



SABE Our Community Standing Strong Advisory Committee Minutes January 11-12, 2014 Nashville, TN.

Our Community Standing Strong Regional Self Advocacy Technical Assistance
Center

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State	Group	Representative in attendance	Allies supporting project
Alabama	People First of Alabama	Darren Morris, SABE Alt. Reg. 6 Lauren Kimbrell	Susan Ellis* -People First of Alabama George Neal AL Dept. of Mental Health
Arkansas	People First of Arkansas	Eric Treat (SABE Alt. Reg. 9) Alan Plumee	Julie Petty-UCED
Florida	Florida/FL SAND,	Amanda Baker Arizona Jenkins Richard Chapman	
Georgia	People First of Georgia	Bernard Baker (SABE Rep. Reg. 6)	
North Carolina	Self Advocacy Local Groups	David Taylor Jr.(SABE Alt. Reg. 6) Ellen Perry (attended via Face time	Judy Taylor,
Oklahoma	Oklahoma People First Oklahoma Self Advocacy Network	Tomas Davis Linda Gonzales Nancy Ward	Lance Davis, Oklahoma People First
South Carolina	I.M.P.A.C.T South Carolina	Chaqueta Stuckey (Co-Director, Reg. 6 Rep.) Connie Coleman	Cindy Farr-IMPACT Kristi Hartwell-UCEDD Glenda Hyman Singletary OCSS
Tennessee	People First of Tennessee	Gatha Logan, Past Pres. PF Sam Gage Bill Gage	Emma Shouse (NYLN) Ruthie Beckwith Christy Cox Carol Rabideau--UCEDD Megan Hart-UCEDD Jennifer Austin Mark Friedman
SABE	SABE	Bryon Murray, Vicki Turnage (Co-Director), Juliana Huereña, support, Ryan Duncanwood, Cathy Enfield, Richard Enfield, Anne Fracht, Teresa Moore	



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- Bryon Murray, President of SABE and Chaqueta Stuckey , Co-Director of Our Community Standing Strong opened the meeting by welcoming the Advisory Committee, supporters and allies.
- The Committee, Supporters and Allies were introduced to each other in a series of ice breaker activities.



- Our Community Standing Strong Team introduced each other to the group.
- Chaqueta Stuckey and Vicki Hicks Turnage are Co-Directors of the Project
- Juliana Huerena and Glenda Hyman Singletary provide technical support
- Chaqueta and Vicki reviewed the organization of the notebook



Notebook



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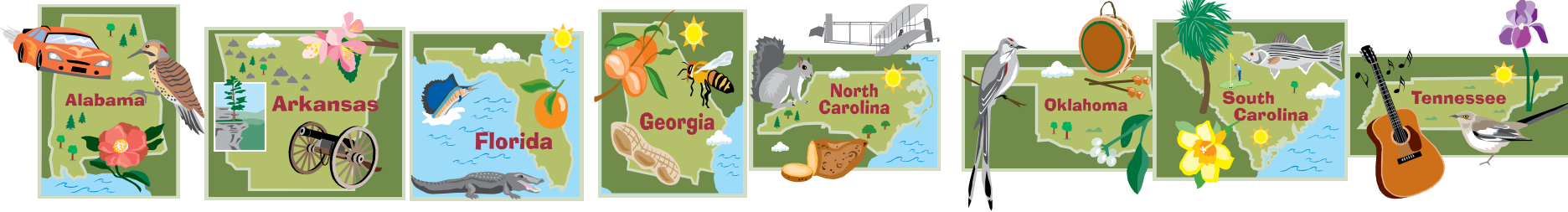
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 - Advisory Board Meetings
 - October 29, 2013
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 - Contract with State Agreements
 - Invoice

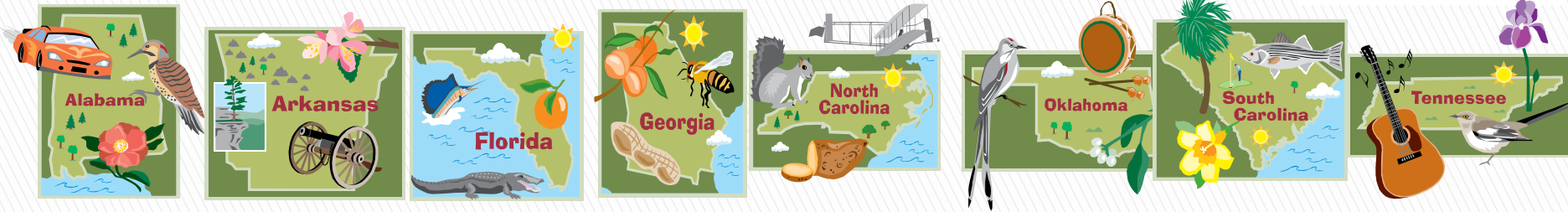
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 - State Demographic Survey
 - Regional Summary

