

The Gwinnett County Association of Educators

GCAE Elections FAQ

How were the new GCAE officers selected?

The current officers of GCAE were elected by the membership. All members within Gwinnett County were afforded the chance to participate in the election and were sent an email on November 9th with all the information needed to nominate themselves or another member. When nominations were tabulated after the return deadline set by the GAE Elections Committee, only one individual nomination was received for each office. On November 24th, GAE announced that the individuals nominated were therefore duly elected by acclamation because they were unopposed.

Why were new GCAE elections needed?

Elections in our association must comply with the democratic principles and rules in the governing constitutions and bylaws of GCAE and GAE. Pursuant to a member complaint, GAE conducted a formal review and hearing, and concluded that the August election in GCAE fell short of those standards and must be rerun to protect the democratic rights of our members. GAE took action to run a fair election in GCAE to ensure that the affiliate is served by duly elected officers.

What do members have to say?

GCAE's new leadership will enthusiastically work with all members, including previous leaders, to improve our association and advocate for students, educators, and the Gwinnett community. Our members want to know that they have local leaders who will advocate for them and their students. With a slate of officers that was elected democratically and in compliance with the highest standards of integrity, GCAE members know that their leadership will be responsive to their needs, and GCAE will be a powerful voice for educators.

How will this impact future GCAE elections?

Our new leadership is dedicated to making sure that all members have a voice within the association and democratic principles will guide future elections. GAE looks forward to assisting GCAE as it conducts future leadership elections that are transparent and democratic.

Do the new GCAE leaders have the tools they need to represent us right now?

Yes, they do. The duly elected new GCAE officers have access to and control of GCAE bank accounts and finances. Gwinnett County Public Schools has been notified about the election of new GCAE officers. The former officers have been informed that they no longer have authority to act on behalf of GCAE and must facilitate the transition to the new leadership. We are pressing forward on that transition and taking steps to ensure that the duly elected officers of GCAE can communicate with members on its website and social media accounts.