Georgia TESOL Executive Board Elections 2011-2012

OFFICERS (1-year term) – Members to vote for one person for each officer category. Write-ins are possible.

1st Vice President

Beth Wallace is a tenure-track Instructor of ESL at Georgia Perimeter (Clarkston) and has been active in TESOL since 2001. She is currently serving as the Program Chair for the 2011 Georgia TESOL Conference. For the past three years, she has served on the board of Georgia TESOL in various capacities, including Member at Large, 2010 Conference Exhibitor Liaison, and Secretary. While living and teaching in the United Arab Emirates, she was active with TESOL Arabia serving as a Steering Committee Member of the Independent Learning SIG, and for the past seven years was active in the Adult Education Interest Section of TESOL as the Webmaster/E-List Manager. Having served as a key member of Georgia TESOL's Conference Planning team in both 2010 and 2011, Beth is uniquely qualified to serve Georgia TESOL as 1st Vice President/Conference Chair next year.

2nd Vice President

Julie Elmore currently serves as the English Language Learner Support Specialist for Barrow County Schools as well as an ESOL Endorsement course instructor for Northeast Georgia RESA. Prior to serving in this capacity, Julie taught ESOL in grades K-5. Julie’s undergraduate degree is in Middle Grades Education, and she holds the ESOL Endorsement as well as the Leadership Endorsement. In 2005, she achieved National Board Certification in English as a New Language, and in 2007 completed her master’s degree in Educational Administration and Policy at the University of Georgia. Throughout her coursework, she has studied abroad in Mexico, Costa Rica, and Nicaragua. Julie has served as the Second Vice-President (Membership Chair) for the past three years and would consider it an honor to continue her work with GATESOL in this capacity.

Secretary

F.J. "Harvey" Oaxaca has served on the GA TESOL Board for the past two years as Member-at-Large and has volunteered as the Entertainment Chair for the 2010 Conference and Exhibitor Liaison for the 2011 Conference. Harvey taught middle school ESOL, in Texas and Georgia, was a Graduation Coach, and is currently a middle school Assistant Principal. Additionally, he has also taught Adult ESOL, an ESOL Endorsement Course and other teacher professional development courses. He received his Master's degree in Applied Linguistics/ESL from Georgia State University and has presented at multiple conferences including GA TESOL, International TESOL, and the Kennesaw State University ESOL Conference. Traveling to other countries such as Mexico and Honduras teaching English and working to improve his second language, has also been a key element in his educational and teaching journey. All of these experiences have helped prepare Harvey for a new role as the GA TESOL Secretary.

Treasurer

Dell Perry Giles has been a member of GATESOL since 2004 and has served as Program Chair, Conference Chair, President, Past President, on the President’s Advisory Council and, most recently Treasurer since 2009. Dell received her M.S. in Applied Linguistics from Georgia State University in 1997 and has been working as a Georgia ESOL professional since that time teaching kids in middle school and adults in various ESOL endorsement programs. In 2008 she was awarded the GATESOL Professional Service Award for her role in founding Unidos Dual Language Charter School, Georgia’s first public dual language school. Dell earned her Ph.D. in Language and Literacy Education from the University of Georgia. She is currently the Dual Language Coordinator for Unidos Dual Language Charter School and teaches courses at the University of Georgia part-time.
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MEMBERS-AT-LARGE (2-year terms) – Members to vote for 4 persons in this category. Write-ins are possible.

Jan Fluit-Dupuy has been teaching ESL since she was an undergraduate student and has taught in Italy, Ohio, Louisiana, and now Savannah. She has done other fun things too: write a textbook, run an opera company, and edit videos for a TV station, but she likes teaching best. She has been director of the ESL Program of the Savannah College of Art and Design since August of 2008. During the last three years, she has participated in an extensive curriculum revision, developing a tutor training program, and renewing SCAD ESL’s AAIEP accreditation while teaching each quarter. Her research interests include second language writing, IEP administration, and content-based instruction. She is eager to learn more about the ESL profession in Georgia and network with colleagues from around the state.

Maura Nicholson joined the world of ESL ten years ago when she wondered what the heck she was doing in retail anyway. Since then, she has served as a presenter at GATESOL, Big TESOL, NCTE, KSU, UWGa as well as various sundry presentations at the school level. She volunteers at a drop of a hat, forgetting the lesson she learned after joining the NAVY - Never Again Volunteer Yourself. She currently teaches in Paulding County where she livens up most department meetings by introducing a different point of view to many otherwise mundane topics. Maura would love your support as she searches to satisfy her addiction to be at the heart of what's happening by serving as one of GATESOL's Members-at-Large.

Karen Shock is currently serving as the Georgia TESOL newsletter editor and is the ESL Coordinator/Professor at Savannah College of Art and Design in Midtown Atlanta. She has an M.S. in TEFL and Applied Linguistics and a B.A. in Journalism and has been teaching ESL for a number of years, both in the States and overseas including four universities/colleges in the Middle East. She also worked in public relations for non-profit organizations and has experience in editing newsletters, quarterly journals and committee reports. Karen would love to have this opportunity to become more involved with GATESOL.

Katie Simon Kurumada, Ph.D., is currently serving as the GATESOL Grants and Awards Chairperson. She is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Early Childhood Education at Georgia State University. Her teaching and research focus on the literacy development of young English Language Learners and preparing teachers for linguistically diverse students. She completed her Bachelor’s degree in Early Childhood Education from the University of Georgia. Before receiving her PhD and Masters in Language and Literacy from GSU, Katie was both a classroom and ESOL teacher in the Atlanta area. Katie has published in several local and international journals and presented at numerous professional conferences, including GATESOL, Literacy Research Association, American Educational Research Association, and National Council of Teachers of English. The opportunity to serve on the GATESOL board is one that Katie hopes will strengthen the relationship between current classroom practice and teacher preparation.