

GAIT Connection

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Calendar of Events

- February 13, 2007
Library Day
- April, 2007 — School
Library Media Month
- April 15-21, 2007 —
National Library Week
- April 27, 2007 — Georgia
Student Media Festival,
Atlanta
- June 21-27, 2007 — ALA
Annual Meeting,
Washington, DC



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New GAIT Officers Begin the Year

On January 1, 2007, the new officers of the Georgia Association for Instructional Technology began their year of service.

Balloting for the GAIT leadership positions began in November and concluded in December when Past President Ginny Harrell counted the ballots and notified then President Tom Beggs of the results.

The officers for 2007 are: Lea Ann Kelley, President; Michelle Lenderman, President-Elect; Dianne Dees, Secretary; Ann Grantham, Treasurer. The Board of Directors includes: At Large Representatives: Valerie Ayer, Dr. Elizabeth Bennett, and

Chris Stadler. Area specific reps include: K-12, Catherine Olivier; Business, Industry, and Government, Brett Eaker; and Higher Education, Gordon Baker.

The first meeting of the GAIT Board of Directors will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2007 in the Library at Clayton State University.

A COMO Steering Committee Meeting will also be held on February 3rd following the GAIT Board of Directors meeting. With the rotation of conference duties for COMO, GAIT President Lea Ann Kelley is the COMO Conference Steering Committee Chair. In this role, Lea Ann is in charge of the



day to day operation of the conference and GAIT coordinates the selection of the keynote speakers.

Representing GAIT on the COMO Steering Committee are: Ann Grantham, Michelle Lenderman, Tom Beggs, Ginny Harrell, and Lea Ann Kelley.

The GAIT representatives strongly urge GAIT members to submit program proposals for the conference.



The Georgia Student Media Festival is fast approaching. Please mark your calendar for Friday, April 27, 2007 for this very special date.

The Festival will be held at the home of Georgia Public Broadcasting, 260 14th Street, NW, Atlanta, GA. Please come and take part in this

worthwhile event!

For additional information please visit our web page at:

<http://www.gait-inc.org/GSMF/index.htm> or contact the following: Michelle Lenderman, Deborah Gray, or Dr. Gordon Baker.

President's Message by Lea Ann Kelley



Let me start by wishing everyone a Wonderful, and Prosperous 2007!

As we begin, I have been thinking of everything ahead of us this year. It almost overwhelms me. Our first GAIT board meeting is set for February 3rd from 10 am to 11:30 am at Clayton State University. There are many issues to be discussed at the meeting.

Georgia Library Day is Tuesday, February 13, 2007. We were to have the registration form available at our website. Upon writing this message, I notice that the Library Day information on our website is outdated.

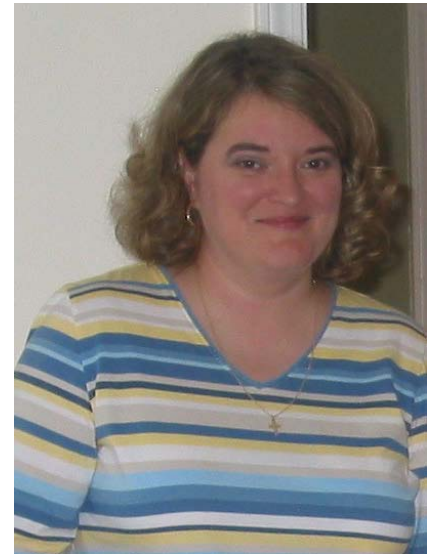
Therefore, you can go to: <http://>

[gla.georgialibraries.org/
events/libraryday_2007.pdf](http://gla.georgialibraries.org/events/libraryday_2007.pdf)

to find a copy of the registration. Please join us. It is important for us to let our representatives know that we are actively seeking their support for our programs. Also, remember to follow up our visit with a personal note or message.

The Georgia Student Media Festival is quickly approaching as well. I look forward to attending this year's festival. Years ago, I helped to judge our District's festival. There are always so many creative entries. It is encouraging to see what our young people have done.

Finally, I look forward to working with everyone this year. I feel that I do not know enough of you.



Immediate Past President's Message By Tom Beggs

I cannot believe that 2006 is over and I am now a Past President of GAIT. Thank you all for such a grand opportunity while serving our great organization this past year.

We have a wonderful Board of Directors and superb officers who labor so diligently for GAIT. They did incredible things this year. It was a pleasure to be associated with them.

Thank you, GAIT members, for all of your efforts, for those who volunteered for and participated in Georgia Library Day, the Georgia Student Media Festival, COMO and Library Media Specialist of the Year. These events were a

success because you cared and participated.

