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## ***New ACA Peer Journal***

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### *Collaborating with other paddling instructors*

The ACA Safety Education and Instruction Council (SEIC) is proposing development of a professional publication system that will allow instructors to put forth teaching ideas and discussions. The framework for this idea depends, in large part, of the volume and kind of interest expressed by instructors. The concept would be completely organized and operated by the volunteer corps of ACA instructors / ITs / ITEs.

Many ACA instructors have published excellent books and videos on different aspects of paddlesports. Many more have put their ideas onto paper, to help their own organization and thought-building processes. How often have you seen another instructor's teaching progressions or techniques and wished you had that material written down and available to add to your own toolbox? How often do you have your own 'lightbulb' moments that you think might be worth sharing with other instructors? This will give you a chance to pick up ideas from others, and to share your own ideas.

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In its simplest form, this proposal would develop an online means of submission, sharing and discussion of ideas. The author and ACA would establish and retain copyright of the ideas presented, allowing the author to maintain rights to their intellectual property. Hopefully, many would be willing to share their information and allow its public re-use.

A second tier of interest may lead to a more formal peer-review and editorial process leading to some type of ACA-sponsored journal (online and/or print), allowing authors to receive the notoriety, credit and distribution afforded by formal professional publication.

To get this started, the SEIC would like to find out two things:

- 1) How many people would be interested in contributing to and/or using such a system of idea and information exchange?
- 2) How many instructors would be interested in volunteering to serve as peer-reviewers of material or on an editorial board?

[Submit responses here](#) by Friday, July 22.

Suggest the winning name for this “ACA Peer Journal” and if it takes off, maybe some good swag could head your way.



### ***Graphic Design Help Needed!***

Do you have skills in graphic design? Would you be willing to donate a few hours to help the ACA? We’re looking for the re-design of a few email headers and an SUP logo. If you’re interested, please email [cstec@americancanoe.org](mailto:cstec@americancanoe.org)

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## *Award Nomination Forms now available*

Each year, the American Canoe Association's Board of Directors accepts nominations for a series of national awards that recognize individuals, clubs, and organizations for a wide range of paddlesport accomplishments:

- Legends of Paddling
- Excellence in Instruction
- Sanctioned Event of the Year
- Green paddle for Waterway Conservation
- Joe Pina Volunteer of the Year
- Stroke of Achievement
- J. Henry Rushton

The award recipients are honored each year at the ACA Annual Banquet in conjunction with the [ACA National Paddlesports Conference](#).

Click [here](#) to nominate a worthy individual or organization.

## *Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page!*

The ACA Website now has a convenient [FAQ](#) link available at the bottom of each ACA Webpage!

Have an idea or suggestion for questions you would like to see on the FAQ Page?  
Let the SEI Department know, [sei@americancanoe.org](mailto:sei@americancanoe.org)

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## *First Aid & CPR Reminder! Instructors, Trainers, and Educators*

All insurance requests need to be accompanied by copies of current First Aid & age appropriate CPR Certificates before the National Office can process or approve instructors for ACA Insurance Coverage.

For additional information: [First Aid & CPR Requirement Overview Document](#)

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## *Important Dates*

September 28 - [Intro to Paddling Committee & River Canoe Committee Meeting](#)

September 29 - [SEIC Meeting](#) - Louisville, KY

September 30 - October 2 - [National Paddlesports Conference](#)

September 30 - October 2 - [SUP Summit](#)

October 1 – [ACA Annual Membership Meeting](#)

March 9, 2012 – SEIC Meeting – Fredericksburg, Va

## *Paddle Safe & Paddle Often!*



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