

April 17, 2002
GAIT Board Meeting
Savannah, Georgia

The meeting of the G.A.I.T. board was called to order by President Maria Savoldi. Those attending were: Maria Savoldi, Gordon Baker, Judi Repman, and Diann Harris (telephonically).

The minutes from the October 31, 2001, had been previously approved via electronic communication.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Gordon Baker (for Ann Grantham) and was accepted as presented. Total assets are \$39,254.29. COMO XIII generated \$6,124.82 for GAIT.

Membership: As of April 15, 2002, there are 186 current (paid) members. (173 regular and 13 life). The group discussed ways to remind people to renew their memberships. Two ideas were to send post card reminders as well as reminders via the electronic GAIT mailing list. Several members have volunteered to assist on various committees. Kathy has forwarded those names to Maria so that they can be contacted.

G.A.I.T. Web Site: Maria will contact Wes Force, Art Consultant with Colson Art Printing in Valdosta to create a mock up web site. The group agreed to pursue the creation of a virtual room or office for the site. This idea would give a "home" for GAIT since we are a virtual community most of the year. Things that might give ambience and subtle clues to who we are and what we represent could be on the wall, on a desk, on the shelf or coffee table, etc. For example, the viewer might see on our homepage, a guest book in the foyer, our membership directory, by-laws, and other documents on the bookshelf, pictures from COMO and the leadership conference on the coffee table in an album, officer and past President portraits on the wall, etc. All of this would be interactive with a click of the mouse.

G.A.I.T. Connection: The group realized that there have been so many different discussions regarding the direction of the GAIT Connection that previous minutes would have to be studied to determine the most recent plan.

Media Festival: The board discussed the outcome of the membership vote. 64 members voted to continue with the GSMF and 18 voted to discontinue the GSMF. Specific comments were also noted. Gordon will continue to work to restructure the media festival and keep the board and membership informed as he progresses.

New Business: Utah State University has applied for continuation of an NSF grant and has invited GAIT members to participate in the event that they receive funding. They want to continue to develop a tool for educators. It would be a digital library in which teachers could search collections and automatically create web pages with appropriate activities. It would be form driven and eventually extend to students to create their own pages in a "wizard" fashion. Maria will inform the membership if and when this opportunity arises.

COMO Conference Dates: COMO 2002 will be held in Athens on October 9-11.
AECT Summer Leadership: July 26-29, 2002 – Chicago, IL

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Savoldi
President

