

GMEN Member Update --- August, 2006

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## **Association News**

On August 28th, the GMEN Board of Directors elected a new slate of officers:

- Chair --- Rod Wallace
- Vice Chair --- Norman Michael
- Secretary --- Ursula Brown
- Treasurer --- Grace Fricks

The next AEO national conference:

May 15-18, 2007 in Kansas City, go to [www.microenterpriseworks.org](http://www.microenterpriseworks.org) for more information

Watch for your September GMEN Newsletter for updates on the recent strategic planning meeting and the September marketing competition. Special thanks to The EDGE Connection for their technology support of the marketing competition.

Also go to the GMEN website to see the new GMEN video telling "your" story of microenterprise services and successes in Georgia ( [www.georgiamicroenterprise.org](http://www.georgiamicroenterprise.org) ). Thanks to the following programs for their support of this effort: ACE, ACT, AMEN, AMF, EADC, EDGE, GWING. LDS, SMMC.

GMEN is conducting a feasibility study on implementation of a train-the-trainer course for GMEN member program managers for the "Smart Technology for a Smarter Business" workshop. Please review and return the attached survey via fax to 404-349-3877 by September 30th. Your feedback is important. Attached is a survey and an appendix listing the technologies to be covered in the training. The training's target audience is your client entrepreneurs. For more information about the curriculum go to [www.smarterseminars.org](http://www.smarterseminars.org) .

Do you have news about your program that you would like to share with other members? If so email [pcwill@bellsouth.net](mailto:pcwill@bellsouth.net) by the last calendar day of each month.

## **Credit-led programs focus**

Are your metro Atlanta clients aware of the Citizen's Trust Bank new program: Got a million dollar idea? Citizens Trust Bank set aside \$50M for business loans in the community. Go to [www.CTBconnect.com](http://www.CTBconnect.com) for more information.

Upcoming events:

9/26 Albany State University, Money Smart Alliance  
[www.fdic.gov](http://www.fdic.gov)

9/28 Georgia Consortium on Financial Literacy

10/11-13 NADO/EDFS Small Business Development Finance Training  
[www.nado.org](http://www.nado.org)

11/7 CDFA Tax Increment Financing Practice & Policy Symposium  
[www.cdfa.net](http://www.cdfa.net)

11/14-16 AEO Native American IDA training  
[www.microenterpriseworks.org](http://www.microenterpriseworks.org)

Other resources

[www.cdfi.gov](http://www.cdfi.gov)

[www.launchfm.org](http://www.launchfm.org)

## **Training-led programs focus**

Congratulations to Winston Heard, Executive Director of the East Athens Development Corporation on being featured in the 10th annual "From Whence We Came" calendar.

The TBS Pathfinders program shines a light on 12 Greater Atlanta volunteers who give of themselves to make a meaningful difference in the lives of fellow citizens. Go to [www.tbsstoryline.com](http://www.tbsstoryline.com) for more information.

Upcoming events:

9/19 Growing Your Business Workshop  
[www.womensleadrshipexchange.com](http://www.womensleadrshipexchange.com)

9/28 Expanding Horizons (selling overseas)  
[www.opic.org](http://www.opic.org)

10/10-11 AEO regional training, White Plains NY  
[www.microenterpriseworks.org](http://www.microenterpriseworks.org)

10/25-27 NBIA Fall training institute  
[www.nbia.org](http://www.nbia.org)

Other potential resources

[www.agr.state.ga.us](http://www.agr.state.ga.us)

[www.atlantatribune.com](http://www.atlantatribune.com)

[www.atlantawomeninbusiness.com](http://www.atlantawomeninbusiness.com)

[www.ceowoman.org](http://www.ceowoman.org)

[www.gachamber.actx.com](http://www.gachamber.actx.com)

[www.gcn.org](http://www.gcn.org)

[www.georgia.org/business/smallbusiness](http://www.georgia.org/business/smallbusiness)

(see upcoming business trade missions!!!)

[www.handsongorgia.or](http://www.handsongorgia.or)

[www.homemadesimpleorg](http://www.homemadesimpleorg)

[www.fundraisinginfo.com](http://www.fundraisinginfo.com)

[www.nawbo-atlanta.org](http://www.nawbo-atlanta.org)

[www.nbia.org](http://www.nbia.org)

[www.ruralentrepreneurship.org](http://www.ruralentrepreneurship.org)

[www.se-alliance.org](http://www.se-alliance.org)

[www.usa-demographics.com](http://www.usa-demographics.com)