

GACTE Board Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2020

President's Update: Hold until summer by Karynne

Treasurer's report: Cindi sent via email. We made money on the fall conference (almost \$5,000). We have \$30,000 which is more than this time last year. After we pay for this conference, we will be in as good of shape if not better than last year. We may not need to have a dues increase next year. Susan has been wonderful with report. Our webpage is very old. We have a webmaster to move from AACTE to independent webpage. We pay \$30 per month to keep page updated. There is a proposal to redo webpage and modernize it. Institutions can pay online as well as registration online. The proposal is \$445 for the total webpage makeover. Loleta said that the page is updated very quickly. We hope to unveil by summer. Motion by Joyce. Second by Paige. Sharon suggested we put stories about GACTE and institutions. Loleta said there would be 10 pages which is ample room to tell those stories. Cindi said we needed it big enough to add that along with social media information...particularly for students about what they learned from GACTE sessions and how it benefited them. Sharon asked if we could have a communications major to interview students and post stories online. Sharon said she could check on it. Karynne worries there is too much to oversee an intern. Sharon was thinking the intern could intern for GACTE. Karynne said it would involve a lot of work and approval at her institution to do that. Sharon said she could ask and bring it to the summer board meeting. All in favor, no opposition. Loleta said we could work with April about what to have on the page. The hope is to unveil by the summer board meeting and make suggestions then.

Loleta: Made money on fall conference, but this conference we did not meet food and beverage minimum. We negotiated (executive decision)...difference was \$2,300....would only pay half...then negotiated to let that half go as deposit as next spring meeting. We are paying in advance for next spring. Loleta thought it was the best way to spend the money. Loleta and Cindy stated it takes effort to find fall and spring locations. We decided at the last meeting we would have spring in Atlanta. Fall conference will rotate. We are waiting on the final bill from the hotel. We will spend some on our technology needs. The hotel was very accommodating, especially at the last minute.

Informal conversations about fall meeting. Great if we had structured time for just GACTE meeting. Last year we did Wednesday-Friday before Thanksgiving. We need to send a save the date (looking towards)...earlier will help. It may help to get people in advance.

We discussed moving the GACTE meeting in spring to April 2021 in hopes to increase attendance. Karynne reminded the board about the mission statement. Update the comma after "public policy."

Summer board meeting- email sent out in terms of date. It will be at Mercer or Middle GA based on space available for the board and go from there. The agenda will be held electronically. Cindi discussed the tracker. We aren't getting information from it because AACTE is not updating the tracker anymore. She shared the email from AACTE. She is upset because they did not let us know that updates were no longer being posted and we paid huge dues. Paige reminded the board they did the same thing with the webpage without much warning. Karynne said she received an email that we no longer had a webpage. She reminded them of gacte.net. They were accusatory rather than being proactive. Cindi said we need to express a

concern...two things we counted on without any explanation as to why. If we hadn't found April we would have been in trouble. April worked days to move it from the website. Dianne said dues keep increasing, but we do not get much out of it. Cindi asked if we should say something at AACTE or summer conference. Loleta chairs the committee on membership development with AACTE. Loleta will bring concerns up in the meeting next week: Thursday, 2/27/20. Cindi will email the board about any other concerns we want to bring up for Loleta to share in her committee meeting.

What are our next steps? Loleta wondered if we spoke about it right now if we'd come to a consensus. We wrote down various concerns from the meeting. Cindi and Loleta can come up with a reasonable plan and present prior to the summer meeting. It will be done electronically. Karynne said there were ideas for strategic planning from advocacy training that she'd share with Cindi to add to the strategic plan. Loleta said the students found today very valuable. Some institutions said it was not cost efficient to bring students. \$50 for students didn't fully cover their meal and snacks by member registrations. How do we keep it economical? Loleta said if we go back to the format for sponsors like the fall we can think how it looks. We engaged with two or three sponsors and could keep it similar to the fall 2021 conference. We must charge something for students to attend because otherwise they will not attend. Cindi mentioned we make it an honor to bring students because they were "selected." One student asked why students couldn't serve on the board. Cindi doesn't see a problem with that. Karynne suggested a student GACTE. Karynne also suggested we send out dates for spring ASAP. It is good for students to see the mentor teacher award and Cindi Chance award. It will be a positive for all.

Thanksgiving is consistent every year. Spring fluctuates with holidays. Loleta said she'd love it if we could come up with a specific date to expect the meeting each year.

