How to Cast Your Vote ONLINE.

Voting is quick and easy.

2. Click on the GAE Online Elections symbol below.
3. VOTE!

Things you should know about voting.

* Members who do not desire to vote using the Internet may request a paper ballot. Send your request for a paper ballot in writing to the Georgia Association of Educators, Attn: Ballot Request, 100 Crescent Centre Parkway, Suite 500, Tucker, Georgia 30084-7050. You may fax your request to (678) 837-1175. Ballot request should include your name, address, local association, and telephone number. Ballot requests for the GAE-Retired election must be received no later than February 1, 2013. GAE-Retired ballots must be returned to GAE postmarked by February 15, 2013. Ballot requests for the GAE District Directors, GAE-Retired At-Large Director, NEA Delegates, and GAE-FPE election must be received no later than March 15, 2013. GAE District Directors, GAE-Retired At-Large Director, NEA Delegates, and GAE-FPE ballots must be returned to GAE postmarked by April 1, 2013. Once a paper ballot has been requested, the member’s online voting access will be disabled, and the member may not cast a ballot using the online Internet voting process.

* If you have any questions about the online voting process or need assistance in accessing the online election, please contact GAE at (678) 837-1100 or you may email us at gaelections@gae.org.
The Georgia Association of Educators’ Upcoming Elections will take place online at www.GAE.org.

ELECTION #1:
GAE-Retired Delegates to the GAE Representative Assembly
January 15-February 15
GAE-Retired members are eligible to vote for GAE-Retired Delegates to the GAE RA.
Elections end at midnight on February 15, 2013.
Please note: Election results will be published online at www.GAE.org by March 1, 2013.

ELECTION #2:
GAE District Directors, GAE-Retired At-Large Director, NEA Delegates, & GAE Fund for Public Education (FPE)
March 1-April 1
Elections end at midnight on April 1, 2013.
Please note: Election results will be published online at www.GAE.org by April 15, 2013.
Bylaw 3.
Representative Assembly Allocation of Delegates

a. Allocation of delegate credentials to state and local affiliates shall be on the basis of active membership in the Association as of January 15 of the calendar year in which the Representative Assembly convenes.

Representation from state and local affiliates which provide all-inclusive membership shall be on the basis of proportional representation by education position. Representation from state and local affiliate which include in their membership more than one (1) of the three (3) job categories eligible for Association Active membership (i.e., non-supervisory Active members in pre-kindergarten through secondary instructional positions, or higher education faculty positions) may, at the option of the state and local affiliates, be on the basis of proportional representation by job category. A delegate elected to represent an affiliate shall be a member of that affiliate, provided that if additional delegate positions are allocated to a state affiliate on the basis of Active members of the Association within a state who are not also members of the state affiliate only the latter members may be elected to such additional delegate positions.

b. Article III of the constitution shall provide for the allocation of delegate credentials to local affiliates.

c. Article III of the Constitution shall provide for the allocation of delegate credentials to state affiliates.

d. Each state affiliate shall be allocated one (1) delegate credential for the first fifty (50) Student members of the Association. The state affiliate shall receive a second credential when Student membership in the state reaches seven hundred fifty (750) and an additional credential for each five hundred (500) Student members thereafter. The allocation shall be on the basis of Student membership in the Association of March 15 of the calendar year to which the Representative Assembly convenes.

e. Allocation of delegate credentials for Retired members of the Association within each state shall be made to state affiliates based on the ratio of 1:50 for the first 50 Retired members and an additional delegate for each 1,000 Retired members thereafter.

f. Allocation of delegates to School Nurse membership denied active membership in local affiliate shall be based on the ratio of 1:150 School Nurse members so denied.

