

AFFILIATION POLICIES

Any statewide association organized primarily to further a purpose compatible with that of SECA may become an affiliate upon completion of the affiliation procedure. Every member of the affiliate association must be a member of SECA.

AFFILIATION PROCEDURE

In order for a group of individuals residing in a non-SECA affiliated state to affiliate with SECA, the following steps must be followed after the group requests affiliation status.

1. The group wishing affiliation must submit a copy of its Constitution, By-laws, mission statement, goals and objectives for review by the Executive Director. These must be compatible with the statements contained in the SECA Constitution, By-Laws, mission statement and long-range plan.
2. The group must complete and submit to the SECA office for review a completed affiliation form.
3. The Executive Director reviews the documents and, if found acceptable, submits them to the Board of Directors.
4. If the documents are approved by both bodies, the Executive Director will notify the group and advise them to elect a SECA representative to serve on the Board. Date of representation begins at the next full Board meeting following notice of affiliate acceptance.
5. The Executive Director will assist the state affiliate in securing members and developing membership services.
6. The association will receive recognition of affiliation at the next annual SECA conference business meeting.
7. State affiliates are a member of SECA upon approval by the SECA Board of Directors and any member of the state affiliate must be a member of SECA.

REMOVAL OF AFFILIATION

If an existing state affiliate does not meet the criteria for affiliation, the SECA Board will allow that affiliate one year to meet affiliation criteria. Formal notice will be provided by the Board to the affiliate with notice of a date by which the criteria must be met or formal affiliation status with SECA will be rescinded upon a vote of the Board of Directors.