Sharon discussed fee structure. What if you have student members and institutions could have a rate for the group? For example, Fort Valley has 10 students...others have zero. Loleta asked if we could wait to decide because it should be thought out first. We need to decide what we want to do with our students. What is the purpose of GACTE? What do we want out of the conference? If we talk all the time, do we need to come together twice a year? Do we need to do things like we've always done it? GAE and PAGE offered to have people come do professional development. PAGE objected to have GAE here. Cindi decided not to engage either one of them. Next year we could engage all of them if it is in April because it won't be during Day on the Hill. Dianne suggested we consider the students who came early. We need to be conscious when we involve students in the profession, but we don't want to send worrisome messages to the teacher candidates. Cindi said originally, we had a plan for the students, but then PAGE had concerns with GAE being here. Karynne said she felt the students liked being treated as adults rather than students. This was a good group tonight. Cynthia said if we want them to advocate for the profession they need to know the warts of it also and how to work through those messages. We need to be able to manage it as well.

Strategic planning: Loleta, Karynne and Cindi will be part of the process. We are happy for others to participate and put the initial draft together. Please email Loleta later. Sharon and Paige are interested. Karynne mentioned we add Adrienne into the committee. The idea was that we'd have a larger group outside of the board to give them something to start from. Sharon discussed the process of using a survey to gauge collaboration. From there it was whittled down to a document to rebrand and show what the academic experience means. Paige said it is really a marketing plan. Adrian did a great job with that at Dalton State and was nominated for the process.

Loleta said no other updates needed. Cindi reminded the group that Cindi would serve a while, but then the email came to discuss her resignation. Loleta asked if she was serious about resigning. Cindi said yes, it is time to resign. It is time for someone else to step up. She will hang on as long as needed for training and materials. Cindi said it is good to have someone who understands teacher education. Kelly would be great if he is interested. Another way we could do it is hiring a GA to do the legwork and the board to pick up the rest of it. The big issue is the conferences. Loleta is great, but has done conferences before and whoever is the president elect or board member will need knowledge in conference planning. We do not have any names from the nominating committee for the president elect. There have been people saying they can't because of the budget cuts. They want Cindi to take over. Cindi wants to nominate Adrian for the board. Serving on the board for a couple years and he would make a great president elect one day. Paige suggested Judy Wilson would be great. Dianne spoke to her. We could talk someone into it, but Dianne thinks someone is hoping others would do it. Dianne said they didn't realize the half/half Loleta is public/private next year. Loleta said she will be private for President. She was private as president elect. Karynne asked if we asked Joe Peters. Dianne and Paige said they know Judy well. The hesitancy there is that she's a new dean. Judy has needed an associate dean and department chair her entire time. She has been in all of these roles. The board discussed Joe Peters from Ga College. He has been there a while and has conference experience. Karynne said she'll ask him. Tom said the trick is not to tell him he's the only nominee. Sharon asked if she should ask if Adrian is interested in serving on the board. Cindi said Joe Peters could choose where he wanted to have the conference in Fall 2022. Karynne said they may have a large enough campus to have help to do the job. Loleta asked if we heard no, do we have any backup options? Michele suggested if Joe says no, we'll ask Holly from Ga College. Loleta said the logic of a GA would not offer consistency we need. She asked Cindi to give us one more year. Tom suggested Bob Michael. Cindi said Bob and Kelly would do a good job. Cindi reminded the group they would not make any money. It would be nice if they lived in the Atlanta area it would not cost much money. Joyce suggested that Kathy Moore from Ga Gwinnett that just retired may be a good one. Karynne thought about future board members: Stacy Newarth-Pritchett (UGA) would be great. Dianne asked if there was an outline of what Cindi does to outline the nuances and why it could be exciting. The need to be an advocate. Cindi said she has the contract and sent it via email to the board. It doesn't list everything that she does. We could create a search document that Cindi lists out the job description. The board agreed for Cindi to do that. Dianne asked how soon Cindi wanted to get out, but no later than December 31, 2020. Cindi's contract is from July to July. She will not leave the group stranded but the group needs to be actively searching. Paige reminded the board that we had this discussion before, but didn't expect it to be so soon. It would be a good idea to have someone shadow. If anyone thinks of anyone else for Cindi's position, let Loleta know.

Loleta asked if there was anything else to discuss tonight? Cindi asked if we have nominations for Cindi Chance award. Loleta said we can do that work during summer to make announcements by Fall meeting (or post online prior to the meeting). Cindi asked if we were going to follow the same procedures for the mentor teacher award. Karynne said part of that was because of the rushed nature of it. Sharon said it was hard to get the P-20 collaborative to vote. Cindi suggested we send out information about the mentor teacher award soon so that P-20s are not rushed. Loleta suggested field directors are contacted for nominees. A suggestion was made to rotate between institutions. Cindi said we need to alert people this spring so they can consider this summer and get nomination out before fall meeting. Each P-20 can make the decision on how to nominate individuals. April can make the selection process available on the website.

Save the date will come soon from Loleta. Hopefully before then we'll have a document for the organization.

Research Chair: Michele mentioned the document briefly covering the survey information that was printed in the program. Michele and Cynthia collaborated for that information.

Wish Printing printed the program. Not anticipating more than \$80 for program- CTAE program at Hutchins.

Motion dismissed: Joyce; second Sharon. All agreed.