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Dear Board Members, Contributors and Governmental Leaders:

Governance

With this issue of the *SCEcon Index* we welcome three new members to the Council's board of directors: **Richard C. Harrington, Jr.**, chief executive officer of American Specialty, Florence; **Jeffrey S. Kane**, senior vice president in charge of the Charlotte Office of the Federal Reserve Bank; and **Robert L. (Bob) Thompson**, principal, RLT Consulting, LLC, Rock Hill.

Our thanks to the *Charlotte Office of the Federal Reserve Bank* for hosting the board meeting on May 14. Our next meeting will be on **Friday, September 17, 2004**, 12 p.m. at the *National Bank of South Carolina*, 1401 Main Street in Columbia.

Programs

Summer training opportunities for economics and financial literacy:

- More than 40 K-12 teachers are registered for the *Financial Fitness Institute* on June 8 & 9 at the Moore School of Business, University of South Carolina.
- The Council provides scholarships to teachers for graduate credit courses in economics. The only cost to teachers is for books and materials.
 - ✓ Teaching Economics in the K-12 Classroom, *Center for Economic Education at Charleston Southern University*
 - ✓ Economics for the K-5 Teacher, *Winthrop Center for Economic Education*
- The Greenville School District is sponsoring an AP Macro Economics course through the *Clemson Center for Economic Education*
- Schools districts that have included economics in their summer training programs for teachers are **Anderson Five, Berkeley, Williamsburg, and York Three**.

SC Stock Market Simulation

Nearly 160 students, teachers, parents and board members attended the SC Stock Market Simulation awards luncheon at the Riverbanks Zoo on Friday, April 23. SC Attorney General **Henry McMaster** recognized the winning teams for their accomplishments.

The overall state champion was **Giyora Maman**, 12 year old student at *Chabad Academy* in Myrtle Beach with a portfolio valued at \$189,577.

JumpStart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy

The Council is working with other personal finance stakeholders to organize the *South Carolina JumpStart Coalition*. Our first exploratory meeting is on **Monday, June 7**, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Moore School of Business and is open to corporations, government agencies, foundations and others dedicated to improving financial literacy. Please contact me at (803) 777-8677 for more information. We welcome your participation.

Funding Opportunity

Support the teachers in your school district! Sponsor an all-day training on economics and personal finance to help teachers learn how to integrate these activities into the core curriculum. The \$2,500 sponsorship covers the cost of the instructor's honorarium and textbooks for up to 30 teachers.

Our goal is to get sound economics and personal financial decision-making skills taught effectively throughout the K-12 curriculum. Your help provides this training for our teachers, one of South Carolina's greatest resources. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Helen".

Helen Meyers
President