July 1, 2015).**

Responsibilities: Be custodian of the funds of the organization, disburse money for expenses incurred and submit a treasurer's report at all Board meetings.

**Membership Chair-** (2 year commitment commence on July 1, 2015). Responsibilities: Maintain an active record of members and provide all Board members with such a list, maintain an active program for the recruitment of new members, and increase awareness for the organization and submit end of the year activity report to the President and fulfill the goals as stated within our Strategic Plan.

**By-laws and Legislative Chair-** (2-year commitment commence on July 1, 2015). Responsibilities: Develop and recommend timely statements of CASE legislation and regulatory concerns. Collect legislative and regulatory information to disseminate to members related to issues and concerns to special education administrators, submit end of the year activity report to the President and fulfill the goals as stated within our Strategic Plan.

**Member-at-Large-** (2 year commitment commence on July 1, 2015). Responsibilities: Provide additional services as determined by the Officers/Board of Directors.

**Candidate Qualifications:** All officers of the Board must be National CEC/CASE members in good standing.

We are looking to bring in new people with new energy and talents to serve on the Board. We asked that you please consider, we would love to have you join this energized hard working group :)

Email nominations to Catie McRae, CASE secretary at [mcrac@leonschools.net](mailto:mcrac@leonschools.net) **no later than Friday, May 15, 2015\***





- **ADMINISTRATORS AND MANAGEMENT MEETING  
(AMM) SEPTEMBER 15-17, 2015, ST. PETERSBURG**
  
- **ANNUAL STATEWIDE FASSA CONFERENCE-  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2015, ST. PETERSBURG**
  
- **CASE, FASA, FOIL AND FASSA COLLABORATION  
2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
FEBRUARY 25 & 26, 2016, ORLANDO**



## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“LEADERS MUST BE CLOSE ENOUGH TO RELATE TO OTHERS, BUT FAR ENOUGH AHEAD TO MOTIVATE THEM.”

~ *JOHN C. MAXWELL*

*Best regards,*

*Florida CASE Board of Directors*

*Dr. Rosalind Hall, President*