Group Agreements



- Chaqueta led the group in a discussion of how the meetings would be conducted
 - Agreements included:
 - Respect others opinions
 - Show gratitude for each other
 - Be honest and open

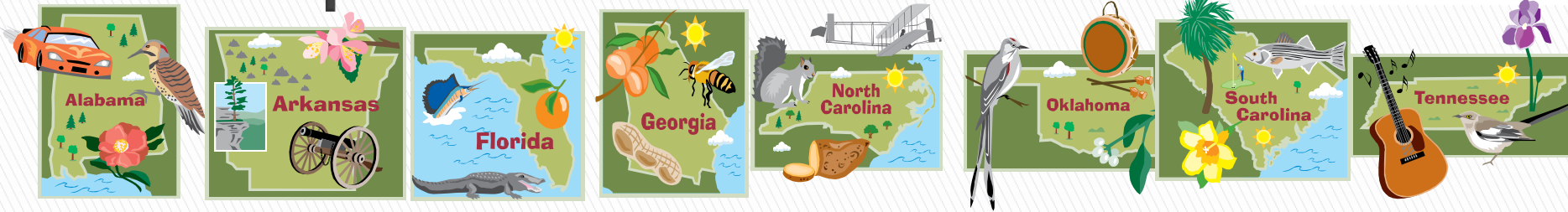
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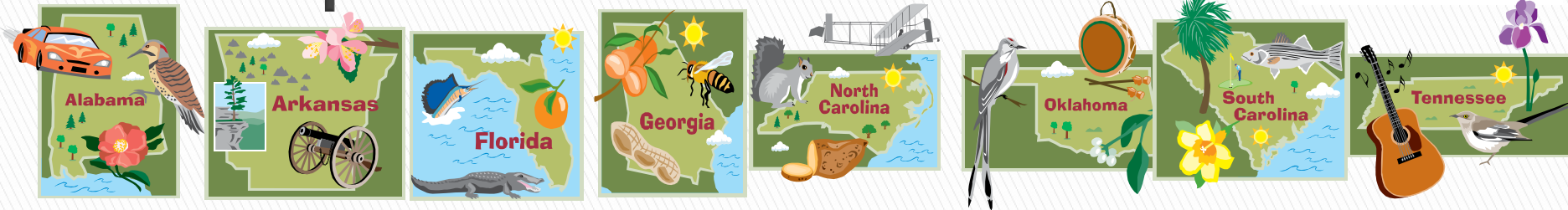
- Raise your hand to be recognized before speaking
- Don't take over the meeting
- Use parking lot for unrelated issues
- Self advocates speak first
- Supporters and Allies speak second

Overview of Project Updates and Accomplishments



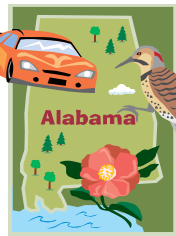
- Chaqueta and Vicki reviewed the Project Accomplishments and State Expectations
- Set up listserv with the help of Syracuse University
- Completed design, and testing of Needs Assessment survey and Demographic survey for States
- Completed State Contracts

Overview of Project Updates and Accomplishments



- 7 States have submitted contracts and invoices
- Sent Power Point presentation with minutes from webinar from two webinar to Advisory Committee
- Met by Webinar with other Regional Technical Assistance Grant Awardee and AIDD on November 4, 2013

Overview of Project Updates and Accomplishr



- Collect 1200 surveys this year- 178 complete as of 1/9/14
- Completion of a State Demographic Sheet for your state self advocacy organizations/groups- 7 groups are complete, Georgia is not sure they can participate do lack of resources.

