

GATA 2009 Conference Minutes

Saturday, February 21, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Tim Ellis at 11:30 a.m.

In attendance

Tim Vick	Doris Roundtree	Donald Harden
Tim Ellis	Herbert Barber	Robert Jordan
Alan Craig	Foster Bell	Lula Roberts
Lori Kuhn-Hancock	Sohayla Mohebbi	Michael Czech
Cheryl Harris	Angela Meyer	Megan Salter

Old Business

- Minutes from February 2008
- Treasurer's Report
- Conference Fee Increase
- "Train the Trainer" Conference
- Five-Year Plan

New Business

- Email Listserv
- Future Conference Topics
- Date/Location for GATA 2010
- Election of New Officers

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Lori Kuhn-Hancock of Bainbridge College to approve the minutes, compiled by Marty Moorehead, from last year's conference. The minutes from the GATA 2008 Conference were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

GATA Treasurer, Alan Craig, prepared and submitted the annual budget report for the 2008-2009 association accounting period. Each member received and reviewed a copy of the Treasurer's Report. Alan Craig read the report and answered questions and addressed topics regarding the 2009-2010 GATA budget funds. The Treasurer's Report was accepted unanimously to become part of the official record. The budget topics discussed included:

- 2009 GATA Conference monies:
 - Monies collected at the 2009 conference were expected to be \$2445.00; Food costs (\$2241.70) and supplies costs (\$199.88) totaled \$2441.58, leaving a net conference profit of \$3.42.
 - Added to the previous ending bank balance of \$2,835.44, the association now holds an estimated \$2,838.86.
- Potential options for utilizing balance were discussed, including:
 - "Train the Trainer" Conference
 - Sending someone to a national tutoring conference
 - Providing scholarships for tutors to attend GATA
 - Reserve \$2500.00 at all times (to be discussed on Listserv), especially considering the current economic recession and the probability of increased costs at next year's GATA Conference

Cheryl Harris made a motion to keep all money in reserve pending further discussion on the Listserv; the motion was seconded by Lori Kuhn-Hancock.

Conference Fees

Tim Vick suggested that conference fees may need to be increased. Representatives from several schools indicated that, were conference fees increases, they would not be able to attend the conference. Tim Vick

added that now may not be the year to increase fees as many schools were taking severe budget decreases. This is something that should be discussed at the next conference and at each subsequent conference. Cheryl Harris suggested that the fees be reviewed every three years, while Alan Craig said that the fees should be reviewed each year.

"Train the Trainer" Conference

As travel funding is currently disallowed on most campuses as a result of the budget, this idea was deemed impractical. Perhaps a virtual conference, hosted by Macon State College, could be discussed on the Listserv. WIMBA and Skype were discussed as other possible technologies for such information sharing.

Five-Year Plan

This thread on the Listserv should facilitate the dissemination of information, as it was stated that we need more frequent sharing of information outside of the annual conference. A virtual brainstorming session may prove beneficial. It was discussed that Tim Vick will put a link to the GATA's by-laws on the Listserv. Cheryl mentioned that she would like to see photos on the web for those learners who are predominantly visual. This idea (having both a website and a Listserv) was tabled in favor of having only a Listserv.

NEW BUSINESS

Email Listserv

Tim Vick stated that the GATA Listserv remains active; members were provided a handout with instructions for accessing the Listserv.

Future Conference Topics

Several topics were suggested as potential session topics for next year's conference. Among them were

- How to run your center with less funding (Tim Vick)
- How to work with non-traditional students (30+ years out of school) who have lost jobs because of the economy (Lori Kuhn-Hancock)
- How to obtain additional funding through grant writing (Alan Craig)
- Motivational techniques for motivating tutors and students (Lori Kuhn-Hancock)
- Online CRLA training (Tim Vick)

It was discussed that Angela Meyer may be able to present a grant writing workshop. Lori would like additional feedback about motivation on the Listserv. Tim Ellis would like additional information on CRLA training and certification. Cheryl suggested putting all of these topics online for further research.

Date/Location for GATA 2010

Tim Vick graciously offered to hold GATA 2010 at Macon State College again because of its centrality and beautiful new Professional Sciences Center. The date for the conference is to be discussed on the Listserv.

Election of New Officers

Officers for the 2008-2009 year were thanked and commended for their services. As the 2008-2009 President-Elect, Tim Vick became the 2009-2010 President. A motion was made that Angela Meyer be nominated for President-Elect; the motion was seconded and passed. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously that Alan Craig remain Treasurer for 2009-2010. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously that Lori Kuhn-Hancock remain Treasurer for 2009-2010. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously that Megan Salter remain Secretary for 2009-2010.

Adjournment

After thanks were given to Tim Vick and his staff for a successful conference, Angela made a motion, seconded by Tim Ellis, that the meeting be closed and members dismissed.