



## *Association News*

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**Submit Your Nomination for the AEO Board of Directors Today.** All nominations received on or before February 9, 2007 will be featured in the AEO Conference Program Book and on the AEO website. For more details on the 2007 AEO Board nomination process, please visit <http://www.microenterpriseworks.org/BoardNominations>

Women new to the microenterprise development field can apply for the **Maria Padilla-Orasel Scholarship** and attend the AEO 2007 Annual Conference. For more details, please visit <http://www.microenterpriseworks.org/index.asp?bid=1071>

### **Upcoming Events:**

- January 8-9, 2007**      **Georgia Chamber of Commerce's Annual Meeting Dinner** is set to celebrate American business. Ron Galloway, headlines the Georgia Chamber's Annual Meeting Dinner, at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta. For further details, go to <http://gachamber.actx.com/story-611172D5B02814A9B.html>
- February 24 –  
March 3, 2007**      Celebrate **EntrepreneurshipWeek USA**. [Get involved!](#) [Learn More!](#)
- May 15 – 18, 2007**      **AEO 2007 Annual Conference** in Kansas City, Missouri
- June 21 – 22, 2007**      **GMEN 2007 Annual Conference & 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

## *Member News*

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Congratulations to [Goodwill Industries of North Georgia](#) on the grand opening of their new Career Services Center in Duluth, Georgia.

Congratulations to [AMEN](#) of Atlanta on their new program, the **Recovery Business Group**. Its mission is to provide a common forum for business men and women to help business owners in the recovery community.

**AMEN** of Atlanta was featured on the **Sir Markadoo Show.com** "Let's Talk Business" on November 21<sup>st</sup>. It aired on Love AM 860 and Internet based Streamingfaith.com. Congratulations!

## *Microenterprise Development Programs focus*

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**Alternatives Federal Credit Union** invites you to join their ongoing e-mail discussion list serve on Community Development Banking. You may subscribe at their [web subscription address](#).

**Georgia Center for Nonprofits**. A great resource offering training for the Nonprofit management. Learn more from their most recent [newsletter](#).

### ***Upcoming Events:***

- December 8, 2006**      **Georgia Consortium for Personal Financial Literacy** hosts a train-the-trainer session for the new *Basics of Savings and Investing: Investor Education 2020*. For more details, *please see attached invitation*.
- December 13, 2006**      **GMEN 2007 NOFA** --- Assessment Tools Conference Call #2

### ***Fundraising***

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- December 13, 2006**      **Georgia Center for Nonprofits.** [Fundraising Right Now!](#) Learn just-in-time strategies for year-end fund raising and plan for the coming year.
- January 25-26, 2007**      **Direct Marketing Association: 2007 Washington DC Nonprofit Conference - "Tools for Future Fundraising: Expect the Unexpected"**  
<http://the-dma.org/conferences/dmanonprofitdc/index.shtml>

### ***Microenterprise Opportunities***

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**Flavor of Georgia Food Contest.** Spring 2007 at the Capital. For more information contact David Bryant or Beth Miller at the Georgia Department of Agriculture in the Office of International Trade at 404-656-3740 or [itrade@agr.state.ga.us](mailto:itrade@agr.state.ga.us).

**ExportGA 2007 in Atlanta.** Sponsored by The University of Georgia, U S Export Assistance Center and The Summit National Bank, there will be 6 working sessions from January to May. Application deadline: December 15, 2006. For more information please contact Job Dieleman from SSDC International Trade Center at (706)542-6661 or at [jdieleman@georgiasbdc.org](mailto:jdieleman@georgiasbdc.org).

**Export Finance.** The Small Business Administration has a representative in the Atlanta Export Center who serves as a source of information/referrals/and financial assistance for exporters. The primary focus is to provide access to the various lender guaranty programs that can help your company obtain financing for any business purpose that can help start, strengthen, or grow your export sales. For more information, please view the following link: <http://www.buyusa.gov/georgia/26.html>

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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.

### ***GMEN's Mission***

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To create opportunities and support for microenterprise development as an avenue for economic self-sufficiency in Georgia. To learn more about microenterprise or GMEN and the benefits of membership, please visit our website at <http://www.georgiamicroenterprise.org>.