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Georgia School Boards Association Elects New Officers and Adopts Legislative Positions for Coming Year

Members of local boards of education and superintendents met June 22-23 in Savannah for the Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) Summer Conference and Delegate Assembly.

On Friday, June 22, representatives from 124 school boards in Georgia met to plan the legislative positions of the association and to elect GSBA's 2007-2008 officers. The complete list of legislative positions can be found on GSBA's website: www.gsba.com. Gillis "Skip" Dawkins (Houston County Board of Education) was installed as president. Julia Bernath (Fulton County Board of Education) was installed as president elect. Dr. James Pope (Carrollton City Board of Education) was installed as vice president. Diane Sandifer (Harris County Board of Education) became immediate past president. The unexpired term for the position of treasurer, formerly held by Julia Bernath, will be appointed by the board at a later date.

Prior to the conference, hundreds of school board members convened in Savannah at the Hyatt to fulfill their annual training requirements as outlined in Georgia law. GSBA offered three workshops to allow board members to receive training: the New Board Member Orientation, the Communications Workshop and the Policy Workshop.

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