

GVATA SPRING NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2009

NAAE AFFILIATE

News From the President

By Daryl Baxley

Soon we will be able to put another successful year of Ag Education and FFA behind us. Recently, Super Saturday proved to be very busy and exciting. I would like to say well done to all of you who had state competitors and I would like to extend my congratulations to the winners of all the state competitions. I wish my best to all of you traveling to the National Convention to compete.

As proud and excited as I am about Georgia's state winners, I would like to talk to you about something a little more serious. In today's time, it seems to me that you cannot turn

on your radio, television or open a newspaper without hearing about the strains of the economy. We never know what to expect in terms of financial cuts or bailouts.

During these economical hard times, I have been reminded what good people all of you are. Each of you have accepted salary cuts without complaint and your dedication to the program has not faltered. I feel proud to belong to an organization that feels the blows yet keeps striving to be the best. Thank all of you for your unwavering devotion to Ag Education.

During educational budget cuts, Mr. Wilkinson and the State Staff

have worked hard to be certain that the cuts would be of minimal impact to our programs. I would like all us to express our gratitude to Mr. Wilkinson and the state staff for working so hard to protect our programs.

I would also like to extend my thanks to Bobby Carrell for all of his hard work in Atlanta. Bobby has done a terrific job keeping David Turner and I informed of the legislation happenings and changes. Currently, Mr. Carrell reports that our budget for 2010 looks to be in good shape. We will keep you informed of upcoming changes.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Article VI, Section Two of the GVATA Constitutional Bylaws states:

- The Executive Secretary shall be elected each year by the Executive Committee at their first meeting. An Executive Secretary shall not serve more than five years.

On Monday March 16, 2009, the GVATA Bylaws Committee comprised of Matt Ehlers, Todd Dobson and Callie Lankford made the following recommendation to be voted on during the 2009 GVATA Summer Conference.

Article VI, Section Two would be stated as:

- The Executive Secretary shall be elected each year by the Executive Committee at their first meeting. An Executive Secretary shall not serve more than five years. At the beginning of the fifth term of the current Executive Secretary, a new Executive Secretary-Elect will be elected.

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REGISTER @
www.ctaern.org

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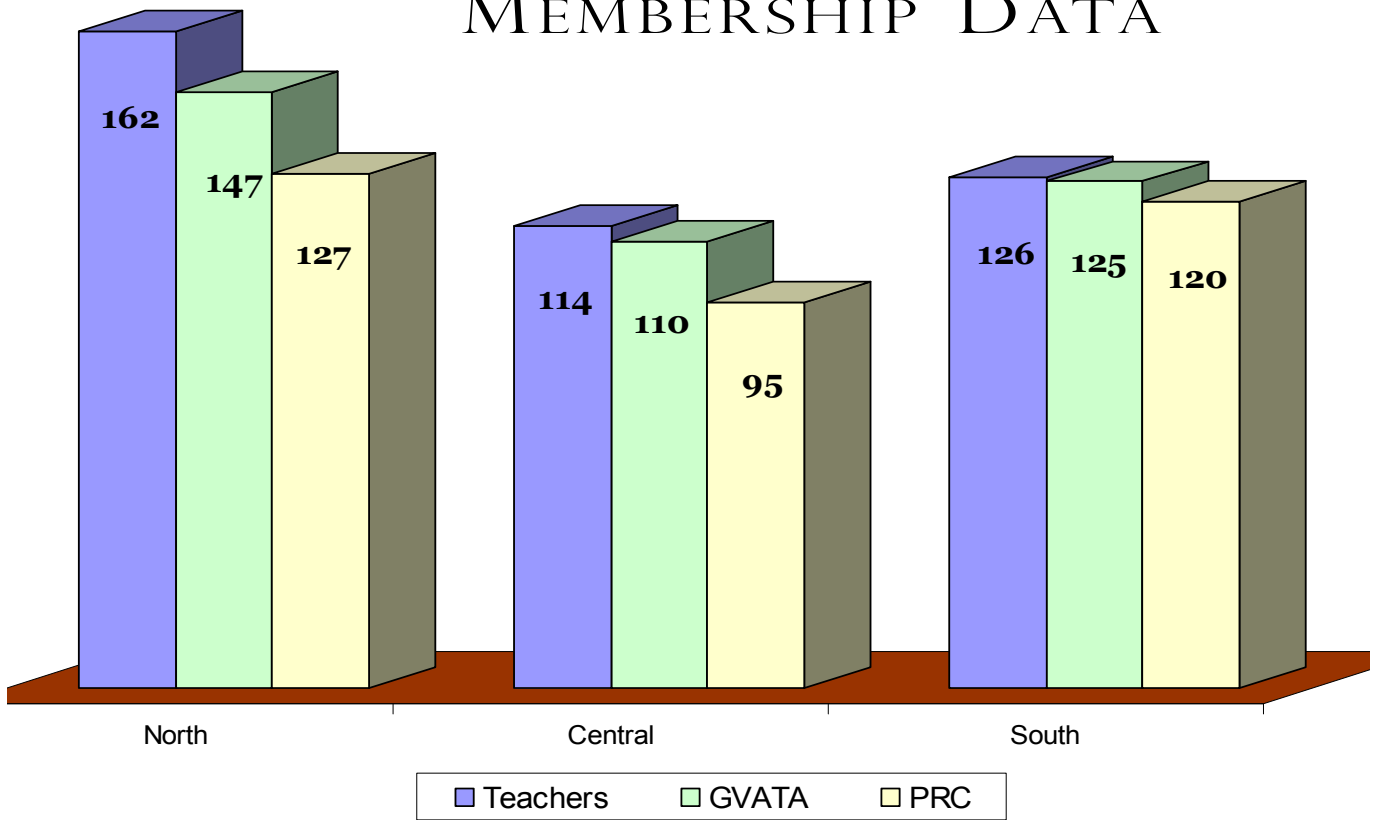
RESERVE ROOM @
www.marriott.com/agsmc