State Expectations



- Identify and assist with the presentations for 5 Webinars on the regions top 5 needs
- Each state will write 2 Blogs on issues- One blog by May, 2nd blog by August
 - A Blog is sharing your personal opinions, activities and experiences on issue in your state

State Expectations

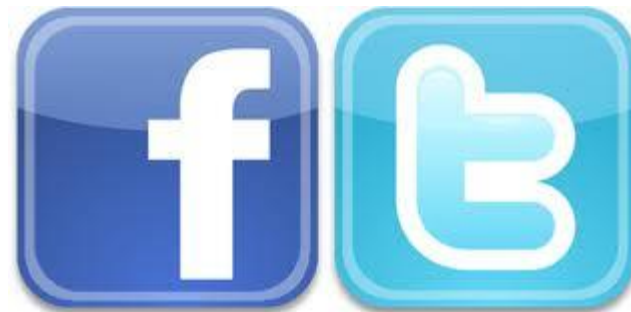


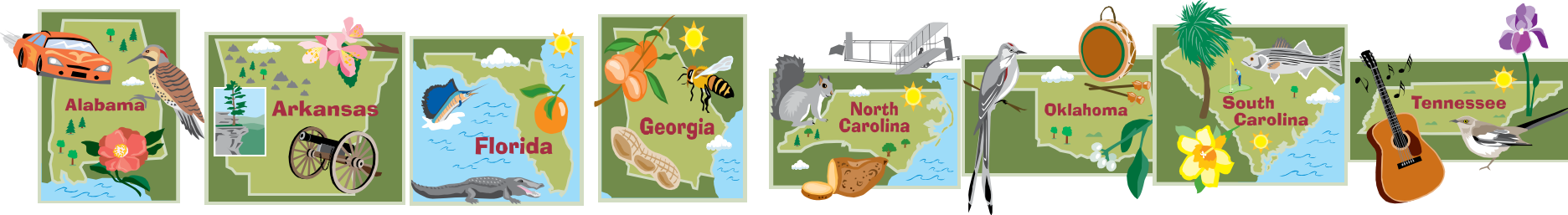
- Complete 150 surveys
- Develop a work plan identifying goals, activities and timelines will be developed by the state with technical assistance from OCSS/SABE leaders and staff



State Expectation

- States will post on the Southern Collaborative Facebook page and Twitter feed information on their state efforts and ask questions and share information





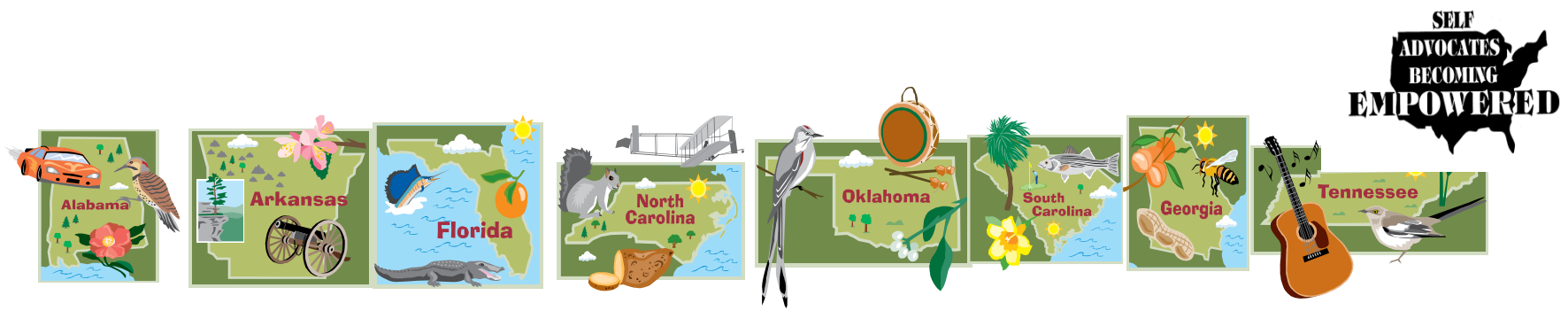
State Expectations

- States will work with their membership and publicize 5 webinars in their state
- Webinars will address the top five topics that are identified by the survey
- Each state will assist and participate in 8 technical assistance events on issues of concern



GoToWebinar

by **CITRIX**



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State Reports

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- States reviewed the results for their state.
- State demographic survey is included in the minutes



