

GAIT Constitution

Article I - Organization

Section 1.

Name: The organization shall be a non-profit, self-governing association known as the Georgia Association for Instructional Technology, Inc. (sometimes hereinafter referred to as "GAIT" or "the Association").

Section 2.

Principal Office: The mailing address of the Association shall be determined by the President. The location of the Association's bank account shall be determined by the Board of Directors. A permanent mailing address and bank account may be established at any future date by the Board of Directors.

Section 3.

Goal: The goal of the Association is the improvement of instruction through the systematic development, utilization, and management of leaning resources, which include people, processes, and media in educational settings.

Section 4.

Articles of Incorporation: The Association is incorporated under the laws of Georgia pursuant to Articles of Incorporation filed in May, 1991. The Association shall be governed by the Constitution and Bylaws as amended from time to time in accordance with the respective provisions thereof. Neither the Constitution nor Bylaws shall conflict with the Articles of Incorporation.

Article II - Membership

Section 1.

Qualifications: Any person or organization interested in the goals of the Association may become a member upon payment of dues in the manner provided for in the Bylaws for types of membership as established by the Board of Directors.

Section 2.

Equal Opportunity: All members are assured an equal opportunity to participate in the activities and governance of the Association without regard to race, creed, color, age, and sex.

Article III - Governance

Section 1.

Board of Directors: The determination of policy and the direction of Association affairs are the responsibility of the Board of Directors (sometimes hereinafter referred to as "the Board"), elected and functioning as provided herein.

(a) The Board shall include the Officers of the Association and other elected representatives as specified in the Bylaws. No person can hold more than one Board position at any given time.

(b) The Nomination and Elections Committee shall be responsible for presenting to the Board, prior to the mail ballot in the Fall, a slate of qualified nominees for the elected representative posts on the Board. The Committee shall seek nominees who as far as it is practical, represent the various functional and geographical interests of the membership. Provision for write-in candidates will be made on the mail ballot. The election shall be conducted in accordance with Article III of the Bylaws.

(c) The elected representatives on the Board shall automatically assume their responsibilities on January 1.

Section 2.

Officers:

(a) Any member nominated and elected as an Officer of the Association must also hold membership in the Association for Educational Communications and Technology, GAIT's national affiliate organization.

(b) The Nominations and Elections Committee shall be responsible for presenting to the Board, prior to the mail ballot in the Fall, a slate of Officers. Provision for write-in candidates will be made on the mail ballot. The election shall be conducted in accordance with Article III of the Bylaws.

(c) Elected Officers shall assume their responsibilities in the same manner as specified for the elected Board representatives.

Section 3.

Executive Committee: The President, Treasurer, and the President-elect shall make administrative changes relative to the day-to-day operation of the Association, subject to later ratification by the Board of Directors.

Article IV - Elections

Section 1.

President: The President shall be the person elected as President-Elect by the membership the previous year. In the event that the President shall not serve out his/her full term, the President-Elect shall succeed to the unexpired remainder thereof and continue through his/her own term.

Section 2.

President-Elect: The President-Elect shall be elected by the membership. In the event that the President-Elect shall be unable to serve out the term, both a President and a President-Elect shall be nominated and elected at the time of the next election. In the event that both the President and President-Elect shall be unable to serve, the Board of Directors shall elect one of its members to serve as presiding officer of the Association.

Section 3.

Secretary: The Secretary shall be elected by the membership. In the event that the Secretary shall be unable to serve out his/her term, the Board of Directors shall elect one of its members to serve as Secretary.

Section 4.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be elected by the membership. In the event that the Treasurer shall be unable to serve out his/her term, the Board of Directors shall elect one of its members to serve as Treasurer.

Section 5.

Board of Directors: The members of the Board of Directors who are not Officers of the Association shall be selected as provided for in the Bylaws. A vacancy on the Board of Directors may be filled for the unexpired term by the Board of Directors.

Section 6.

Removal: If a situation should arise which would warrant the possible removal of an Officer or elected representative of the Board, the Board shall establish a procedure that will insure the elements of due process: written notice, a fair and impartial hearing, and the right of appeal. If the officer or elected Board representative resigns or is removed, then a vacancy shall exist and shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of this article.

Article V - Publication of Constitution Bylaws

The Constitution and Bylaws shall be reviewed periodically by the Board of Directors and published and distributed to the membership.

Article VI - Amendments to Constitution

Section 1.

Proposals: Proposals for amending the Constitution may originate in the Board or by a signed petition submitted to the Board from ten percent of the members in good standing as of the date of the petition. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the Board, in writing, 30 days prior to the next regular Board meeting.

Section 2.

Presentation: Amendments must be presented to the membership by a mail ballot or in a regular Statewide Membership meeting.

Section 3.

Balloting: Voting for amendments may be made by mail ballot only, the entire membership being canvassed. An amendment shall become effective when it has been approved by no less than two thirds of the ballots returned and counted by the Executive Committee.

Article VII - Provision for Bylaws

The Association may adopt Bylaws which shall be consistent with this Constitution. The Bylaws will provide the necessary machinery for the orderly administration of the Association and its affairs. Any inconsistency between the Constitution and the Bylaws will void the Bylaws in favor of the Constitution.