

Georgia Tutoring Association- Business Meeting at Annual Tutor Conference
Saturday, October 22, 2016 11:30-12:20- Middle GA State University

Attendees-

- Mary Hamilton
- Paul Johnson
- Lizann Gibson
- Louis ReFour III
- Nancy McDaniel
- Rebecca Cofer
- Arne Paulsen
- Matthew Brown
- Cheryl Pharr
- Kimberley Sloan
- Peter Higgins
- Val M. Patterson

1. Meeting began at 11:36 am with introductions by Mary
2. Mary then gave the group a brief history of GaTA including the below:
 - a. Last conference was in 2012
 - b. 2014-2015: last known board members then held a revitalization meeting
 - c. The last year and a half:
 - i. We have worked to revitalize, rebuild and re-establish the organization
 - ii. March 2015- there was a GPC and GaTA conference to begin GaTA again
 - iii. Fall 2015- Train the Trainer event at ABAC
3. What do we have done now:
 - a. Website has its own location and is no longer attached to a college
 - b. 40 people came to the Train the Trainer event
 - c. Today- 14th annual conference- Over 125 registered and about 100 attending the conference- goal is to get back to 200+
4. Approving of the minutes- initiated by Rebecca Cofer
 - a. Was seconded by Cheryl Pharr and then approved by a vote
5. Treasurer's Report- by Cheryl Pharr
 - a. We have money in our account and Cheryl will send updated report once the bills are paid from today
 - b. Cheryl wants to use PayPal again but do it even better. There was a disconnect this year between PayPal and the registration process.
 - c. Small expense for the ribbons but it was well worth it
6. Newsletter report- Next newsletter will be out by Thanksgiving and will be a special edition for the conference. This will include the Treasurer Report
7. Next year's GaTA Conference
 - a. The group all agreed we need Vegas or a cruise as an option ☺
 - b. We liked the timing and the Saturday schedule for this one
 - c. Fall 2017- October 21st, same location was set and agreed upon by all
 - d. The idea of moving the conference date every few years was thought of but will be decided by future GaTA boards
 - e. Need to decide if we want a Train the Trainer event- can do a Facebook poll and mention it in the newsletter as well- thinking March of 2017
8. Constitution and Bylaws Update discussion

- a. Two areas to update- What to do if GaTA dissolves- donate to a larger association for their scholarship fund may be the easiest
 - i. We need to check with ATP and Southeastern CRLA to see if this is possible
 - ii. Also, we need to decide on how we know if GaTA is dissolved
 - b. Second idea for change- webmaster to serve on the Board
 - i. The site uses WordPress so all can use it
 - ii. Nicholas Urquhart was considered for this position but will be asked.
 - c. We will write up a proposal and send it out to the GaTA listserv about these two items
9. New Officer Elections
- a. President Elect was hardest to fill- Nancy McDaniel volunteered
 - b. Webmaster unofficially right now- Nicholas Urquhart
 - c. VP- Paul Johnson
 - d. Secretary- Rebecca can but Tamar is also taking this over
 - e. Treasurer- Cheryl will continue with this
 - f. All attendees voted in favor of the above elections
10. Last item- Mary handed over the reins to Kimberley Sloan who then thanked Mary and welcomed everyone.