GAIT is in good hands because we have great leadership. Our new President, President-Elect and Board are among the best in our field. We have a dedicated membership. Our programs show it.

Thank you, once again, for letting me be a part of it.



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Melissa Johnston Chosen Georgia Media Specialist of the Year

Melissa Johnston earned a B.A. in English and a Master's Degree in Instructional Technology from the University of Georgia. She has been a media specialist for the past eleven years. Melissa has been the media specialist at Eastside Primary School in Calhoun and Addison Elementary in Cobb County. For the past 5 years Melissa has been in Forsyth County at Vickery Creek Elementary. Here she was chosen by her peers as Teacher of the Year in 2004 and chosen to represent Forsyth County as Media Specialist of the Year this past spring. This year Melissa became the media specialist at Forsyth County's newest elementary school, Silver City Elementary. Collaboration, integration and engaging instruction are the focus of

the media program that Melissa has created. This program won the 2006 Georgia DOE Exemplary Library Media Program Award.

Melissa is an advocate for the field of media through being active in professional organizations. Melissa has been a member of GLMA for ten years and has served on the Board in the positions of President, President-Elect, AASL Liaison, Intellectual Freedom Chair and NewsLeader Editor. She is also active in AASL and has just finished serving a four year term on the AASL Board of Directors. In this elected position she served as a liaison between the southern states affiliates and the AASL Board. She has also served on various AASL

committees, including Collaborative School Library Media Award Chair, Intellectual Freedom Committee and the Bi-Laws Committee. This year she is also serving on the Instructional Classification Task Force and the Learning Standards Rewrite Task Force.



Lewis and Parker Receive GOEN-SLOAN Scholarship



Tom Lewis is a veteran educator of more than 24 years. His early years in the profession were as an English and drama teacher in the Savannah-Chatham County School System. He taught television production at Woodward Academy and served as Director of Television Production for 11 years. He has worked in the Fayette County School system for the past 8 years. Currently he is Chairman of the English Department at Whitewater High School.

Tom holds a Bachelor of Science in Education in Speech and Theatre Arts from the University of Central

Arkansas and a Master of Arts in Speech and Theatre Arts from Wake Forest University. He is currently pursuing Doctor of Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Professionally he holds membership in GAIT, the Southeastern Library Association, the National Council of Teachers of English, the Professional Association of Georgia Educators and the American Federation of Teachers. In addition, Tom is a National Board Certified Teacher.

Tom states, "Technology plays such an important role in our students' lives today. I am excited to be involved in the implementation of new technologies into classroom instruction."

Jennifer Parker graduated from North Georgia College in 2002 Magna Cum Laude with a BBA in Marketing. In 2003, she earned her MEd in Business Education and teacher certification in Business Education and Marketing Education.

Jennifer currently teaches Business Education at West Hall High School in Oakwood, Georgia. The 2006-2007 school year is Jennifer's 4th year teaching. In addition to teaching business courses, she also serves as the school's primary Future Business Leader's of America (FBLA) chapter adviser.

Jennifer was selected Georgia FBLA's Region XI Adviser of the Year for 2005-2006. Jennifer began working on her EdS in Instructional Technology during the summer of 2006. She plans to complete her degree and School Library Media certification December 2007.



Minutes from the September 20, 2006 GAIT Board Meeting

Rhonda Boozer, Secretary



The meeting was called to order by President Tom Beggs at 3:00 pm. Members present included: Tom Beggs, Ann Grantham, Ginny Harrell, Lea Ann Kelley, Rhonda Boozer, John Brooks, Juanita Buddy and Gordon Baker.

Minutes for the previous meeting were distributed to all board members. Corrections were requested. Ginny Harrell motioned that the minutes be accepted as proposed with a second from John Brooks. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Ann Grantham. A complete copy of the treasurer's report is attached to the minutes. Our current checking account balance is: \$23,956.41. Our total assets including our checking and savings accounts is: \$43,320.19.

Tom Beggs reported that the Advocacy Workshop was a great success. There were 26 in attendance at the pre-conference workshop, and Stephanie Vance will be giving two other sessions that should also be well attended.

Committee Reports

Awards (Juanita Buddy)

There are 2 recipients of the scholarships, and they will be awarded at the GAIT breakfast. There were no nominations for the other GAIT Awards. More advertising of both the awards and scholarships is needed.

Publications (Gordon Baker)

The GAIT Connection (summer issue) is ready to go on the website. Gordon has sent it to Joni, and it should be online very soon.

