

Georgia Association of Educational Office Professionals



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To All Current GAEOP Members

Hello Folks -

I hope everyone's summer is off to a good start and that this finds you all healthy and happy!

A few things to catch everyone up on and inform you of:

1. Membership renewals will be going out the end of June - please return yours as soon as possible to ensure that you don't miss out on any information on our fabulous upcoming Fall Conference! Debbie has put a lot of effort and planning into the conference, and it sounds like a good time for all! **Reserve the dates of October 19-21, 2006 for the conference.**

2. A couple things will be included with the renewals:

a. A ballot for essentially a "vote of confidence for those people who have graciously agreed to volunteer to serve as officers for 2006-2007. Since we did not receive any nominations, we have called on some folks with a long history of service to GAEOP to fill in. A ballot will be sent out to allow for any write-ins if someone is interested in serving. As of right now, we have Ann Marie Lee for Vice-President; Celia Evans for Treasurer and Jan Knowles for Secretary. Also, we will be trying something new with the President-Elect position: co-president-elects who will then serve as Co-Presidents for 2007-2008. At this time, Paulette Woodard has agreed to be one of the two Co-Presidents, we are working on getting a commitment for the other Co-President.

With membership being low and falling, GAEOP is calling on those who are still willing to be involved to help in any way they can - sometimes in more than one role. For this to work, the work load needs to be shared. If you are interested in working on a committee, either alone or with someone, please let Debbie know!

b. A voting sheet for changes that are believed necessary in the current state of membership:

1. A By Laws change is proposed as follows:

Article IV, Section 10 of the GAEOP By Laws shall be amended to read: "The executive board shall consist of the elected officers of GAEOP: the President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Immediate Past President. The Full Board of GAEOP shall include those members of the Executive Board as well as the Area Coordinator, Area Chairmen and Committee Chairmen."

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This change is suggested to allow for ease during planning and holding meetings. The suggestion was made by several members who've served on the GAEOP Board who feel that four meetings of the full board each year is unnecessary in this age of email. A suggestion is made that future meetings be held as follows: The Executive Board will meet in July/August and January/February; Full Board meetings will be held the night preceding the both the Fall and Spring meetings. It was also suggested that discussion and voting could be done via email when a majority of members is unable to attend meetings; thereby allowing the business needs of GAEOP to be met.

2. A Quorum change for the standing rules has been suggested/approved by several 2005-2006 officers as well as some members of the 2005-2006 Board - this does not need to be approved by the membership, but will be included as official notification:

Section V, 7, k (1) of the GAEOP Standing Rules will be amended to read as follows: "A simple majority of members currently serving in positions will constitute a quorum for meetings of either the Executive Board (elected officers) or Full Board."

It is also suggested that for purposes of electronic (via email) voting - a quorum will be considered met when a majority of members of the group voting (either officers or Full Board) have submitted their votes to the President via email by the given deadline for the vote.

The Current By Laws and Standing Rules are available on the GAEOP website (www.geocities.com/gaeoponline) if you wish to review them.

Please let me know if you have any questions about any of these things. We are working to keep GAEOP as strong as possible in these lean times so that we will be here together when things pick back up!

Thanks!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Beth', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Elizabeth Harris, CEOE, GCEOP
GAEOP 2005-2006 President

(This email will be available on the GAEOP website by the end of the week - Look on the "Communicator" page.)