



Welcome to the December SEIC Newsletter! We have created this monthly newsletter to supply updates, information, and important news to increase communication and connectivity between the ACA Safety Education and Instruction Council, Discipline Committees, the ACA Staff, and certified instructors and trainers.

A welcome video to ACA Instructors, ITs, and ITEs: SEIC Chair Anna Levesque has created [this exclusive video](#) to welcome you to the monthly newsletter, to invite you to get involved, and to remind you how valuable your work is to the mission of the ACA.



IMPORTANT Notice for Certification Extensions - For instructors whose certifications are set to expire at the end of this year, the SEIC Board and ACA staff invite you to request a special administrative extension. For instructors who have already received one administrative extension, you are welcome to apply for a secondary extension in this special circumstance. To request the extension, you'll need to [watch this brief video](#) and answer three questions in this [special extension form](#).



ITE Conference: In case you haven't heard, the ACA's Instructor Trainer Educators gathered last month in Denver, Colorado for the ACA's first ITE Leadership Conference. One

overarching goal of the event was to identify and tackle some of the barriers to delivering consistent and excellent instruction in paddlesports. The collaboration and energy in the room was unmatched; check out what the attendees had to say [in this video](#). Stay tuned for organized listening sessions to better understand what the outcomes of this conference mean for you and your instructor certification.



SEIC Meeting Recap: The SEIC Board and their honored guests held the Fall 2022 SEIC Meeting on Saturday, December 3rd. The group heard updates from the ACA Executive Director, Chair of the Board of Directors, Organizational Partners from the USCG Auxiliary and Boy Scouts of America, the State Director Program, and the ACA DEI Board Committee. The following motions were brought forth from committees and approved during this meeting:

- NOWS Standards Relocation/Reclassification within Level 1 Instructor Criteria
- Redefine IDW/ICE/ICW Candidate Minimums
- Level 2: Essentials of Kayak Touring Document Alignment
- River Kayak Consistency of Kayak-Based Rescue Curriculum
- SEIC Policy Manual Revisions - Chapters 2.B, 3.B, and 4.B
- Course Ratio and Maximum Size Revision

The SEIC meeting minutes and further explanation of the impacts to curriculum and/or SEIC policy will be available within the coming weeks. All ACA instructors and trainers should be diligent in utilizing the [published criteria and course outlines](#) on the ACA website as the most recent and up-to-date curriculum documents available.

CMS Helpful Hint of the Month: Hey Instructors! When you log into your [CMS account](#), you'll see a link directly to the right side of your certification that says "Active," or "Extension." Click that link, and it will take you to a page called "Progress Towards Certification Renewal." That page outlines all the certification renewal requirements, which ones you have met, and which ones you may have not yet met. Cool, right?!

Useful Instructor & Trainer Resources:

- [Instructor & Trainer Resources YouTube Playlist](#)
- [Course Management System \(CMS\) Log In & Tools](#)
- [Contact Your SEIC Board & Discipline Committee](#)

