

## Nominations due April 5

### Officers provide link to student journalists

GSPA officers serve as liaisons between students and GSPA. They provide ideas and insights that enable advisers and GSPA to better meet the needs of high school students involved in media. One way officers do this is by writing columns for the *The GSPA Bulletin*. They also provide constructive criticism for event planning and programming.

Instead of having separate titles, the current GSPA student officers decided it would be best to eliminate the titles and instead have four officers—all of equal power.

Any student may run for the four seats. The top four vote-getters at the 2006 GSPA Awards Ceremony will win an official seat. Students must fill out the student officer nomination form on page 5 and mail it to the GSPA office by April 5.

#### Nomination Guidelines

- Nominees for offices must be either rising sophomores, juniors or seniors for the 2006-07 academic year. The candidate should be on a publication/broadcast staff for the entire 2006-07 school year.
- Each school that is a member of GSPA may nominate only one person for office in any one year. This candidate must be registered with GSPA by April 5. Nominations may not be made from the floor. Even though a candidate for an office is registered with GSPA, he or she must also be present at the Awards Ceremony (April 21) and at the election (during lunch) in order to remain on the list of nominees. Candidates for an office will be introduced during the opening remarks at the Awards Ceremony and will be expected to deliver a brief speech before votes are cast.
- Candidates will be introduced at the Awards Ceremony on Friday, April 21. Campaigning may be done by the candidates and/or their sponsoring staffs among GSPA member schools during the Ceremony. Please do not post stickers or fliers on University property such as chairs or desks. No food or drink may be distributed as part of the campaigning or election process. Candidates who violate campaign rules will be automatically disqualified from running for office.
- Officers will be announced and introduced following the presentation of awards.

#### Choosing Delegates

Student officers are selected each year by the votes of delegates from each GSPA member school. **Each school selects three students as official delegates and registers those students on the official convention registration form (see page 7).** Regardless of how many publications from a school are enrolled in GSPA, only three delegates per school should be chosen.

During the election session, each school with paid membership dues in GSPA will cast three votes for each office through their chosen delegates. Votes may be cast for one candidate, or they may be split between candidates in units of whole votes. Delegates should discuss candidates with their fellow staffers and vote by consensus.

### Officer roles and requirements

- All officers are required to meet together in Athens or another pre-determined location at least once per semester during the school year. One meeting will also be scheduled with the officers and the GSPA Advisory Board to plan the direction of GSPA.
- The officer team helps plan and coordinate GSPA events, including the Awards Ceremony and the fall workshops. Officers are also encouraged to develop new initiatives/ideas for GSPA that will benefit student members.
- Members of the team are also expected to frequently contribute to *The GSPA Bulletin*, and post frequent messages on the GSPA student listserv.
- Officers also assist in other areas as needed.

Gain valuable leadership experience. Add to your portfolio. Make a difference in scholastic journalism in Georgia. Run for GSPA office! See form on page 5.

# GSPA Student Officer Nomination Form 2006-2007

## Student information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year (in 2006-07)  Sophomore  Junior  Senior  
High School \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State and Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Adviser's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
School Phone \_\_\_\_\_ School E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State and Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's or Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

**ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER, PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING IN A MAXIMUM OF TWO SENTENCES:**

- 1) What media (journalism or broadcast) activities/experience have you had that qualify you for the position indicated?
- 2) Why do you want to be a GSPA Student Officer for the 2006-2007 school year?
- 3) How do you think GSPA could be improved to help students be better journalists?

**STAPLE YOUR ANSWERS TO THIS FORM.**

**Send materials by April 5 to: GSPA Officer Nominations, 120 Hooper Street, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-3018**

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## Adviser Endorsement

I endorse the candidacy of the above named person for a GSPA student officer position for the 2003-2004 school year.

Adviser signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE: APRIL 5, 2006**