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REGISTER
JULY 12TH OR 13TH

SUMMER
CONFERENCE
REG. COMPLETE

MEMBERSHIP DATA



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As I prepare to step down as your GVATA President this summer I have been giving the future a great deal of thought.

In preparing for my class today, I was searching through various quotes for my student's daily writing assignment and I happened upon a famous quote by past President John F. Kennedy.

As I read Kennedy's words, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country," the wheels in my head begin to spin.

This one statement explains why we have trouble finding members in GVATA to STAND UP and STEP OUT! The GVATA is by far the best Agriculture Teachers Association in the nation.

Even so, why is it so hard to find someone to serve as an Area Director, the President, or even the Executive Secretary of our program?

Every year when a set of directors retire from the board, we find ourselves in the same situation... searching diligently for a new set of directors.

Each year no one volunteers to serve. What is go-

ing to happen when no one wants to be President or Executive Secretary? Let me tell you what will happen...we will become a weak organization. Everything we have fought for will gradually disappear.

In order to keep GVATA strong, I urge you to STEP UP, STAND OUT and serve. We need dedicated, passionate leaders in this organization not just members. Volunteer to serve on the Executive Board and help make a difference.

My wish for this year is to have more than enough volunteers to fill all of the positions.

In closing I would like to

remind you of a few upcoming events that the board is working hard on:

- Region V NAAE Summer Conference – Cordele, GA- June 15-17.
- Summer Conference - Augusta, GA - July 12-15, 2009.

I would like to wish all of you a Happy Easter and please do not forget if you need the something from the GVATA Executive Board please do not hesitate to ask. We are here to serve you!

GVATA GOLF TOURNAMENT INFO

Friday May 29, 2009

Shotgun Start @ 10 a.m.

4-Man Scramble @ \$200 / Team

Forsyth Golf Club

(Exit 186, Travel West, Right onto Country Club Rd)

Hole Sponsors \$50, Mulligan \$5 each (Max 2 / person)

Contact David Burton for Info



News From the President-Elect

By Kevin Jump

I can see the end of yet another tunnel. School years travel faster and faster. It seems like we just started and now it is almost over.

It has been a challenging year with the economic decline across the state affecting each and every system. Even with the reduction in hours of pay I know each teacher continues to serve students and FFA member above and beyond.

FY10 will bring its own

hurdles that we will have to jump when we reach them. In the meantime, we need to “take care of business.” With state convention, the CDE’s associated with it, local banquets and many other events and activities still ahead there is plenty to do until summer.

April and May are always full of fun and then there is Summer Leadership Camp plus all the other summer activities that make teaching agriculture such a diversified career.

With all that said, summer conference is right around the corner. Your GVATA officers are working hard to make the 2009 conference a success. Please remember the following:

- Check in time for the hotel is 4:00pm check out time is 12:00pm
- Hotel phone Reservations can be made at 1-800-868-5354. Main number for the hotel is 706-722-8900

• The website

is www.marriott.com/agsmc booking codes – Suite tower GVAGVAO, Main tower GVAGVAA

- Room rate: \$119 plus tax and a local \$1.00 Tourism fee.
- Room deadline is 6/19/09 – REGISTER NOW!

- Please remember to register on www.ctaern.org

If there are any suggestions or concerns please don’t hesitate to contact me at kljump@gmail.com or 478 230 8344 (cell).

