

# GAIT Connection

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*Calendar of Events*

- **Children's Book Week**  
November 14-20, 2005
- **New Officers Begin**  
January 1, 2006
- **ALA Mid-Winter Meeting**  
January 20-25, 2006
- **Georgia Library Day**  
January 24, 2006
- **COMO XVIII — Athens, GA**  
September 20-22, 2006



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*(Come to Columbus to . . .)*

**Discover a New World of Knowledge**

**October 12-14, 2005**



Set sail for an adventure of discovery in Columbus, GA, October 12-14, 2005, at COMO XVII. This will be COMO's first voyage back to Columbus since the mid-90s.

Keynote speakers for this year's conference include Dr. Annette Lamb, and author, Steven Kellogg.

Dr. Lamb, our Wednesday keynoter, is a favorite of COMO audiences and will be delighting us not only with a keynote address, but also several workshop sessions. Annette is recognized as a leader in the field of technology integration and information inquiry. Her

website, Eduscapes.com is a very popular resource for educators. Annette is the author of numerous articles and over a dozen books for educators.

Steven Kellogg, our Thursday keynoter, has delighted audiences for almost 40 years. Whether young or old, everyone loves Kellogg's books. As his friend actress Helen Hunt says in her introduction to *Pinkerton and Friends: a Steven Kellogg Treasury*, "Steven's books give voice and bring humor to the mischievous in all of us."

His books include: *Is Your Mama a Llama?*, *Pecos Bill: a Tall Tale*,

*Pinkerton, Behave, A Rose for Pinkerton*, and *Island of the Skog* to mention a few.

Our Thursday evening Authors Reception will feature approximately 50 authors. These include: Robert Newton Peck, Pamela B. Mueller, Karin Gillespie, Julie Cannon, Brian Corrigan, Ronda Rich, Robert Arnett, and Smita Turakhia. Barnes & Noble will be on hand to sell books by these and other authors.

Also we will have four free pre-conferences and over 120 concurrent sessions. Don't miss our more than 100 exhibitors!

## Anne Frank Exhibit Featured at Columbus Public Library

COMO conference-goers are cordially invited to tour the new Columbus Public Library on Wednesday afternoon from 3pm until 4:45 pm. In addition to tours of the new three-story facility, there will be light

refreshments and an opportunity to view the Anne Frank Exhibit. The Columbus Public Library is located at 3000 Macon Road, in midtown Columbus. For more information, contact Patty Chamberlain at 706-243-2697.



## President's Message by John Brooks



Everyday I read about new ways to use technology to increase student achievement. The amount of new information is staggering. It is good to know that there is an organization like GAIT that helps us put this information in perspective and keeps us informed on the latest technology.

This past year events included: Library Day, plan-

ning for COMO and membership drives. GAIT also sponsors scholarships that I urge our members to consider. Library Day gave media and technology specialists from across the state a chance to network and share ideas with others. We talked to legislators on behalf of our membership for more funding in media and technology.

Some upcoming events include:

- The fall COMO conference is in Columbus, Georgia. The theme for the conference is "Discover a New World of Knowledge" and it takes place October 12-14, 2005. Make plans to attend. Also, be thinking about next year's COMO which will be in September in Athens, Georgia.
- AECT, our national organization will hold the annual meeting in Orlando, Florida October 18-22. The theme of this conference will be "Exploring the Vision". I know many of you plan to attend.

In closing, I want you to encourage your colleagues to join GAIT. We also need members that are willing to serve on committees and become involved in the organization. GAIT's success depends on members who take an active role and serve on committees such as government, student media festival, leadership development, and the Media Specialists of the Year.



## 'Exploring the Vision'

2005 AECT International Convention  
Orlando, Florida October 18-22, 2005

Make plans to attend this great conference  
at: <http://www.aect.org/events>.

