



Changing Central Florida One Grant at a Time

Network News

12th Annual GPN Awards Breakfast

GPN proudly announced its honorees at the 12th Annual Awards Breakfast on Wednesday, December 10, 2008, in the beautiful Galloway Room of Rollins College

(www.rollins.edu/).

Special thanks to:

Keynote Speaker

Margot Knight
President & CEO
United Arts of Central Florida

Organizer

Bobi Bellows
Lighthouse Central Florida

** See page 2 for additional details.*

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REMINDER: The next general membership meeting is **Wednesday, January 28, 2009**. It will occur at the Heart of Florida United Way Dr. Nelson Ying Center, 1940 Traylor Blvd, in Orlando. Networking and refreshments will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the call to order at 8:45 a.m.

GPN information is available on the **Web** at
<http://www.gpninc.org/>

The mission of the Grant Professionals Network (GPN) is to provide a collegial forum to facilitate training, resource development, leadership and networking opportunities for grant professionals.



12th Annual GPN Awards Breakfast *(Continued)*

*Congratulations to attendees who garnered mentor lunches and
THIS YEAR'S AWARD WINNERS (featured below):*

Up and Coming Award



BOBETTE "BOBI" BELLOWS
Lighthouse Central Florida

Outstanding Mentor Award



LEE BAILEY
Rollins College Philanthropy and Nonprofit
Leadership Center

Outstanding Service Award

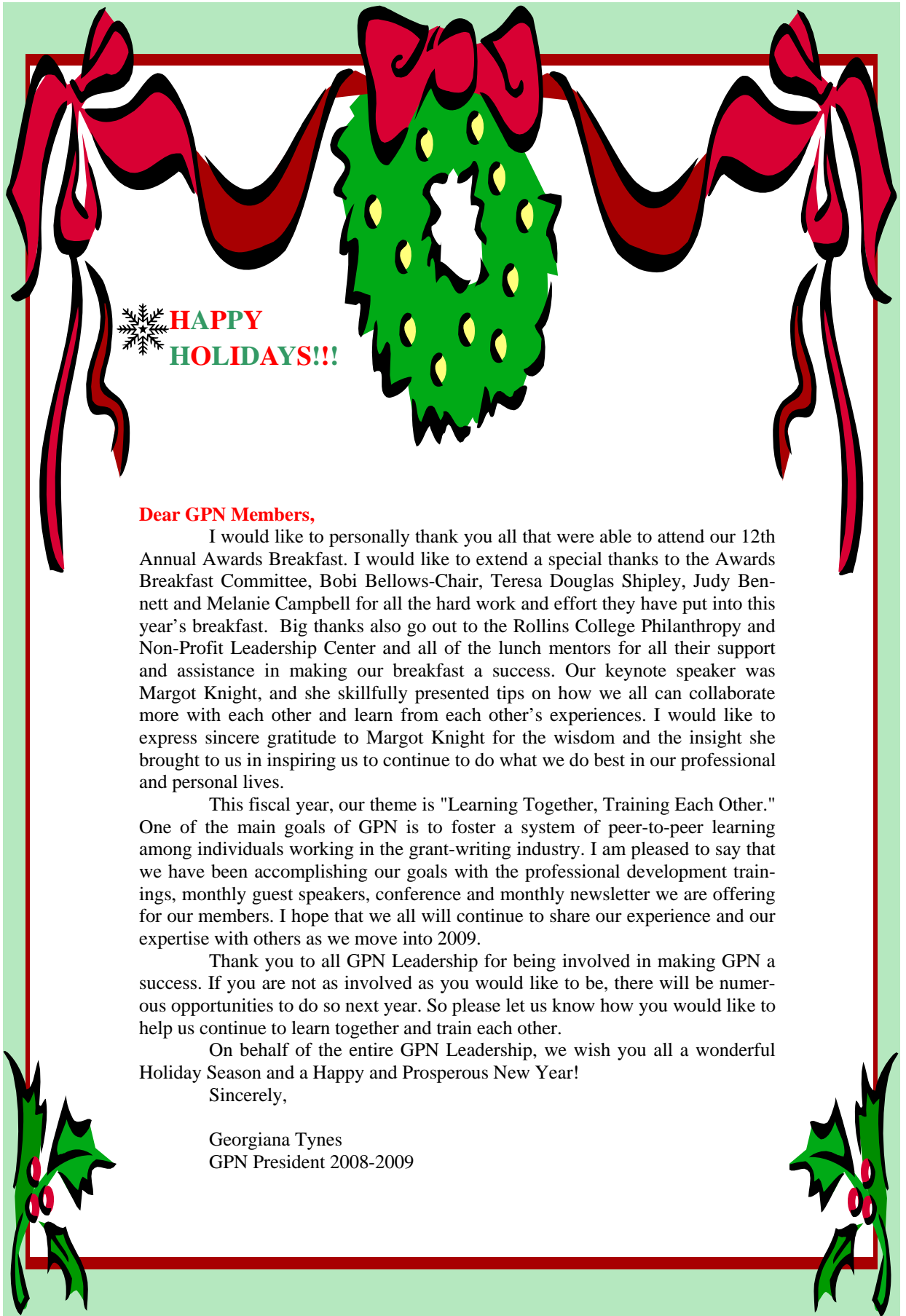


CHRISTOPHER HOWELL
Center for Independent Living in Central
Florida

Professional Excellence Award



GEORGIANA TYNES
Georgiana K. Tynes Consulting Services,
LLC.



 **HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!!!**

Dear GPN Members,

I would like to personally thank you all that were able to attend our 12th Annual Awards Breakfast. I would like to extend a special thanks to the Awards Breakfast Committee, Bobi Bellows-Chair, Teresa Douglas Shipley, Judy Bennett and Melanie Campbell for all the hard work and effort they have put into this year's breakfast. Big thanks also go out to the Rollins College Philanthropy and Non-Profit Leadership Center and all of the lunch mentors for all their support and assistance in making our breakfast a success. Our keynote speaker was Margot Knight, and she skillfully presented tips on how we all can collaborate more with each other and learn from each other's experiences. I would like to express sincere gratitude to Margot Knight for the wisdom and the insight she brought to us in inspiring us to continue to do what we do best in our professional and personal lives.

This fiscal year, our theme is "Learning Together, Training Each Other." One of the main goals of GPN is to foster a system of peer-to-peer learning among individuals working in the grant-writing industry. I am pleased to say that we have been accomplishing our goals with the professional development trainings, monthly guest speakers, conference and monthly newsletter we are offering for our members. I hope that we all will continue to share our experience and our expertise with others as we move into 2009.

Thank you to all GPN Leadership for being involved in making GPN a success. If you are not as involved as you would like to be, there will be numerous opportunities to do so next year. So please let us know how you would like to help us continue to learn together and train each other.

