

October 9, 2002
GAIT Board Meeting
Athens, Georgia

The meeting of the G.A.I.T. board was called to order by President Maria Savoldi. Those attending were: Maria Savoldi, Diann Harris, Gordon Baker, Ann Grantham (by proxy), Juanita Buddy, Elizabeth Bennett, Gloria Norris, and Mary Ann Hindes.

The minutes from the April 17, 2002 meeting were approved.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Gordon Baker (for Ann Grantham) and was accepted as presented. Total assets are \$40,868.31.

Membership: As of October 9, 2002, there are 217 current members. (204 regular (paid) and 13 life). Juanita Buddy brought up the topic and the group discussed more efficient ways of addressing the membership. Ideas included pre-printed post cards for membership renewals and when dues are paid, a "punch out" type membership card. Juanita agreed to pursue options and pricing information. There was also discussion that some of the letters on the online membership directory aren't working properly. It was proposed that we send a membership directory to paid members as a .pdf file. That way they could keep it electronically on their computer or print a hard copy. Kathy Bailey reported (prior to the meeting) that she would be willing to keep an updated database of members and continue to work with Juanita Buddy on membership.

G.A.I.T. Web Site: Maria reported that she had contacted Wes Force, Art Consultant with Colson Art Printing in Valdosta to create a mock up web site. She will communicate with him about the needed elements and overall design for the site.

G.A.I.T. Connection: In an effort to offer a publication of value the group agreed that each person on the board would be responsible for contributing one article so that we can create a "demo" of an electronic publication (.pdf file). Each person would also contribute useful Internet links that support instructional technology. It was agreed that the membership would also be solicited for articles and URLs of interest.

Media Festival: Gordon reported that GLA voted unanimously to co-sponsor the media festival in 2004. The 2003 brochures were bulk mailed and placed on the GAIT web site. The state competition will be held on May 9, 2003 in Bibb County. The score requirement has increased to 98 to be eligible for the state competition.

New Business: Michele Estes requested (prior to the meeting) that the members of the board suggest possible candidates for office. Michele will also solicit for candidates at the breakfast membership meeting on October 11th. Her intention is to have a slate of candidates to present to the board within a week. The group discussed the responsibilities and costs associated with serving on the GAIT board. It was voted that GAIT will pay for elected officers to become members of AECT during their tenure as board members thus supporting their efforts and encouraging them to continue to develop their professional and leadership skills. The bylaws were amended to reflect this decision. Gordon presented the updated leadership handbook. It was approved as presented.

COMO Conference Dates: COMO 2003 will be held on Jekyll Island on October 22-24.
AECT Conference: November 12-16, 2002 – Dallas, TX

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Savoldi
President