g. It is the policy of the Association to achieve ethnic-minority delegate representation at least equal to the proportion of identified ethnic-minority population within the state. Prior to December 1 of each fiscal year, each state affiliate shall submit to the NEA Executive Committee for its approval a legally permissible plan which is designed to achieve a total state and local delegation to the Representative Assembly held that fiscal year which reflects these ethnic-minority proportions. If a state affiliate fails to submit such a plan, the NEA Executive Committee fails to approve a plan which is submitted, or a state affiliate fails to comply with an approved plan, the Representative Assembly may deny to the delegates from the state affiliate any right to participate in the NEA Representative Assembly at the Annual Meeting other than to (1) participate in elections for Association officers and (ii) vote on increases in Association membership dues. Local affiliates shall comply with the approved plan of the state affiliate, and if a local affiliate fails to do so, the rights of its delegates to participate in the NEA Representative Assembly at the Annual Meeting may be limited as indicated above. The failure of a state of a local affiliate to comply with the provisions of the Bylaw shall in addition be grounds for censure, suspension, or expulsion pursuant to Bylaw 6-5.

h. Allocation of delegates to higher education members denied active membership in local affiliates shall be based on the ratio of 1:150 higher education members so denied. The state affiliate shall determine the most appropriate unit for this purpose.

i. Allocation of delegates to Active members employed in educational support positions who are denied active membership in local affiliates shall be based on the ratio of 1:150 such members so denied.

j. Allocation for category 2 delegates in local units which have all-inclusive membership shall allow for clustering with category 2 members from other local units. In such local units, category 2 members shall not be counted in allocation for category 1 delegates. Delegates for clustered category 2 members shall be based on the ratio of 1:150. This section shall apply only in those states where the state affiliate has determined that it shall be applicable.

Important Delegate Guidelines Information
Deadline: February 1, 2013
MAIL ALL FORMS TO:
Georgia Association of Educators
Attn: Chris Turner, Executive Director
100 Crescent Centre Parkway, Suite 500
Tucker, Georgia 30084-7050
OR FAX TO:
Attn: Chris Turner, Executive Director
678-837-1120
OR SUBMIT ONLINE VIA THE DIGITAL KNOW MAGAZINE

Candidate Statements are coming soon.
Read them in the next issue of the GAE KNOW magazine or go online to www.gae.org to view statements.

The Georgia Association of Educators is an all-inclusive Association that presently has approximately 97 percent classroom teachers and education support professionals and 3 percent administrators within its membership. As nearly as practicable, the delegates elected to the NEA Representative Assembly shall closely approximate this ratio.

To nominate a delegate to the NEA Representative Assembly, or to nominate yourself to the NEA Representative Assembly, GAE locals/members must do the following:

• Schedule and publicize the election of NEA local delegates far enough in advance to ensure meeting the deadline for reporting local NEA delegates to GAE by April 10.

It is expected that locals will make every effort to see that minorities are among local delegates elected to the Annual NEA Convention.
Candidates for NEA State-At-Large Clustered Category 1 (for members from locals with less than a total of 76 members), Clustered Category 2 and NEA Retired delegates will be offered an opportunity to inform the electorate, through official publication, of their ethnic background.

- Schedule the election of NEA State-At-Large delegates and publicize via flyer, newsletter, etc., the dates for that election.
- Put in place the logistics for handling the election of NEA local delegates, i.e., the disseminating of ballots to your members, ensuring that only members vote, procedures for collecting ballots from various voting sites, tallying the election results and sending to GAE Headquarters postmarked by April 10.

The next issue of the KNOW will carry statements and pictures of those State-At-Large candidates who submit data to KNOW’s editor. Please note carefully the eligibility requirements for election and voting for each of the categories of delegates to the NEA RA.

GAE members desiring to post a statement in the KNOW and on the website should limit the wording to 25 words and should enclose a picture. Statements and pictures should be addressed to: The Editor, Georgia Association of Educators, 100 Crescent Centre Parkway, Suite 500, Tucker, Georgia 30084-7050, and postmarked by February 1. Members who wish to have their pictures returned to them should enclose stamped, self-addressed envelopes. The pictures will be returned after the publication is produced. Candidate statements and photos may be submitted via email. Please send to know@gae.org.

