



GATFACS Winter Conference - Winter Business Meeting
Great Wolf, LaGrange, GA
January 26, 2024

Kristen Rogers GACTFACS, President welcomed and called the meeting to order at 10:28 am.

Secretary Report, Sheryl Parks. The minutes from the June 14, 2023 meeting were presented for approval by the members. The minutes are housed in the GATFACS Google Drive. Minutes were submitted for posting on the GATFACS website. Amanda Foley motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was second. Minutes were approved as distributed.

Financial Report: Megan Ford Scott presented the financial reports. Balance as of July 1, 2023 was \$139,139. Income of \$88,334 from membership and Winter Conference registration fees. Disbursements for the year total \$15,566. Balance of accounts as of January 26, 2024 was \$211,907. A copy will be filed with the secretary. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Amanda Foley. The financial report was accepted as distributed.

Region Meeting Reports

Region 1 Kayla Hartline. 30 members were present for the Region 1 meeting. Members celebrated industry certification and completion of masters degrees. Members asked for more time for region meetings. Members liked sign-in sheets and enjoyed the venue but would like teachers to be blocked together. Region 1 next meeting will be in the fall at Chattooga High School. Region 1 nominations included: Kayla Hartline, President-elect, Anna Clare Moasiello, VP Region 1, Leigh Johnson VP GACTE, and DJ Youngblood, Treasurer.

Region 2 Courtney Tiger. Members enjoyed the sessions featuring Rebecca Lang and AI. Jennifer Loez gave Region 2 FCCLA Update. Region 2 will announce the time and location for the next region meeting. Region 2 nominations included: Kayla Hartline, President-elect, Leigh Johnson VP GACTE, and Megan Scott, Treasurer.

Region 3 Brooke Slamkova. 25 members were present for the Region 3 meeting. Members requested notification concerning signing up for the GATFACS committee. They also suggested a know before you go packet to be sent out with information about the GATFACS conference. Region 3 nominations included: Julia McKenzie and Kayla Hartline, President-elect, Leigh Johnson and Tiffany Lepcock VP GACTE, and DJ Youngblood, Treasurer.

Region 4 Margaret June. 31 members were present for the Region 4 meeting. Members had numerous celebrations. Region 4 had 5 new teachers present at the conference. They proposed a first-time new teacher ambassador program. The date for the Region 4 meeting will be determined later. Region 4 appreciated that GATFACS is held during the weekdays. Region 4 nominations included: Marsha William Hamilton, treasurer, and Christopher Lansfield, VP GACTE.

Region 5 Aroneysa Braxton-Harris. 24 members were present for the Region 5 meeting. Members enjoyed preconference sessions, networking, round tables, game night, and the keynote speaker. Some suggestions were to have QR codes to sign in for sessions and add some signs for signing-in locations. They wanted to have more time in the roundtable sessions. They would like a location that does not have as many children. The fall Region 5 GATFACS meeting will be held the same day as the FCCLA Region meeting. Region 5 nominations included: Aroneysa Braxton-Harris, President-elect, and Leigh Johnson VP GACTE.

Region 6 Felicia Hodges. 24 members were present for the Region 5 meeting. 22 members were present for the Region 6 meeting. Members reported that pathway breakouts were helpful to mentor new teachers. Canva session was very popular. They requested Canva and middle school preconference sessions. The Region 6 meeting will be on September 28 at the Covington FFA FCCLA Center. Region 6 nomination included: Tiffany Brooks for VP GACTE.

Region 7 Julia McKenzie. 39 members were present for the Region 7 meeting. Conference comments included the sessions were good quality, and consider reconfiguring the scheduling of more round tables and including snacks for all-day preconference sessions. The Region 7 meeting will be held in September at GSW. Region 7 nominations included: Kayla Hartline, President-elect, Holly Anderson, VP Region 7, and Shonda McFadden VP GACTE.

Region 8 Hannah Ridgeway. 28 members were present for the Region 8 meeting. Members shared noteworthy accomplishments such as passing Servsafe. Tara Carver presented information about upcoming FCCLA region competitions. No plans were made concerning the next Region 8 Meeting. Region 8 nomination included: Kayla Hartline, President-elect, and Shonda McFadden VP GACTE.

