

Southeast Region

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[Image description: cartoon bears wearing winter accessories ice skate]

Happy December Southeast! I hope everyone is staying warm! In November, we had a fantastic meeting with a presentation from self-advocates Paula Mione and Daysiree Perez Batista. We watched an amazing video made by self-advocates from the Northeast MASS region called “This Is Us: Stories about Bullying and the R-Word,” that featured interviews with self-advocates about their experiences. We then got to ask the creator questions about their experience making the movie

and have a discussion about our experiences. Thanks to Daysiree and Paula for stopping by! We also spent some time giving feedback to the MASS board about our ideas for the 2023 MASS annual conference.

As many of you know, this month will be my last month with MASS. I am sad to be leaving the Southeast, but I know that the amazing self-advocates in the Southeast will continue with the amazing advocacy and community-building work they have done so far! The region is filled with amazing activists, advocates, and friends and it has been such an honor to work with you all for the last year. We will be having a drop-in meeting to say goodbye on Thursday, **December 7th from 4-5pm.**

Later this month, our regional meeting will be focused on electing new regional officers! We hope to see a lot of people there. Anyone can have a leadership role in the region, whether you are new to the group or a seasoned pro. We are excited to

bring in new leaders and we hope your voices will be heard in the voting process! The elections will be on **Thursday, December 22nd** from **6-7:30pm.** The zoom information for both of these meetings is below:

https://zoom.us/j/108541531

+16465189805 Meeting ID: 108 541 531

We hope to see you there! For all of those who celebrate holidays in December, have a happy happy holiday!