# Great Books from AECT

## www.aect.org

### Distance Education: Definition and Glossary of Terms



**Authors:** Lee Ayers Schlosser, *Southern Oregon University* and Michael Simonson, *Nova Southeastern University*  
191 pages, paperback

This latest AECT publication of the field, *'Distance Education: Definition and Glossary of*

*Terms'*, will enable students to be current in their understanding of Distance Education terms and current definitions. This is an emergent and dynamic field and AECT is once again on the leading edge with the first comprehensive publication for researchers and practitioners. Inside you'll find information about ... *Emerging Definitions, A brief history , Theory, and Distance Education.*

The price is \$23.95. This includes \$4.00 for shipping and handling.

Add these books to your collection today!



### Information Power: Building Partnerships for Learning

**Co-authored** by the *Association for Educational Communications & Technology*, and the *American Association of School Librarians*.

ISBN: 0-8389-3470-6 205 pages, paperback

This National Standards publication for school media

center programs, includes information literacy standards for student learning as well as revised standards for school library media programs. This powerful tool can be use by media specialists to foster the active, authentic learning that today's researchers and practitioners recognize as vital to helping students become information literate lifelong learners.

The price is \$35.00, which includes \$3.00 shipping and handling.



### The Instructional Use of Learning Objects

Edited by David A. Wiley

The Agency for Instructional Technology and The Association for Educational Communications and Technology's new book *The Instructional Use of Learning*

*Objects* presents the cutting edge of modern instructional design theory. Learning objects "...may provide the foundation for an adaptive, generative, scalable learning architecture... [wherein both] teaching and learning as we know them are certain to be revolutionized" (Wiley, p. 20).  
**The Instructional Use of**

**Learning Objects** has 298 pages and is softbound. It is a joint publication of the Agency for Instructional Technology and the Association for Educational Communications and Technology. ©2002 by individual chapter authors.

ISBN: 0-7842-0892-1

# Minutes from the August 20, 2005 GAIT Board Meeting

## Rhonda Boozer, Secretary



### GAIT Board Meeting

Saturday, August 20, 2005

Central High School Media Center  
Macon, GA

Present: Gordon Baker, Rhonda Boozer, Ann Grantham, Michelle Lenderman, Tom Beggs, John Brooks, Ginny Harrell, and Leslie Wantland

The meeting was called to order by President John Brooks.

Rhonda Boozer distributed the minutes from the February 5, 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 August 20, 2005 was \$27,593.73. The Wachovia Savings Account has a balance of \$2,463.43. The Sea Island CD has a balance of \$16,719.34. Total assets as of August 20, 2005 were \$46,776.50. The treasurer's report was accepted.

### Committees

Publications – Gordon will be publishing the GAIT Connection in

the coming weeks and is currently looking for information to include. Please send any information you might have to him at [Gordonbaker@clayton.edu](mailto:Gordonbaker@clayton.edu).

Georgia Student Media Festival – Michelle Lenderman reported that the State Media Festival was going to be Friday May 5, 2005 at Georgia Public Broadcasting. Deborah Gray from Gwinnett will be coordinating the festival again this year. Michelle stated that the committee was looking at doing two postcard mailings as reminders for the Media Festival including dates and information.

There was no report from the Governmental Relations/Legislation Committee due to Ann Hamilton's absence.

Leadership Development Committee - Ginny Harrell sent out emails on Friday, August 19th about the GAIT Awards and the Goen-Sloan Scholarship.

Media Specialist of the Year – Gordon Baker reported on Pam Nutt's behalf that the Media Specialist of the Year has been selected and will be awarded during the second General Session at COMO.

Higher Education – Gordon Baker is currently looking into connecting and recruiting new members from Colleges and Universities around the state.

K-12 – Leslie Wantland reported that she is planning to work with the K-12 libraries to increase membership.

Membership -Director Dr. Juanita Buddy was unable attend. Therefore there was no membership report.

### Old Business

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

### New Business

COMO - Tom Beggs presented the group with a listing of all the COMO Presentations that were accepted. He also supplied us with schedule of all events for the COMO Conference. He asked that we review it and email any mistakes that we might see to him at [tbeggs@uga.edu](mailto:tbeggs@uga.edu). All COMO presentations were accepted expect for three due to financial reasons. Wes Miller will be speaking at the GAIT breakfast and has volunteered to do a presentation at the COMO Conference. COMO next year will be September 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> and GAIT will be in charge of Registration.