Region 9 Tracy Richardson. 41 members were present for the Region 9 meeting. Region 9 biggest takeaways included the largest number of attendees, the need for more culinary roundtables, roundtables are the most beneficial and they need to be longer and held in the morning, and fewer breakout sessions. Region 9 plans to hold its next meeting on March 25 at Sol C Johnson High School. Region 9 nominations included: Kayla Hartline, Leigh Johnson VP GACTE, DJ Youngblood, and Ashley Thompson, Treasurer.

Old business - none

New Business

Bylaw amendments - President Kristen Rogers appointed Lillian Mitchell as Parliamentarian. Proposed bylaw amendments as proposed by the bylaws committee are outlined in the charts below the minutes. Kristen read the proposed bylaws changes to the GATFACS members and she called for discussion after the reading of each amendment change. Paper ballots were distributed to members. Kristen asked everyone to mark a paper ballot and place it in ballot boxes.

DOE Update: Vickie Rundbaken the Program Specialist provided an update while ballots were being counted. The report includes the following information: proposed legislation from the Governor, CTAERN update, information from the DOE will be moved to CTAERN, professional development, extended day, industry certification, EOPA options, job recruitment fair in Macon, proposed FACS standard approval and new name change Education as a Profession presented to Regent Board, college credit available, Georgia Future Education day and cultivating teachers project, adding sports nutrition pathway committee, classes counted as 4th science credit, articulation agreements, Baking and Pastry Pathway.

President Kristen Rogers announced the results of the bylaw amendment vote.

AMENDMENT #1: ARTICLE VII, Section One - by adding a Board of Directors position for GATFACS Board of Directors by adding "Executive Director of Georgia FCCLA". **Amendment Passed**

AMENDMENT #2: ARTICLE VII, Section One - Adding a statement for Emergency Authorization by adding "The Executive Committee shall be authorized to temporarily suspend any bylaws for the purpose of carrying on the business of the organization during an emergency situation". **Amendment Passed**

AMENDMENT #3: ARTICLE VII, Section Three - by removing "Program Specialist" and adding "Executive Board". **Amendment Passed**

AMENDMENT #4: ARTICLE VIII, Section One - by adding "Executive Director of Georgia FCCLA". **Amendment Passed**

AMENDMENT #5: ARTICLE X - by removing "Legislative" and "Resolutions" and adding "Legislative and Resolutions". **Amendment Passed**

AMENDMENT #6: ARTICLE X, Section Six – by removing "Legislative Committee" and its description and adding "Legislative and Resolutions Committee and its description. **Amendment Passed**

AMENDMENT #7: Article X, Section 8, by removing "Resolutions Committee" and its description. **Amendment Passed**

AMENDMENT #8: Article XIII, by adding a statement that allows GATFACS to immediately adopt bylaw amendments from GACTE and ACTE. **Amendment Failed**

Mark your calendar for the GACTE Summer Leadership Conference set for June 9-12 in Athens.

Mark your calendar for the GAFCS conference set for April 12.

Silent auction winners for the FCCLA baskets were announced by DJ Youngblood. \$3,510 was raised for FCCLA Foundation.

Door prizes were given out.

A motion was made to adjourn the business meeting. President Kristen Rogers adjourned at 11:16 am.

Respectfully submitted by Sheryl Parks

The Vision of GATFACS is to advocate for all Family and Consumer Sciences educators within the state of Georgia. We will strive to empower our educators, professionals, and industry partners with the goal of enhancing the knowledge of our youth and increase opportunities for professional and personal growth through meaningful experiences.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

Prepared by:

GATFACS Board of Directors

To the members of the Georgia Association of Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences:

Pursuant to Article XIV of the bylaws of this association, you are hereby notified that the following resolution to amend the existing bylaws will be considered at the next annual meeting, to wit:

AMENDMENT #1:

ARTICLE VII – Board of Directors

To Amend Article VI, by adding “Executive Director of Georgia FCCLA”

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
The Board of Directors shall be composed of the president, president-elect, immediate past president, secretary, treasurer, the GACTE vice president, and the vice presidents representing the regions. The program specialist for Family and Consumer Sciences Programs will serve as an ex-officio non-voting member of the Board.	The Board of Directors shall be composed of the president, president-elect, immediate past president, secretary, treasurer, the GACTE vice president, and the vice presidents representing the regions. The program specialist for Family and Consumer Sciences Programs and Executive Director for Georgia FCCLA will serve as an ex-officio non-voting member of the Board.	The Board of Directors shall be composed of the president, president-elect, immediate past president, secretary, treasurer, the GACTE vice president, and the vice presidents representing the regions. The program specialist for Family and Consumer Sciences Programs and Executive Director for Georgia FCCLA will serve as an ex-officio non-voting member of the Board.