On behalf of the entire GPN Leadership, we wish you all a wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Sincerely,

Georgiana Tynes
GPN President 2008-2009



Exciting Employment Opportunities !!



ORGANIZATION: The Nature Conservancy is a leading conservation organization working around the world to protect ecologically important lands and waters for nature and people. The mission of The Nature Conservancy is to preserve the plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive.

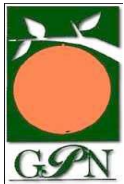
Donor Relations Manager for The Nature Conservancy

The Nature Conservancy is seeking a Donor Relations Manager for Florida (location in Florida is negotiable). The Donor Relations Manager:

- Assists in the creation and implementation of strategies for the ongoing cultivation of donors capable of major and/or deferred gifts.
- Conducts initial exploratory meetings with donors and prospects to determine capacity for major gifts.
- Conducts donor calls to cultivate relationships with donors and prospects.
- Maintains ongoing contact with past and current donors.
- Moves major and planned giving 'suspects' to prospect pool for management by senior fundraising staff and integration into the Moves Management process.
- Works on a variety of activities, which may include providing program information to prospects and drafting routine correspondence and acknowledgments.
- Uses the fundraising management system (FMS) to update donor information, produce reports, perform analysis, and track and cultivate donors.
- Works with philanthropy team to cultivate and solicit donors through meetings, trips, events, etc.
- Assists with asking for and closing major gifts.

To apply for this position visit www.nature.org/careers/, click "View Positions" and search by the position title and location. All resumes must be submitted through The Nature Conservancy's online application. A user guide for the online application is available on the website.

• <http://www.nature.org/> •



Exciting Training Opportunities !!

Upcoming 2008-09 GPN Trainings (Theme: Grant Professionalism)

January 8, 2009 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Half Day Training: SUBMITTING FEDERAL GRANTS VIA GRANTS.GOV (Intermediate to Advanced) Presenter: Lilian Draisen, Orlando Police Department Location: Orange County Public Schools, 445 W. Amelia St., Orlando, FL 32801, Conference Room 7B Cost: \$15 for Members and \$25 for Non-Members Limit: 20 Participants
February 6, 2009 One-day conference	UCF/GPN COMMUNITY PARTNERS NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE (See the flyer on the next page.)
March 10, 2009 11:30 am -12:30 pm <i>TENTATIVE</i>	Brown Bag Session Topic: COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS Presenter: Julie Tindall, City of Orlando Location: To be Announced Cost: Free for Members and \$5 for Non-Members
April 8, 2009 11:30 am -12:30 pm <i>TENTATIVE</i>	Brown Bag Session Topic: LOGIC MODELS Location: To be Announced Cost: Free for Members and \$5 for Non-Members
May 14, 2009 11:30 am -12:30 pm <i>TENTATIVE</i>	Brown Bag Session Topic: ETHICS — HIGH STANDARDS PAY OFF IN GRANTS Presenter: Jeannie Floyd, Orange County Public Schools Location: To be Announced Cost: Free for Members and \$5 for Non-Members

Announcements and registration information are also available on the GPN website at <http://www.gpninc.org>.



