

April 23, 2001
GAIT Board Meeting via GSAMS

The meeting of the GAIT Board was called to order by President Michele Estes. Those participating were: Michele Estes, Jane Zahner, Ellen Wiley, Maria Savoldi, Linda Davis, Connie Tibbitts, and Kathy Bailey.

The minutes from the October 11, 2000, meeting and the Treasurer's report will be reviewed via email. The minutes will be approved or approved with amendments via email. The Treasurer's report shows total assets of \$39,874.85, as of 4/21/01.

COMO XIII Conference update: An estimated 120 GAIT members attended COMO 2000. It was agreed that GAIT will hold a pre-conference leadership workshop at COMO 2001. The workshop will be three hours in length, free, and open to all conference attendees. This is an excellent way to provide a service and also to promote our organization. Several ideas for topics were suggested and Michele will peruse these possibilities. A suggestion was made to hold a drawing or offer door prizes at the GAIT breakfast. One possibility is to give away a free COMO XIV registration to a GAIT breakfast attendee.

Ann Grantham is Treasurer for COMO 2001 and Maria and Michele are Co-Chairs. Michele is also leading the Site Selection Subcommittee for COMO 2002 and COMO 2004.

GLMA and GLA have suggested that GAIT share administrative services with their organizations. All agreed that with everyone's busy schedules, working strictly with volunteers is not working well. The general feeling is that GAIT does not need administrative support of the same magnitude of GLMA and GLA, but will look at options that better serve our needs. Michele will attempt to define these needs and will contact AECT representatives to learn about opportunities through our national affiliate or through its members. Ellen will send Michele a copy of the most recent member survey which addresses issues such as needs within GAIT.

The AECT Conference will be held in Atlanta November 8-10, 2001. Michele was pleased to report that we have more than enough volunteers from GAIT. GAIT will host a presentation and possibly a reception during the conference as the host state affiliate. Several topics were discussed, including InTech, standards, staff development, and general leadership.

GDLA (GA Distance Learning Association) has invited GAIT to collaborate on a special program or conference event. The suggestion was well received. Suggested ideas focused on topics related to online staff development. Michele will have further discussions with their contact person, Carla Releford.

Jane reported that GAIT Connection in print form has ceased to exist due to lack of time and submissions. Everyone was invited to send to Michele electronic addresses of articles and other sites that they feel should be included in an electronic version of the GAIT Connection.

An EarthLink account is used to host our website for a fee of \$17.50 per month. The URL is <http://www.gait-inc.org>.

Upcoming mailings to all members will include: a welcome letter from Michele, the membership directory booklet, website information, and directions for accessing and submitting corrections to the online membership directory through Ellen. The password protected, online membership directory has been posted to the GAIT website. Ellen announced the print version will be available soon. Estimated cost for the printing is \$1150.

Nominations for Leadership and Scholarship awards will be included in a mailing and the winners will be announced at COMO. It was recommended that the qualifications for awards be reviewed and perhaps modified to make them more inclusive of the entire GAIT membership.

The meeting was adjourned.
Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Bailey, Secretary