Be sure to give special attention to eligibility requirements and election procedures. The timelines established are absolutes and your membership should be advised accordingly.

Be sure to elect successor delegates also. You cannot arbitrarily appoint a successor delegate should of your delegates find it impossible to attend the NEA Convention.

If you have any questions about the NEA Delegate Elections procedures, please contact Tyra Holt at 678-837-1100.

NEA RA Delegate Contract for State-At-Large Delegates Only

NEA State-At-Large Delegates from Georgia will be eligible to receive a $625 stipend to partially offset the cost of attending the NEA Convention. These delegates will be required to sign a contract of duties and responsibilities as a condition of receiving the stipend. GAE will not provide a stipend to Clustered Category 1 delegates, Clustered Category 2 delegates, Student delegates, or Retired delegates.

Nomination Procedure

Members eligible to nominate candidates for delegate positions in the different delegate categories must use the official nomination for available on the GAE website (www.gae.org) or in the official publication. The nomination should be mailed or transmitted directly to the office of the Executive Director. GAE will not accept responsibility for non-receipt of nominations addressed to any other person or office at GAE. Nominees who wish to submit candidate statements and photographs for publication may submit them with the nomination form or may mail them directly to the editor at GAE. These must be postmarked by February 1.
Student GAE Elections Nominations

Elections for Student GAE Offices and delegate positions for the 2013 GAE Spring Representative Assembly will be conducted in February 2013. Candidates for these positions shall submit nomination forms to the GAE Executive Director by February 1, 2013. Candidates must be Student GAE members in good standing. Candidates for officer positions must have a GPA of at least 2.75. Only student members may nominate candidates for these positions. Open nominations are posted for the following positions:

**Student GAE Executive Committee Offices** (each position serves a one-year term beginning in July)
- Student GAE President (also serves as a voting member on the GAE Board of Directors)
- Student GAE President Elect (also serves as an alternate on the GAE Board of Directors)
- Student GAE Secretary
- Student GAE Executive Committee Member (three positions available)
- Student At-Large GAE Director (serves as a voting member on the GAE Board of Directors and on the Student GAE Executive Committee)

**Student Delegates to the GAE Spring Representative Assembly**
The 2013 GAE Representative Assembly (RA) will be held April 19-21, 2013 at the Renaissance Concourse Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia.

**The Nomination Deadline for all of these positions is February 1, 2013.**

**Nomination Procedure:** Candidates for any of these Student GAE positions must use the official nomination forms available on the GAE website or in the official publication. The nomination should be mailed or transmitted directly to the office of the Executive Director. GAE will not accept responsibility for non-receipt of nominations addressed to any other person or office at GAE.

Candidates who wish to submit statements (maximum 250 words for GAE Student Executive Committee offices and 25 words for GAE RA delegate candidates) and photos for publication on GAE’s website may submit them with the nomination form by mail or email them (preferred) directly to GAE’s KNOW editor at Angie.McCormick@gae.org.

Please review the GAE Uniform Code of Elections (UCOE) on GAE’s website at www.gae.org for a detailed explanation of the rules for campaign procedures.

**Submit nominations by February 1, 2013 deadline to:**
Mail Nomination Form to: Georgia Association of Educators, Attn: Chris Turner, Executive Director, 100 Crescent Centre Parkway, Suite 500, Tucker, Georgia 30084-7050 or Fax Nomination Form to: Attn: Chris Turner, GAE Executive Director, 678-837-1120
Submit nominations by February 1, 2013 deadline to:

Name Last 4 digits of SS# (optional)

Student Chapter

Address

City State Zip

Telephone Number E-mail Address

Nominator

Signature of Nominator

Please check the position candidate is being nominated for

☐ Student GAE President (also serves on GAE Board of Directors)

