

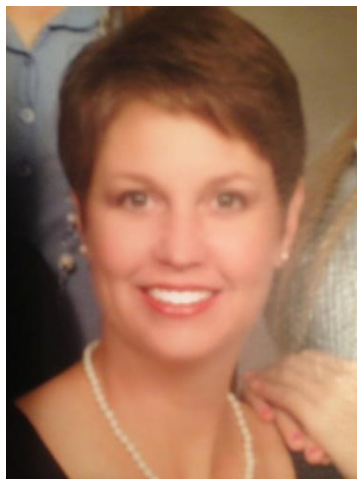
# SCSELA

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **SCSELA APPROVES 2016-17 BOARD MEMBERS**

South Carolina Science Education Leadership Association unanimously approved the 2016-17 slate of officers at the May 13th meeting in Columbia, SC. The new SCSELA board represents the state of South Carolina in enhancing education for elementary, middle, and secondary students through the improvement of science supervision.

#### **President Debbie Bishop**



Debbie Bishop is employed at Laurens District 55 as the District Science Coordinator and as a middle school Instructional Coach. She has previously served as the director of The Joe R. Adair Outdoor Education Center and was a classroom teacher for seven years. She coordinated a county-wide Michelin STEM Challenge, a third grade initiative TEAM Ecology, and the district's science fair. She additionally has Early Adolescence Science National Board Certification. She has served SCSELA for the previous two years as President-Elect. She is also the current President for South Carolina Science Council. Debbie is a current doctoral student at Clemson University, working toward a PhD in Educational Leadership.

#### **President-elect Derenda Marshall**



Derenda "Dee" Marshall is currently the Elementary Science Curriculum Coach for the Georgetown County School District. She works closely with teachers in kindergarten through fifth grades at ten elementary schools. Her role is to facilitate teacher growth in science pedagogy, strategies, and methodology through engagement in professional learning team meetings, modeling, and professional development including such topics as integration of science across the curriculum, science kits, conceptual understandings, and STEM. By June of 2017, she will have earned a doctorate degree in transformational leadership. She states, "I am excited to be a member of the SCSELA Executive Board. Collectively, we will strive to meet the needs of our teachers and enhance science instruction in our state."

## **Vice President Rodney Moore**



Rodney Moore has been employed with the Charleston County School District (CCSD) since 1991. In his 25 years of service he has taught middle school science (7th and 8th grade), high school science (physics and physical science). He has served as a Science Resource Teacher, Curriculum/Learning Specialist (supervising 15 teacher coaches), Middle School Assistant Principal and an Elementary School Principal. Most recently Rodney has served as an adjunct instructor for the Citadel, College of Charleston, Clemson University and an educational consultant for the SC State Department of Education. Rodney has presented at local, state and national conferences on science implementation. Currently he is the Science/STEM Curriculum Specialist (K-12) for CCSD and serves on the board of the

LowCountry STEM Collaborative, Charleston STEM Festival and the CCSD STEM Advisory Board.

## **Treasurer Christine Burras**



Chris Burras is an Academic Specialist/STEAM Specialist K-12 with Greenville County Schools. Her current work includes the development and coordination of Science programs and offerings for K-12. She is also responsible for developing and instructional practices for K-12 Science. Chris coordinates and develops STEM/STEAM projects within the district and is an instructor for Clemson's STEAM ALIVE. Additionally, Chris is an adjunct instructor for Furman University's PBL track resulting in PBL endorsement for teachers.

## **Secretary Rebecca Jackson**



Rebecca Jackson is a High School Science Interventionist for Dorchester District 2. Her responsibilities involve working with science teachers in developing a guaranteed and viable curriculum for all science courses taught in district high schools and to serve as an instructional coach. She has been working in her district for 32 teaching high school science (biology, environmental studies, and physical science). Rebecca has an undergraduate degree from Clemson University and graduate degrees from the University of South Carolina and Charleston Southern University in science education and secondary administration and supervision. "Being a member of the SCELA Board is exciting. There are amazing leaders within this group."