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A newsletter for the members of the Georgia Association of Educational Office Professionals

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## What does the future hold for GAEOP?

“Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country” or women to the aid of their organization.....

GAEOP is at a crossroads. Many of the long time members have retired now and are not as involved. Some have job responsibilities that have changed and they no longer have the time, energy or support of their school for activities with GAEOP. Some are facing the uncertainties of this economy and the fiscal climate we are all in.

It is not something unique to Georgia—NAEOP reports that many local and state organizations are suffering through a drop in membership and involvement in these times.

I believe in GAEOP. Several others who have faithfully helped keep GAEOP also believe. But we are all dealing with our own versions of the above issues. And last year, when there were nominations for officers, we said “we will keep it going for another year and see where we are.” We are there.

Glenda Harrison and Brenda Lockhart have asked that I include the following in this newsletter:

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Please put in that we would like to have a lunch meeting in Macon, GA on March 7th at Ruby Tuesday's Restaurant on 3661 Eisenhower Parkway at 11:00 am. Ask members or interested parties to bring any information they have regarding GAEOP. Brenda Lockhart from Savannah has the full support of her school district and would like to see us about keeping GAEOP going some how, some way.. Ask people to email me by March 1th so I can let the restaurant know how many are coming. If there are a lot coming we may have to change the restaurant to Appleby's, just down the street from Ruby Tuesday's.

Thanks, Glenda  
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Nomination forms for 2009-2010 officers are available on the GAEOP website. They are due in by April 1st. If a slate of officers is not gathered for next year—or at least a few people who are willing to work together to keep things going, then GAEOP may be finished. The remaining funds would then be transferred to the NAEOP Foundation.

Please—contact Glenda or Brenda. Join the team that will be trying to save GAEOP.

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### GAEOP Website

<http://www.geocities.com/gaeoponline>

### NAEOP Website

<http://www.naeop.org>

## NAEOP Southeast Area News

### Welcome to Kentucky for the Annual Southeast Area Professional Development Seminar! Pre-Derby PD in Kentucky!

You are invited to Covington, Kentucky! We'd love for you to join us on April 3-5! The following pages include information on registration, the hotel site, the instructor for our PD weekend, the schedule, as well as a few tips and hints on things to do while you're in Covington. First of all for those flying in, the nearest airport is the Cincinnati Airport in Covington, KY. Yes, the Cincinnati airport is actually in KY! The Louisville airport is about a 2-hour drive from Covington in case you wanted to fly into Louisville and rent a car.

Each state is asked to bring a "State Basket" to raffle off as part of the Ways and Means project for next year's professional development seminar. We'll also be having 50/50 drawings during the conference, so bring your cash!

Also each state is responsible for 10 door prizes.

We have decided to let people explore on Saturday night on their own, rather than having a group event. We will be giving each member two trolley tokens for a roundtrip on Saturday to Covington or Newport where many restaurants are located as well as the Newport Aquarium, Newport on the Levee and shopping. The hotel will offer free tickets to the Comedy Club in Newport, and a discounted ticket to the aquarium. Please visit the Northern Kentucky Convention and Visitor's Bureau website to learn of all the many available entertainment sites in Covington and Newport. The website address is [www.nkycvb.com](http://www.nkycvb.com) or for many attractions in the area go to <http://www.nkycvb.com/attractions.aspx>. Just a few descriptions are included on the last page in order to "wet your whistle." We can also send you a PowerPoint map of Covington and Newport restaurants. Just contact Mimi Pike at [mimi.pike@hardin.kyschools.us](mailto:mimi.pike@hardin.kyschools.us) for those maps.

We know you will have a fabulous weekend in Kentucky. Come join us!

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*Editor's Note: Full information & Registration Forms can be downloaded from the Conferences & Meetings page on the GAEOP website. The URL for the website can be found on the front cover of the newsletter.*

*The latest Southeast Area Newsletter is also available on the GAEOP website.*

### Message from the NAEOP Southeast Director:

It is an honor to welcome each of you to the Southeast Area Professional Development Seminar April 3-5 in Covington, Kentucky. The Kentucky Association of Educational Office Professionals has planned a great seminar for you this weekend. Special thanks to Joni Ruffing, seminar chairman and Mimi Pike, Kentucky state president, for all their hard work to make this seminar a great success. We hope that the seminar will be beneficial to each of you. We hope you enjoy yourself.