☐ Student GAE Vice President (also serves as an alternate on the GAE Board of Directors)

☐ Student GAE Secretary

☐ Student GAE Executive Committee Member

☐ Student At-Large GAE Director
  (serves on GAE Board of Directors and also on the Student GAE Executive Committee)

Mail Nomination Form to:
Georgia Association of Educators  
Attn: Chris Turner, Executive Director  
100 Crescent Centre Parkway, Suite 500  
Tucker, Georgia 30084-7050

Fax Nomination Form to:
Attn: Chris Turner, GAE Executive Director  
678-837-1120

Please note: You may nominate yourself for these positions.

The elections for the above positions will be conducted online at www.gae.org beginning February 16, 2013. The election will close at midnight March 16, 2013. Please see the election notice for voting procedures.
So you want to be a teacher?
This conference is a must for any up-and-coming teacher wannabe. Give us two days, and we’ll transform you into a lean, not-so-mean, teacher learning machine. Connect with the next gen of teachers from across the state. Expand your mind and develop your skills. It all starts on Feb. 15. We can’t wait to see you!

Some of Our Courses:
- How To: Connect with your students outside the classroom
- Local student program chapters doing community outreach
- Don’t overspend on your students—financial planning
- Made Strong: Teacher and student relationships

Teachers & Students: How Will You Bridge the Gap?

A GAE Professional Teaching Learning Conference

When: Feb 15-Feb 16
Where: Athens, GA @ Holiday Inn Athens

Some of Our Courses:
- How To: Connect with your students outside the classroom
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Special Guest Stars!

Tangie Allen & Maria E Armstrong, co-founders of RAISING EXPECTATIONS, an afterschool youth mentoring and tutoring program. Their mantra: Children will either live up or down to the expectations we set for them—so you better set that bar high.
Register by Feb. 1 for $50.00.
Registration includes lodging (double occupancy only), all your meals, our spectacular Awards Banquet and all your brilliant conference materials.

- Park for free.
- Check in at 4:00 p.m.
- Send in your $$$ with your registration form—or else.

Got drive, determination, and natural charisma?
Run for a GAE Student Program office.
Why not run for election?
We’re looking for our 2013-2014 president, vice president, secretary, three at-large members for the Executive Committee, and one to serve on the GAE Board of Directors + delegates to the GAE Representative Assembly (RA) in April and the NEA RA in July.

Learn more @ gae.org.

Reserve your table!
Put your student chapter on display.
Hosting a table is a great way to get the word out about what you’re doing and where you’re going as a chapter. Be proud. Get a table!
Email Michael Sears to reserve your table at michael.sears@gae.org.

July. Atlanta.
The NEA RA is coming.
And you could go as a delegate or a GAE volunteer. It’s a massive gathering of educators (and future educators) from around the country. It happens only once a year, and it’s a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Trust us...you want to be there.

Questions? Ideas?
Contact Sharon Henderson at 678-837-1109 or 1-800-282-7142 or via email @ Sharon.henderson@gae.org.

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Professional Teaching & Learning

When: Feb. 15-16  Where: Holiday Inn Athens, Athens, GA  Cost: $50.00 (Register by Feb. 1, 2013.)*

Give us some info. Send in your money. We’ll get you registered.

Name_________________________________________________________  Email_______________________________________________________
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College/University______________________________________________________________________________________________
Preferred roommate____________________________________________________________________________________________
Special dietary needs____________________________________________________________________________________________

Make your check or money order payable to GAE.
Submit your form and check to your CHAPTER ADVISOR or mail it to GAE.
Sharon Henderson/GAE
100 Crescent Center Parkway, Suite 500
Tucker, GA 30084

* Registration includes lodging (double occupancy ONLY), meals, Awards Banquet and conference materials.
ALL FEES MUST BE SENT IN WITH THE REGISTRATION FORM.