Student Media Festival (Gordon Baker)

The Student Media Festival will again be at Georgia Public Broadcasting on April 27, 2007. The committee met in August, and Joni Jones is working on the Media Festival website. Michelle Lenderman and Deborah Gray are coordinating the media festival once again. They will be looking for Judges. There will be two sessions at the COMO conference about the media festival.

Government / Legislative Chair (Ann Hamilton)

The Tax Payer Bill of Rights was discussed which would in essence make voter approval necessary for certain amounts of money spent by all State Government offices including libraries. The GLA Board has gone on record as being against the Tax Payer Bill of Rights.

Leadership Development (John

Brooks and Lea Ann Kelley)

Slate of Officers

Michelle Lenderman has agreed to run for President-Elect

Diane Dees has agreed to run for Secretary

Gordon Baker has agreed to continue to serve in his capacity of Higher Education

There are a few other positions to fill and the board will receive an email with the final slate of officers for approval.

Media Specialist of the Year

There are issues with our equal partnership with GLMA in this award. GAIT would like to see that we are equal partners. GAIT believes that a number of things need to be handled differently. A meeting with GLMA needs to be set up to talk about the process. GAIT would like to suggest a joint taskforce with a rotating chair, rotating payments by each group, joint annual committee meeting at COMO, and a joint June meeting to review applicants. GAIT would like to see the application that is currently online taken down until this taskforce can meet. Tom Beggs will speak with Donna Milner about meeting to discuss the Media Specialist of the Year. Lea Ann Kelley, Ann Grantham, and Ginny Harrell have all agreed to be on the taskforce. If any changes are made, letters need to be sent about those changes to the system contacts.

Higher Education

Gordon Baker sent out about 45 letters to recruit more higher

education individuals to our membership, but we have only gotten a few.

Membership Director's Report
(Ginny Harrell)

We currently have 180 Members – Ginny would like to see the renewal in an envelope this year.

New Business

Agenda for GAIT breakfast

Breakfast

Welcome

Introduction of Candidates for GAIT Office (John Brooks)

Introduce Speaker (Tom Beggs)

Awards (Suzanne Mittenzwei and Ginny Harrell)

Comments for the President-Elect (Lea Ann Kelley)

Meeting Adjourned at 4:35 pm



GAIT Financial Report Ann Grantham, Treasurer

BALANCE ON HAND - ALL ACCOUNTS – January 1, 2006 \$ 43,320.19

BALANCE ON HAND - CHECKING – January 1, 2006 \$ 23,956.41

INCOME:

Membership Deposits 2,105.00

COMO XVII 4,839.04

TOTAL INCOME + 6,944.04

EXPENSES:

Administrative (includes web hosting service) 270.35

Leadership Development 2,164.41

Membership 211.04

Student Media Festival 1,879.55

COMO XVIII 5,016.89

TOTAL EXPENSES - 9,542.24

BALANCE ON HAND – CHECKING – December 31, 2006 \$ 21,358.21

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS:

Wachovia-First Union Checking 12-31-06 21,358.21

Wachovia-First Union Savings 12-31-06 2,471.92

Sea Island CD 12-31-06 17,327.88

TOTAL ASSETS – December 31, 2006 \$ 41,158.01

Great Books from AECT

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Distance Education: Definition and Glossary of Terms

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

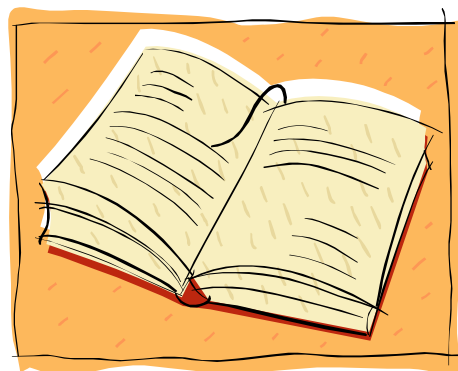
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information literacy standards for student learning as well as revised standards for school library media programs. This powerful tool can be use by media specialists to foster the active, authentic learning that today's researchers and practitioners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

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



Emerging Perspectives on Learning, Teaching and Technology.

Edited by Michael Orey, University of Georgia

Emerging Perspectives on Learning, Teaching and Technology is a freely available textbook for your classroom

using a Creative Commons License. This text has been adopted world wide by faculty teaching either basic cognition courses or basic learning and instructional theory courses. Many authors have contributed articles, videos, animations, narrations and images. This book is a 'living' book in that additions and modifications

continue to be made. The book is divided into short chapters on 'Learning and Cognitive Theories' and longer chapters on 'Instructional Theories and Models.

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GaCOMO XIX

October 17-19, 2007

Jekyll Island, GA

Convention Center

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

Membership News

Ginny Harrell, 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 2007 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>