We hope you are making plans to attend the NAEOP 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference July 20-24 in Bloomington, Minnesota at the Sheraton Bloomington Hotel. Our Southeast Area Breakfast will be held Thursday, July 23 from 7:30-9:30 a.m. To register for the conference, go to [www.naeop.org](http://www.naeop.org) for more details.

Looking forward to meeting you soon!

Thanks and have a great day!

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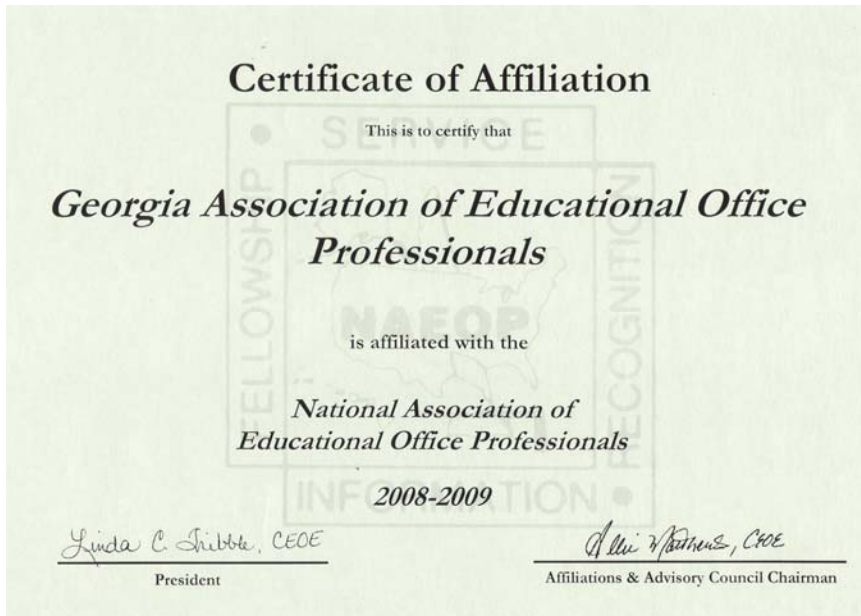
"Of course we listen to employees, Spriggs, but you shouldn't take this stuff seriously."

We take you seriously!

Please get involved with GAEOP today!

Be part of the future of GAEOP!

## NAEOP Related Items



GAEOP has affiliated with NAEOP for the 2008-2009 year.

Special permission was required for this to happen due to the non-existent GAEOP board.

We did not ask whether this permissions would be extended for another year.

If you are interested in GAEOP having a future, please submit your nominations for the elected officer positions today!

The NAEOP Conference is quickly approaching! Information was contained in the most recent issue of the "Connector", the NAEOP newsletter.

If you are not a member of NAEOP, please consider adding this organization to your resume. A membership form can be found below.

*Mark Your Calendar!*  
**July 20-24, 2009**  
**NAEOP Annual Conference and Institute**  
**Bloomington, MN**

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*National Educational Bosses Week*

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATIONAL OFFICE PROFESSIONALS**—the only national professional association for office personnel in education—affirms its belief that a good education is the birthright of every American; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of NAEOP recognize the significance of the many and varied duties and responsibilities assumed by the educational leaders at all levels of the educational process;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the week of May 17-23, 2009, shall be known as “**National Educational Bosses Week**” in grateful recognition of the unselfish and dedicated service provided to the nation’s schools, colleges, universities, and communities; and

**BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED** that October 16, 2008 be observed as “National Bosses Day.”

**DONE**, this the first day of August, two thousand eight, and in the seventy-fifth year of the **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATIONAL OFFICE PROFESSIONALS**.

Linda C. Tribble, CEOE  
President