Tips and Pointers for Survey Collection

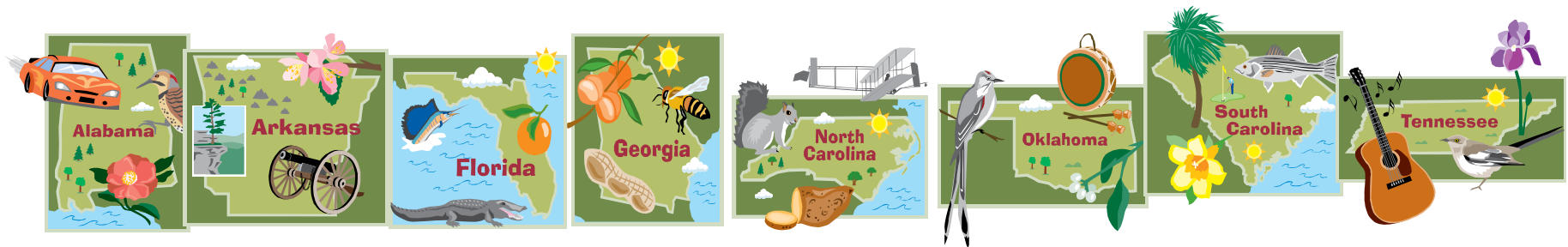
- Richard Chapman from FLSAN (Arts in Action) Discussed FLSAN'S experiences in survey collection. Power Point is attached to the meeting.
- Points made by Richard and others during the presentation included:
 - Enlist your partners and allies to assist you
 - UCEED's and P and A's may have students who could assist with interviews and input of paper surveys into survey monkey
 - Sibling Network-Emma Shouse volunteered to disseminate information on survey
 - Use social media



Tips and Pointers for Survey Collection

- Use interviewers and collect information using paper surveys
- Set up tables at conferences and meeting to assist people
- Be careful not to influence answers.

Barriers to Needs Assessments and Technical Assistance plan implementation identified by Group



- During the discussion of survey collection and throughout the meeting the group identified the following barriers to collection of the state needs surveys and the implementation of technical assistance plans

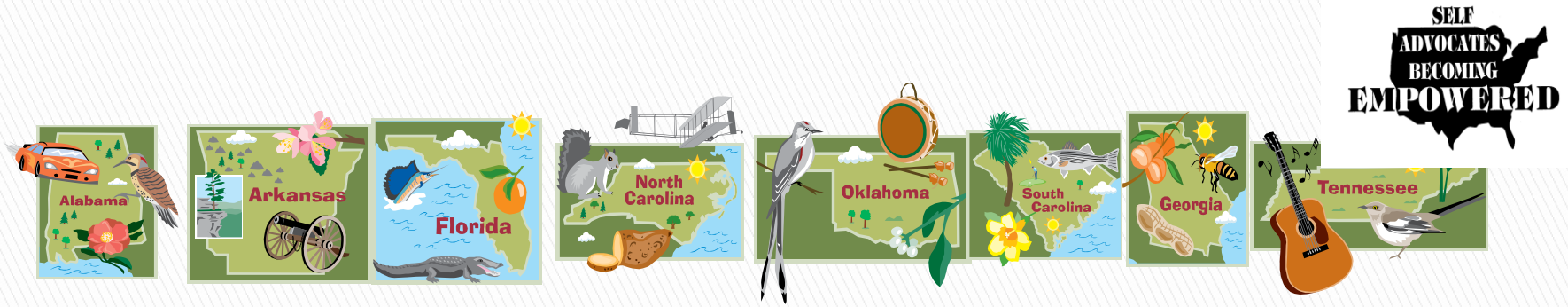


Barriers for survey completion and implementation of Technical Assistance Plans for States



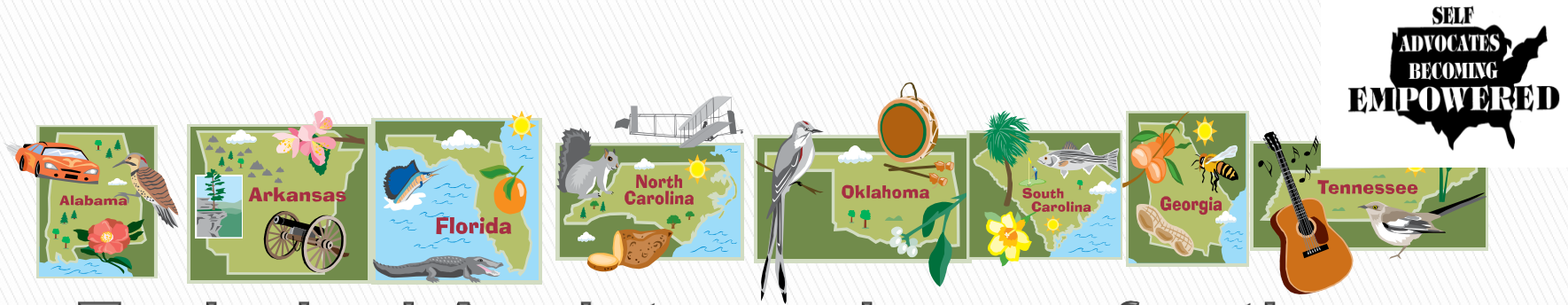
- Members Access to Technology
- Support needed to understand and answer questions
- Relationships with DD Partners
- Self Advocacy leadership in the state
- Lack of funding for state groups
- Size of state
- Transportation for support





