



The conference is behind us, and the holidays, at this writing, are before us. The year is quickly passing.

What a wonderful conference we had in October. I felt from your smiles, nods, and positive comments that it was even better than I anticipated. Your evaluation forms were full of kind remarks about the workshops, meals, and hotel facilities. I offer my deepest gratitude to the executive board who worked hard to provide a fall conference that would assist you in "Getting In Tune Through Professional Growth". I would especially like to thank those new board members who volunteered at the fall conference to take unfilled positions.

We are looking forward to our Spring Conference, Installation Service, and Awards Luncheon, which will be at the Stone Mountain Inn, April 30 – May 1, 2004. You will receive registration materials, and we will provide conference information on our website. Our 2004 Fall Conference will be at Unicoi State Park in Helen, Georgia, October 28-30. Also, put on your calendar the dates for our Southeastern conference, April 16-18, to be held at the Radisson Hotel Cincinnati Riverfront and our National Conference, July 19-23, to be held in Boston, MA.

The executive board will meet Saturday, February 7 at Georgia Perimeter College. Please plan to attend so that we will meet our quorum.

My wishes for you this holiday season are love, joy and peace.  
Diane Pendley



## **Spring Conference April 30 – May 1, 2004**

The Spring Conference is going to be held April 30 – May 1, 2004, at the Stone Mountain Inn in Stone Mountain, Georgia. The cost of the rooms will be \$89.00 per night. A block of rooms has been reserved for GAEOP. You may contact Stone Mountain Inn at (770) 469-3311 for reservations. The Executive Board Meeting will be held on Friday night, April 30. The workshop, luncheon, and Installation of Officers will be held on Saturday, May 1. You don't want to miss the motivational speaker we have lined up. The title is "Two Wrongs Don't Make a Right, but Three Lefts Do.....Making the Right Decision."

## **Fall Conference October 28 – 30, 2004**

The Fall Conference is going to be held October 28-30, 2004, at the Lodge at Unicoi (Unicoi State Park), Helen, Georgia. The cost of the rooms will be \$119.00 per night. A block of rooms has been reserved for GAEOP. You may contact the Lodge at (706) 878-2201 for reservations. The Executive Board Meeting will be held on Thursday night, October 28. The workshops, luncheon, and other activities will be held on Friday, October 29. Saturday, October 30, we will have the Business Meeting and a Speaker.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the Spring and Fall Conference.

## **Membership Update**

All members should have received, either via email or snail mail, a membership listing the last week of November. At that time, GAEOP had 90 members who had paid dues for 2003-2004. Since then, we have added another New member, her phone and email information is shown below, (further information will be distributed with the next membership list in the Spring): Nancy M. Goodloe; Phone: (770) 358-5194; [nancy\\_g@gdn.edu](mailto:nancy_g@gdn.edu) (Nancy works at Gordon College – part of the University System of Georgia).

If you know of anyone who plans to join GAEOP this year – please ask them to submit their application and dues as soon as possible. We are very close to our goal of 100 members this year and once we reach that goal, we can exceed it!

Elizabeth Harris, CEOE <[aerial@gpc.edu](mailto:aerial@gpc.edu)>

## **Higher Education**

Letters were mailed to all 103 college presidents in the state in September. Several responses have been received including one new member (see the Membership report in this newsletter). If you work in an institution of Higher Education and plan to attend the spring conference at Stone Mountain – please contact one of the Higher Education reps (Elizabeth Harris or Sandra Bancroft) maybe we can plan an activity following the luncheon on Saturday.

Elizabeth Harris, CEOE <[aerial@gpc.edu](mailto:aerial@gpc.edu)>

## **Nominations Committee**

Put your thinking caps on! The call for nominations for the 2004-2005 slate of officers is fast approaching! Are you interested in serving on the Board? Do you know someone whose talents would benefit GAEOP and it's members? Be considering adding this level of service to your participation with GAEOP. Even if you aren't interested in an elected position, Ann Marie Lee, our President-Elect, would love to hear of your interest in serving on the board in some capacity!

