

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of GATA on February 21, 2004

President Stephanie Marsh opened the annual meeting of GATA held at Macon State. Stephanie handed out a survey to be filled out by the members. It was agreed that people handing in this survey were releasing their information to build this data base for GATA membership. Stephanie also asked that if anyone was interested in train the trainer sessions or a separate day for coordinator sessions to please put this on the survey. Also the group was asked to comment on location of the convention.

Pinder Naidu gave the Treasurer's Report. GATA currently has no monthly banking fees because it is a non-profit organization. She reported that 97 people registered for the convention and there were only 15 who did not come. Over the four years of its existence, there has been a slightly changing membership in GATA

As the business meeting continued, it was brought up that a website for the organization would be helpful. Stephanie said she felt UGA could host it, but that someone else would need to put it up. Mercer felt this might be something they could contribute.

Stephanie asked that the membership look at the Constitution. She gave a brief history of its creation. The group looked at Article VII-Officers. The current officers of GATA have served past their terms and need to be relieved. The President-Elect and the Vice-President are in charge of the conference every year. Sandra Rosseter has been serving in this capacity. Stephanie discussed that the membership could take on roles in the Program Committee. These committee members could encourage and select presenters for future conferences. Also, GATA needs members for the Membership Committee to create a data base of the membership and keep it current. She called for volunteers to take on roles within GATA and to nominate themselves or others for leadership roles.

Stephanie brought an amendment to the constitution for the membership to consider. The amendment consideration is based on the following information: There have been many changes in the NTA, and these changes have caused many people to leave. There seems to be more of a K-12 interest in the NTA than an interest in college tutoring. A new professional organization has been formed for tutors. Information on this organization was distributed. It is called the Association for the Tutoring Profession (ATP). Currently to be considered a state chapter, a state tutoring organization must first have its membership be NTA members. GATA never made this decision and, therefore, is not a state chapter. The membership of GATA is now being asked to consider a future alignment with ATP if it is thought to be a beneficial organization with which to be a part.

Stephanie indicated that this possible realignment required us to reconsider Article I Section 5 of the GATA Constitution. (In the event of dissolution, all of the remaining assets and property of GATA shall, after payment of necessary expenses thereof, be distributed to the National Tutoring Association NTA.) After a discussion of how to disperse funds, Kathy Wilcox made a formal motion to amend Article I Section 5 with these changes: In the event of dissolution, the existing organization is to refund

proportionately any monies to participating institutions from the monies collected in the last year of its existence. Pinder Naidu seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

In closing, Stephanie once again asked all present to be sure to fill out the survey sheets and include their email addresses. She also requested that people consider nominations for the offices, committee memberships and presentations for next year's conference. It was briefly discussed that maybe presenters could come for free. The business meeting was adjourned.

Sincerely submitted,

Jeanie Cassity,
Secretary