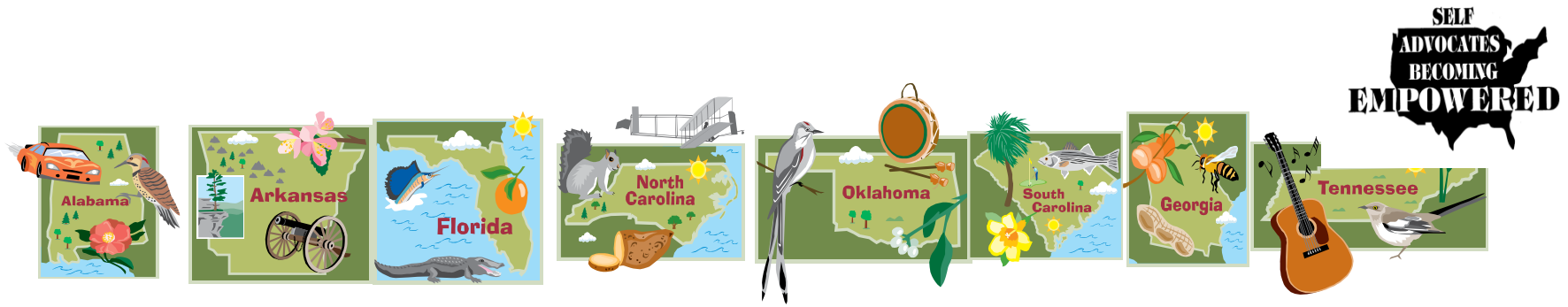
Technical Assistance issues for the Southern Collaborative

- Vicki discussed the top five issues identified in the State Demographic Surveys:
 - Finding stable funding, grant writing and grant reporting
 - Building Partnerships and finding supporters



Technical Assistance issues for the Southern Collaborative

- Recruiting New members who will work on issues
- Organizing, Planning and taking actions on issues
- Teaching members about self advocacy



Social Media

- Overview of Social Media was provided by Ruthie Beckwith from Tennessee
- Discussion centered around the use of social media to get information to self advocates
- Social media includes Facebook, Twitter, Linked In,
- It was pointed out that when you use social media that we should be aware that others read our posts



Actions Taken by Advisory Committee

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- Advisory Committee Meeting
 - Monthly Go To Meeting or Conference Calls
 - Face to Face Meeting Dates and Places (some of the locations were proposed after the meeting)
 - March-Birmingham with opening of Disability History Exhibit
 - April or May in Birmingham to view the exhibit
 - April in Washington DC with the Disability Policy Summit (ruled out as DC is not in South)
 - May in Nashville with Tennessee Mega Conference
 - June in South Carolina in conjunction with IMPACT South Carolina Conference
 - July in Orlando in conjunction with Family Café
 - July with SABE Board Meeting if in South

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- ▶ Appointment of following committees and assignments:
 - Webinars and Advisory Committee meetings
 - Amanda-Florida
 - Eric Treat-Arkansas
 - Darren Morris- Alabama
 - Schedule Conference call to identify dates and presenters based on strengths identified in state demographic surveys
 - Chaqueta and Vicki will schedule a call to discuss in early February

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▶ Committees and Assignments

◦ Survey Results

- Gatha Logan-Tennessee
- Sam Gage- Tennessee
- Connie Coleman- South Carolina
- David Taylor- North Carolina
- Bernard Baker- Georgia
- Eric Treat-Arkansas
 - Chaqueta and Vicki will schedule a call to discuss in February

Actions Taken by Advisory Committee



- ▶ Committees and Assignments

- Social Media

- Amanda Baker
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Follow Up

- ▶ Need Brief History and Accomplishments for each state by end of February.