AMENDMENT #2:

ARTICLE VII – Board of Directors

To Amend Article VI, by adding a statement for Emergency Authorization

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
No current wording	C. The Executive Committee shall be authorized to temporarily suspend any bylaws for the purpose of carrying on the business of the organization during an emergency situation.	C. The Executive Committee shall be authorized to temporarily suspend any bylaws for the purpose of carrying on the business of the organization during an emergency situation.

Rationale: The Georgia Association of Career and Technical Education (GACTE) has included this statement in their bylaws and GATFACS bylaws should be consistent with Georgia ACTE. This would also provide decision-making capabilities for our Executive Committee during times of emergency like COVID-19 pandemic.

AMENDMENT #3:

ARTICLE VII – Board of Directors, Section 3 – Advisory Committee

To Amend Article VII, Section 3 by removing “Program Specialist” and “determined by the Board of Directors” and adding “Executive Board. This Advisory Board will include representatives from”

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<p>A. There shall be an Advisory Committee composed of representatives from the Family and Consumer Sciences Programs established by the Program Specialist, the Technical College System of Georgia, the University System of Georgia and business and industry related to Family and Consumer Sciences Programs to be determined by the Board of Directors. These members will serve in a nonvoting capacity.</p>	<p>A. "There shall be an Advisory Committee composed of representatives from the Family and Consumer Sciences Programs established by the Program Specialist Executive Board. The Advisory Board will include representatives from the Technical College System of Georgia, the University System of Georgia and business and industry related to Family and Consumer Sciences Programs to be determined by the Board of Directors. These members will serve in a nonvoting capacity."</p>	<p>A. There shall be an Advisory Committee composed of representatives from the Family and Consumer Sciences Programs established by the Executive Board. This Advisory Board will include representatives from the Technical College System of Georgia, the University System of Georgia and business and industry related to Family and Consumer Sciences Programs. These members will serve in a nonvoting capacity.</p>

***Rationale:** Removal of the responsibilities of the Program Specialist and direct the responsibilities of the Advisory Committee on the Executive Board. Remove the redundancy of the establishment/determination of the Advisory Board members. Clearly recognize what representation will serve on the Advisory Board.*

AMENDMENT #5:

ARTICLE X – Standing Committees

To Amend Article X, by removing “Legislative” and “Resolutions” and adding “Legislative and Resolutions”

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>The following standing committees shall exist: Awards, Budget, Bylaws, Legislative, Membership, Nominating, Public Relations and Resolutions. With the exception of the Budget Committee, the chairperson for each of the standing committees shall be a region vice president appointed by the president. Committee members shall come from the membership. If there is a lack of participants in committee members the Board will be empowered to appoint the necessary number to complete a standing committee. Each standing committee shall present a report at the business session of GATFACS annual winter in-service and GACTE summer conference and file an electronic copy with the Association.</p>	<p>The following standing committees shall exist: Awards, Budget, Bylaws, Legislative Legislative and Resolutions, Membership, Nominating, and Public Relations and Resolutions. With the exception of the Budget Committee, the chairperson for each of the standing committees shall be a region vice president appointed by the president. Committee members shall come from the membership. If there is a lack of participants in committee members the Board will be empowered to appoint the necessary number to complete a standing committee. Each standing committee shall present a report at the business session of GATFACS annual winter in-service and GACTE summer conference and file an electronic copy with the Association.</p>	<p>The following standing committees shall exist: Awards, Budget, Bylaws, Legislative and Resolutions, Membership, Nominating, and Public Relations. With the exception of the Budget Committee, the chairperson for each of the standing committees shall be a region vice president appointed by the president. Committee members shall come from the membership. If there is a lack of participants in committee members the Board will be empowered to appoint the necessary number to complete a standing committee. Each standing committee shall present a report at the business session of GATFACS annual winter in-service and GACTE summer conference and file an electronic copy with the Association.</p>