FEATURE DATES

June 15 -17th ~ Region V NAAE @ Lake Blackshear Resort / Cordele, GA

July 12-15th ~ GVATA Summer Leadership Conference @ Marriott / Augusta, GA

November 17—21st ~ NAAE Conference @ Opryland Hotel / Nashville, TN

GVATA Summer Conference Registration and Dues

This is a **DRAFT** copy of the registration form for summer conference. This is for information purposes only. Please **DO NOT SEND THIS BACK**. You will register with your Area Director on July 12th or 13th in Augusta.

2009 - 2010 GVATA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____ SCHOOL _____

SCHOOL SYSTEM _____ AG. ED. REGION _____ AREA _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS _____

(S) PHONE _____ FAX _____ (S) EMAIL: _____

SUPERINTENDENT _____ PRINCIPAL _____

CTAE DIRECTOR _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

(H) PHONE _____ (C) PHONE _____

PERSONAL EMAIL: _____ YEARS COMPLETED: _____

CIRCLE ONE: **NEW MEMBERSHIP** **RENEWAL**

GVATA/NAAE PROFESSIONAL DUES	\$75.00	_____
SUMMER CONFERENCE REGISTRATION (MEMBER)	\$75.00	_____
(NON-MEMBER)	\$150.00	_____
LUNCH GUEST (must have badge / ticket to enter)	\$25.00	_____
GEORGIA FFA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION	\$15.00	_____
ACTE/GACTE	\$95.00	_____
NAAE LEGISLATIVE FUND	\$10.00	_____
AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION MAGAZINE	\$10.00	_____
GVATA FLOWER FUND	\$3.00	_____
THE COUNCIL	\$2.00	_____
GVATA PRC	\$150, \$200, OR \$250	_____
FVSU ALUMNI DUES	\$25.00	_____
FFA FOUNDATION	Donation	_____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE WITH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO **GVATA**

AWARD APPLICATIONS

You will find applications for Teacher of Teachers, Thirty Minute Club, Retiring Teachers, and Years of Service. Please fill these out if they apply and return to Justin Sealy by June 8, 2009.

NAME _____ SCHOOL _____

AREA _____ REGION _____

YEARS OF SERVICE COMPLETED AS OF THE END OF THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR

5____ 10____ 15____ 20____ 25____ 30____ 35____ 40____ 45____ OTHER____

I AM RETIRING AS OF JUNE 2009 WITH _____ YEARS TEACHING EXPERIENCE

TEACHER OF TEACHERS AWARD

BRONZE AWARD	1-2 FORMER STUDENTS
SILVER AWARD	3-4 FORMER STUDENTS
GOLD AWARD	5-8 FORMER STUDENTS

THE FOLLOWING AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION TEACHERS ARE MY FORMER STUDENTS AND HAVE TAUGHT AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AT LEAST ONE YEAR. **YOU MAY RECEIVE EACH TYPE OF CERTIFICATE ONLY ONCE.**

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| 1. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 8. _____ |

THIRTY MINUTE CLUB AWARD

PLEASE LIST ALL ARTICLES AND/OR PROGRAMS THAT YOU HAVE PREPARED OR PRESENTED TO PUBLICIZE AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION ACTIVITIES DURING THE 2008 – 2009 SCHOOL YEAR.

PUBLICATION OR RADIO/TV STATION	#ARTICLES/PROGRAMS
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____
6. _____	_____
7. _____	_____

PLEASE RETURN THIS ENTIRE SHEET BY JUNE 8, 2009 DEADLINE

**RETURN TO: Justin Sealy
1230 Riggs Store Rd
Hartsfield, GA 31756**

GVATA PRESIDENT ELECT APPLICATION

The person who is elected GVATA President Elect should make a three year commitment of service – President Elect, President, and Past President. The main purpose of this application is to inform you of the duties of the person serving in these offices. These duties are listed on page two (2) of this application. Please review the duties before completing the application.

NAME _____ SCHOOL _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ YEARS OF SERVICE COMPLETED _____

Have you been a member in good standing of GVATA for the years 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09? Yes _____ or No _____

*If NO, you do not meet the eligibility requirements for President Elect as stated in Article V, section 2 of the GVATA Constitution.

Total number of years of GVATA membership _____

GVATA offices you have held _____

GVATA committees on which you have served _____

Offices held and committee service in other Professional Vocational Organizations _____

NOTE: A brief summary of the above information for each candidate may be distributed at the GVATA Annual Business Meeting prior to the election.

