

GMEN Member Update --- June, 2005

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This is the fourth in a series of e-newsletters to GMEN members.

The quarterly paper newsletter will continue to focus on specific programs defined by funders. Watch for the June newsletter that will focus on the Atlanta regional meeting and the AEO 2006 annual conference planning. Also watch for a special edition July newsletter that will focus on the GMEN statewide conference. It was fantastic!!! Over 275 attendees over the two days.

### [Annual Membership Meeting](#)

The annual membership meeting was held on June 9th at the Loudermilk Center. Three board members were re-elected: Art Druckenmiller, Yvonne Days-Cuffie, and Abra Reed. Three new board members were elected: Norman Michael, Rachel Davis, and Charles Jones. Three members retired from the board: Homero Leon, Antoinette Ball, and Andrew Hines.

Members received an overview of the 2006 AEO conference in Atlanta from AEO Executive Director, Bill Edwards. In addition, members volunteered to work on the four GMEN committees associated with this conference planning.

### [Training & Technical Assistance](#)

"Does your organization need software, but never seems to have room in the budget? Does your organization continue to use suboptimal hardware because you don't have enough information to help you decide between options?" Go to [www.techsoup.org](http://www.techsoup.org) and see if this is a resource for you.

Got clients in the construction industry. Don't forget about the resources of Greater Atlanta Economic Development Alliance. Go to [www.alliance4u.org](http://www.alliance4u.org)

The MS Foundation has release two new publications: "Enhancing Opportunities through Entrepreneurship" and "Enhancing Employment Opportunities for Women." Go to [www.ms.foundation.org](http://www.ms.foundation.org) for more details.

### [Access to Capital](#)

Angel investor organization set-up by the Kaufman Foundation: [www.angelcapitalassociation.org](http://www.angelcapitalassociation.org)

Community Reinvestment Fund [www.crfusa.com](http://www.crfusa.com)

### [Funding Opportunities](#)

Assets for Independence Demonstration Program, November 1 deadline [www.acf.hhs.gov/grants](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants)

Requests for Proposal, Rural Heritage Development [www.nationaltrust.org](http://www.nationaltrust.org)

Bank of America Charitable Investments Neighborhood Excellence Initiative  
[www.bankofamerica.com/foundation](http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation)

Women Helping Others Foundation, deadline September 13 [www.whofoundation.org](http://www.whofoundation.org)

The Peter Drucker Award for nonprofit innovation is presented each year in November to three US non profit organizations in recognition of existing programs that have made a difference in the lives of the people it serves. Deadline is August 12, 2005. [www.cgu.edu/pages/2417.asp](http://www.cgu.edu/pages/2417.asp)

### Mark your calendar

- June 29 - July 1 Georgia agritourism conference  
for more information contact [lhammock@georgia.org](mailto:lhammock@georgia.org)
- October 27-28 Southern Appalachian Entrepreneurship Policy Summit  
[www.microenterpriseworks.org](http://www.microenterpriseworks.org)
- November 8 Association of Fundraising Professionals: National Philanthropy Day  
[www.afpatlanta.org](http://www.afpatlanta.org)
- November 15-16 Third Georgia Entrepreneurial Summit in Douglas, Georgia

### Thank You

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If you have news about events or activities at your microenterprise program that you would like to share with other practitioners, please forward that information to [pcwill@bellsouth.net](mailto:pcwill@bellsouth.net) **by the 25th of July** for inclusion in the next e-newsletter.