***Rationale:** Consistency with the Georgia Association of Career and Technical Education Bylaws*

AMENDMENT #4:

ARTICLE VIII – Executive Committee

To Amend Article VIII, by adding “Executive Director of Georgia FCCLA”

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
The Executive Committee shall be composed of the president, president-elect, immediate past president, secretary and treasurer. The Program Specialist for Family and Consumer Sciences Programs will serve as an ex-officio non-voting member.	The Executive Committee shall be composed of the president, president-elect, immediate past president, secretary and treasurer. The Program Specialist for Family and Consumer Sciences Programs and Executive Director for Georgia FCCLA will serve as an ex-officio non-voting member.	The Executive Committee shall be composed of the president, president-elect, immediate past president, secretary and treasurer. The Program Specialist for Family and Consumer Sciences Programs and Executive Director for Georgia FCCLA will serve as an ex-officio non-voting member.

***Rationale:** Consistency with the GATFACS Policies and Procedures Manual and Article IV, Section 2 – Executive Committee of the GATFACS Bylaws. Both areas include the Executive Director of Georgia FCCLA as a member of the Board and an ex officio non-voting member.*

AMENDMENT #6:

ARTICLE X – Standing Committees

To Amend Article X, Section 6, by removing “Legislative Committee” and its description and adding “Legislative and Resolutions Committee and its description.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
Section 6 - Legislative Committee The Legislative Committee shall consist of a minimum of three member with one being the chair. This committee is responsible for undertaking activities that position GATFACS as the voice of family and consumer sciences program cluster professionals and advocate for programs and funding that lead to a productive workforce.	Section 6 – Legislative Committee The Legislative Committee shall consist of a minimum of three member with one being the chair. This committee is responsible for undertaking activities that position GATFACS as the voice of family and consumer sciences program cluster professionals and advocate for programs and funding that lead to a productive workforce. Section 6 – Legislative and Resolutions Committee The Legislative and Resolutions Committee shall consist of a minimum of three members with one being chair. This committee is responsible for surveying the membership to determine what areas need strategic advocacy and drafting these resolutions to be presented to the membership for approval. Once resolutions have been made, this committee is responsible for creating a	Section 6 – Legislative and Resolutions Committee The Legislative and Resolutions Committee shall consist of a minimum of three members with one being chair. This committee is responsible for surveying the membership to determine what areas need strategic advocacy and drafting these resolutions to be presented to the membership for approval. Once resolutions have been made, this committee is responsible for creating a
	legislative agenda that positions GACTE as the voice of career and technical education professionals and advocate for programs and funding that lead to a productive workforce.	

***Rationale:** Consistency with the Georgia Association of Career and Technical Education Bylaws*

AMENDMENT #7:

ARTICLE X – Standing Committees

To Amend Article X, Section 8, by removing “Resolutions Committee” and its description.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
Section 8 - Resolutions Committee The Resolutions Committee shall consist of a minimum of three members with one being the chair. This committee is responsible for drafting resolutions to be presented to the membership for approval.	Section 8 – Resolutions Committee The Resolutions Committee shall consist of a minimum of three members with one being the chair. This committee is responsible for drafting resolutions to be presented to the membership for approval.	No wording

Rationale:** Consistency with the Georgia Association of Career and Technical Education Bylaws.AMENDMENT #8:**

ARTICLE XIII – Parliamentary Authority

To Amend Article XIII, by adding a statement that allows GATFACS to immediately adopt bylaw amendments from GACTE and ACTE.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
No current wording	Any amendment to the GACTE or ACTE bylaws which affects the purposes, mission or any other basic statute of the organization shall be immediately adopted into the GATFACS bylaws without vote of the membership.	Any amendment to the GACTE or ACTE bylaws which affects the purposes, mission or any other basic statute of the organization shall be immediately adopted into the GATFACS bylaws without vote of the membership.

***Rationale:** Allows for GATFACS Bylaws to be consistent with Georgia Association of Career and Technical Education and the Association of Career and Technical Education’s bylaws without proposing multiple bylaw amendments at annual meetings.*