Applicant's Statement: I have reviewed the duties of the GVATA President Elect, President, and Past President. If elected, I am willing to commit the time and effort necessary to effectively perform the duties of the offices.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

School Administrator's Statement: I have reviewed the application and will support him/her if elected to serve.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:
DEADLINE: JULY 1, 2009

David Burton
578 Arrowhead Rd
Pelham, GA 31779

DUTIES OF GVATA PRESIDENT ELECT, PRESIDENT, PAST PRESIDENT (2009-2012)

PRESEIDENT ELECT 2009 – 2010

- Serve as chairman of the Summer Conference Planning Committee.
- Serve as chairmen of the Mid Winter Conference Planning Committee.
- Serve as Legislative Liaison between GVATA and NAAE.
- Make any necessary visits to the State Capitol during the Legislative Session.
- Participate in the following meetings and functions:
 - i. GVATA Executive Committee Meeting following the 2009 Annual Business Meeting.
 - ii. ACTE/NAAE National Convention.
 - iii. GVATA Mid Winter Conference held in January at the State FFA-FCCLA Center.
 - iv. GVATA Executive Committee Meetings in March and September.
 - v. 2010 NAAE Region V Leadership Conference to be held in June.
 - vi. 2010 GVATA Summer Conference.
 - vii. Any called meetings of the GVATA Executive Committee.

PRESIDENT 2010 – 2011

Serve as Chief Executive Officer of GVATA, Inc.

Preside and/or participate in the activities and functions listed for President Elect. In addition the President should attend the Agricultural Education Day at the Capitol in February.

Make any necessary visits to the State Capitol during the Legislative session.

PAST PRESIDENT 2011– 2012

Serve as consultant for the GVATA Executive Committee.

Serve as chairperson of the 2012 GVATA Nomination Committee.

Serve as Chairman for the PRC Committee.

Serve on the FFA Foundation Board.

Serve as chairperson for the GVATA Golf Tournament.

Participate in the meetings and functions listed above in the duties for the President Elect except the ACTE/NAAE National Convention and the Region V Leadership Conference.

Georgia Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association's
First Year Teacher Scholarship Application
2009

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Phone Number _____

Home Address _____
Street _____ City _____ State / Zip _____

School Name _____ Names of Co-Teachers _____

School Address _____
Street _____ City _____ State / Zip _____

School Phone # _____ School Email Address _____

Eligibility: The Georgia Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association's First Year Teacher Scholarship may be awarded based on the following requirements:

1. Completed course work from either Fort Valley State University or the University of Georgia
2. Has received a degree/certification in Agricultural Education
3. Entering their first year of employment as an FFA Advisor / Young Farmer Teacher

Requirements: Write a two page essay describing why you decided to enter the Agriculture Education profession. In addition, attach the following documents to this cover page:

1. Essay
2. Professional Resume
3. Reference Letter from Agriculture Education Professor

Judging: Up to four scholarships in the amount of \$500 will be awarded to scholarship applicants.

1. The GVATA Executive Board will select scholarship applicants
2. Scholarships will be awarded at the 2009 GVATA Summer Conference in Augusta, Ga.
3. All scholarships should be postmarked by July 1, 2009
4. Mail scholarships to: W. Justin Sealy, GVATA Executive Secretary, ABAC 34, 2802 Moore Hwy, Tifton, GA 31793

Date

Signature of Applicant

GEORGIA

Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association



Sunday, July 12, 2009

2:00 Board Meeting
5:00 – 7:00 Early Registration

Monday, July 13, 2009

8:30 – 10:30 Registration
8:30—10:30 Vendor Visitation
11:30—2:30 Opening Meeting/Awards Luncheon

Welcome
Invocation
National Anthem
Recognition of Special Guest
Greetings
Blessing of Meal
Meal
Awards– NAAE
New Teachers
Golf Tourney Scholarship
Supervising Teacher Recognition
Retiring Members
30 Minute Club
Years of Service
Teacher of Teachers
Recognition of Vendors
Conference Overview/Announcements
Door Prizes
Adjournment

2:30-3:30 Vendor Visitation, Audit Committee Meeting, Facilitator Meeting
3:30-4:30 Agricultural Education Team Report
4:30-5:30 General Business Session

Welcome
Invocation/Remembrance of Deceased Teachers
Year In Review
Appointment of Parliamentarian
Introduction of Facilitators
Minutes of 2008 Business Session
Financial Report

Audit Committee Report
Nominating Committee Report
Election of 2009-2010 President-Elect
Presidents Report
GACTE Report
PRC Report
Old Business
New Business
Announcements
Door Prizes
Adjournment

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

9:00 -10:15 Breakout Session One
10:30-11:45 Breakout Session Two
11:45 – 1:45 Lunch On Your Own
1:45 – 3:00 Breakout Session Three
3:15 – 4:30 Breakout Session Four

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

8:00-9:15 Region Meetings
9:15-9:30 Break
9:30 – 11:30 GVATA Closing Session

Opening
2010 Midwinter Conference Info
2010 Summer Conference Info
Introduction of New Officers/Recognition of Spouses
Installation of New Officers
Retiring Officer Presentations
Recognition of Star Teachers and Teachers of the Year
Announcements
Adjournment

GVATA Mission: To provide agricultural education for the global community through visionary leadership, advocacy, and service.