GAIT Membership – John Brooks spoke about how we could increase our membership. A few ideas included: Members of GAIT talking more about the organization and its benefits at County Media Meetings, a postcard mailing about the benefits of memberships (November or December), having a promotion at COMO to encourage membership, and sending out letters like we did last year for the membership drive. Ginny Harrell passed out the membership drive letters that we could use.

Next Meeting will be held at the COMO Conference in Columbus. John Brooks will email to see which day (Tuesday or Wednesday) would be best for everyone to meet.

GaECT meeting is in College Park (November 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>) and Ginny Harrell will be at the GAIT booth/table during the conference.

Ginny Harrell will be soliciting names to go on the GAIT ballot for the coming year. We will need a Vice Chair / Chair Elect and a Treasurer.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

## AECT President-Elect to Attend COMO

AECT President, Wes Miller, will be in attendance at COMO XVII. Wes will be the keynote speaker at the GAIT Breakfast meeting on Friday, October 14, 2005.

Wes is the Director of Instructional Technology and Media at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana. Please stop by and visit with Wes



## Georgia Student Media Festival

Sponsored by the Georgia Association for Instructional Technology (GAIT), Georgia Library Association (GLA) and GPB Education.

Over one hundred media specialists, technology specialists, teachers and other educators gathered at the Georgia Public Broadcasting building in Atlanta on April 22 to participate in the 29th annual Georgia Student Media Festival. This year's festival was sponsored by The Georgia Association for Instructional Technology, an affiliate of the Association for Educational Communications and Technology and the Georgia Library Association.

Over six hundred and forty projects in eight categories were submitted. These projects were created by students in grades K-12. Each system that submitted projects sent judges to assist with the festival. Judges came from as far away as Early County, leaving home at 2:30 A.M. to make it to GPB on time.

Projects that received a superior rating are eligible to go on to the International Student Media Festival sponsored by AECT. This is the second year that GPB has collaborated with coordinators of the GSMF to host the festival at their facility. The Education Services Department at GPB played a key role in helping before, during and after the festival. They are a wonderful group and deserve a round of applause for their hard work and support. A sampling of some of the best of the best will be available on the Georgia Student Media Festival information web page hosted by GPB shortly.

A list of entries eligible for submission to the International Student Media Festival may be viewed at the following link:  
<http://www.gait-inc.org/mediafest.htm>

Plans are now being made for the 2006 Georgia Student Media Festival. Please check the GPB site for the specifics. A workshop on the Georgia Student Media Festival will be presented at COMO by Michelle Lenderman, Ann Grantham, and Dr. Gordon Baker.



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**GaCOMO XVIII**

**September 20-22, 2006**

**The Classic Center**

**Athens, Georgia**

*We're on the web!*  
<http://www.gait-inc.org>



### **Membership News**

**Dr. Juanita Buddy, Director of Membership**

#### **THE NEW GAIT MATH INCREASES MEMBERSHIP!**

The **New GAIT Math** is a strategy designed to increase the membership of GAIT. Each member of GAIT is encouraged to give a gift membership to a special person in his or her circle of influence. The current membership is over 200 members. Several members are using the **New GAIT Math** during the 2005 membership campaign.

Here is a list of gift ideas.

- \*Honor a retiring colleague with a gift membership (\$5.00).
- \*Reward a paraprofessional with a gift membership (\$5.00).
- \*Give your mentor a membership to GAIT. (\$15.00).
- \*Give a birthday or holiday gift to an educator that will last for 12 months (\$15.00).

Consider the benefits individuals enjoy with their gift membership to GAIT.

- \**Online Membership Directory*   \**Online Newsletter*   \**GAIT Web site*   \**GAIT-L*
- \**Joint Conference – GaCOMO*   \**GAIT/AECT Leadership Development Stipend*
- \**Goen-Sloan Scholarship*
- \**Participation on GAIT Committees: Membership, Program, Leadership Development, Governmental Relations, Media Festival, and Publications*

**Please join other GAIT members in using the New GAIT Math.**

Membership information can be found at the following URL. <http://www.gait-inc.org/membership.htm>