Elizabeth Harris, CEOE [aerial@gpc.edu](mailto:aerial@gpc.edu)





## Website Report

As of December 4<sup>th</sup>, we have had 589 visits (16 in the last month) to the front page at [www.geocities.com/gaeoponline](http://www.geocities.com/gaeoponline). 67% of our visitors are finding us through the affiliate's page at [www.naeop.org](http://www.naeop.org). If you have any suggestions about the website, please use the email link on the site and let us know.

Re: The GAEOP mailing list – as of December 4<sup>th</sup>, there are only 3 members on the list. The list will not be used until more members decide to join. Please refer this information you received with your membership card concerning joining the list if you are interested.

Elizabeth Harris, CEOE [aerial@gpc.edu](mailto:aerial@gpc.edu)



## News from Barrow County

The Barrow County Association of Educational Professionals are very pro-active when it comes to the children of Barrow County. During the month of December, our organization joined with other community businesses/leaders to help to make the holiday season a lot brighter for families in need by making a \$250.00 donation to the Holiday Connection. The Holiday Connection is open to families in need for Santa shopping from the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in December through Christmas. Based on income, families are allowed credit to use toward selecting items.

Peace and Love to All!  
BCAEOP, Winder Ga.

## ***Higher Education Council***

*Greetings from Washington! Let me introduce myself. My name is Linda Gersib and President Anne Bomar appointed me to the position of Higher Education Council Chairman for the 2003-2004 year. I am employed at Saint Martin's College (SMC), a small private college in Lacey, Washington. I am employed in the Athletics Department as Program Specialist working with the Athletic Director. I love working at SMC and the seclusion of the campus within a beautifully forested part of the city. If you would like to know more about SMC, please check the college Website at [www.stmartin.edu](http://www.stmartin.edu).*

*Higher Education had the privilege of having several "special" highlights involving HE members at the NAEOP Conference in Boise in July 2003.*

- The NAEOP Educational Office Professional of the Year is Lola Young from the University of Nebraska, a higher ed person!*
- The Higher Ed Breakfast was held at Boise State University Student Union Building with a 180 degree view of the campus, stadium and mountains. We learned that BSU is the only football stadium in the USA with BLUE AstroTurf.*
- Mary Cosine, the first Higher Education Council Chairman was in attendance at the breakfast and spoke of the history of HEC. The first HEC breakfast was in 1985 in Boise.*
- The speaker, Wanda Lynn Riley from BSU, presented "Around the Watercooler," a comical view of learning university business university business by hanging around the watercooler and from information posted on the employee bulletin board. Wanda's presentation was delightful and immensely enjoyed by all.*

*I could site many qualities of the Boise Conference, but the point is –YOU need to be a Conference. Please start making plans now to attend the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, July 2004, in Boston MA! Now is just the right time to talk with you administrator and let them know how important attendance to the Conference in to you. If you don't receive any professional development money, then plan now to put a little away every payday so that by registration time (in April or May) you will have the money saved. Be sure and visit the NAEOP Website ([www.naeop.org](http://www.naeop.org)) to see the Board of Directors of your organization. To receive information and network with other members of NAEOP please sign-up by clicking on the "Mailing List" button and you will be added to the list serve.*

*Look for registration materials for the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual NAEOP Conference and Institute in Boston, MA in the Winter NES. Plans for the HEC Breakfast are already underway and a wonderful speaker has been secured presenting a worthwhile, applicable topic. I know you won't want to miss the HEC breakfast and hope I have piqued your interest enough that you will want to fill out your registration form and return it to the national office early. I look forward to renewing acquaintances and making new acquaintances in Boston. Look for more information in future issues of your state newsletter.*

*If you have questions, concerns, ideas or whatever, please feel free to email me at [lgersib@comcast.net](mailto:lgersib@comcast.net) and I will reply as quickly as possible. Have a safe and happy holiday season! For most it means a much-needed time away from the office. Linda Gersib, CEOE*

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