

GAIT Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 12, 2005
COMO Conference
Columbus, Georgia

Present: Gordon Baker, Rhonda Boozer, Ann Grantham, Michelle Lenderman, Tom Beggs, John Brooks, Ginny Harrell, Juanita Buddy, Ann Hamilton and LeAnn Kelley

The meeting was called to order by President John Brooks.

- GAIT Membership – John Brooks spoke about how we could increase our membership.
 - Membership Drive – Get the rest of this year free (three months) during COMO
 - Send membership information with election information
 - Members of GAIT talking more about the organization and its benefits at County Media Meetings

Rhonda Boozer distributed the minutes from the August 20, 2005 GAIT Board Meeting in Macon. The minutes were approved and accepted as presented.

Ann Grantham presented the Treasurer's Report. The checking account balance on hand as of October 10, 2005 was \$26,708.21. The Wachovia Savings Account has a balance of \$2,464.68. The Sea Island CD has a balance of \$16,719.34. Total assets as of October 10, 2005 were \$45,892.23. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Committees

- Publications – Gordon published a new issue of the GAIT Connection. It went live on Tuesday October 11th.
- Georgia Student Media Festival – Michelle Lenderman reported that the State Media Festival has a new logo that they are very excited about. She also wanted to make everyone aware that some project types have changed to match international standards. Home school children will receive information that they need to go to the local school system to participate in a media festival.
- Governmental Relations/Legislation Committee – Ann will be giving an ALA update at the COMO Conference. The important thing right now is the Patriot Act.

- Leadership Development Committee - Ginny Harrell will award both the GAIT Awards and the Goen-Sloan Scholarship at the GAIT Breakfast on Friday October 14th.
- Media Specialist of the Year – Awards will be given out during the last general session of COMO on Friday October 14th.
- Higher Education – Gordon Baker is currently looking into connecting and recruiting new members from Colleges and Universities around the state.
- K-12 – Leslie Wantland was unable to attend therefore there is no report
- Membership -Director Dr. Juanita Buddy reported that membership has increased. A sizable deposit was made to GAIT for new members. Ginny Harrell will be taking over as Membership Director.

Old Business

- There was no Old Business to attend to at this meeting.

New Business

- Library Day – Library Day is going to be January 24, 2006. Tom Beggs is going to be the representative for GAIT on the Library Day Committee.
- COMO Issues – Scheduling is a problem. Suggestions included electronic forms (Rhonda Boozer is designing one) and hard / fast deadlines.
- A new slate of officers has been formed.
- Next meeting will be January 28, 2006 at Clayton State (10 am)

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 P.M.