Exciting Training Opportunities !!

Grant Professionals Network of Central Florida, Inc. (GPN)

P.O. Box 532051
Orlando, FL 32853-2051

REGISTRATION FORM

GPN Half Day Training: Submitting Federal Grants via Grants.gov

Presenter

Lilian Draisen
Orlando Police Department

Thursday, January 8, 2009
9 a.m. to 12 noon

Educational Leadership Center
445 W. Amelia St.
Conference Room 7B

Registration Deadline: Friday, January 2, 2009

Members \$15

Non-members \$25

The Grant Professionals Network of Central Florida, Inc. (GPN) will hold a half day *Submitting Federal Grants via Grants.gov Workshop* on Thursday, January 8, 2009 at the Educational Leadership Center, 445 W. Amelia St., downtown Orlando from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The workshop will be held in Conference Room 7B. ***Only those who have pre-registered may attend.*** Grant professional Lilian Draisen of the Orlando Police Department will present the training for those interested in learning about Grants.gov.

Registration deadline: January 2, 2009. The registration fee for GPN members is \$15 and for non-members is \$25. To register, send this registration form with your check to GPN, P.O. Box 532051, Orlando, FL 32853 or use PayPal (Members: <http://snipurl.com/45brq> ; Non-members: <http://snipurl.com/45bso>) and e-mail your registration form to Jean.Floyd@ocps.net . **Space is limited to 20 participants**, so be sure to register early. For more information, contact Jeannie Floyd, GPN Professional Development Chair, at 407-317-3200, ext. 2325, or by e-mail.

Name: _____

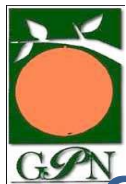
Organization (If applicable): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Fax: _____ Are you a GPN Member? Yes No

Announcements and registration information are also available on the GPN website at <http://www.gpninc.org>.



Exciting Training Opportunities !! (Continued)

8TH ANNUAL CENTRAL FLORIDA COMMUNITY PARTNERS NONPROFIT CONFERENCE

HOSTED BY THE: University of Central Florida's Nonprofit Community Partners Advisory Board AND Grant Professionals Network



Thriving Through Creativity

8:00 am -Registration/Continental Breakfast

9:00 am – Keynote Presentation

10:45 am - Grant Writing: Beginning & Intermediate

12:00 pm – Lunch/Keynote Speaker

1:15 pm - Grant Management

2:30 pm – Keynote Speaker

4:00 pm – Closing Comments

Where: UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management
9907 Universal Boulevard
Orlando, Florida 32819

Registration begins 12.15.08

http://www.ce.ucf.edu/pc_course.asp?prog=1103



**BYLAWS OF THE
GRANT PROFESSIONALS NETWORK OF CENTRAL FLORIDA, INC. (GPN)**
Original Bylaws: July 1, 1994
Updated: November 13, 2008

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ARTICLE I – NAME

Section A The name of this organization shall be the Grant Professionals Network of Central Florida, Inc., hereinafter called the “Network.” “GPN.”

ARTICLE II - PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

Section A The principal place of business ~~will be~~ is located at 445 W. Amelia St, Orlando, FL 32801. Periodic changes to the principal place of business will be approved by the Board of Directors and reported to the Florida Department of State. Any approved change in location of the principal place of business shall be noted by the Secretary on these bylaws.

ARTICLE III - AFFILIATION

Section A This Network GPN is an entity unto itself. Members have the freedom to affiliate with their respective local, state and national organizations.

ARTICLE IV – PURPOSE

Section A The purpose of the Grant Professionals Network of Central Florida, Inc. (GPN) is to provide a collegial forum to facilitate training and resource development, and offer leadership and networking opportunities for grant professionals in Central Florida. ~~and~~ GPN goals are to:

1. ~~To~~ Promote ~~an ongoing,~~ and sustain an active, representative membership who have with an awareness and interest in addressing ~~of~~ the social, economic, cultural, educational, health and material needs of ~~children, families and other~~ Central Florida citizens.
2. ~~To~~ Develop a positive rapport among governmental agencies, ~~and~~ community-based nonprofit organizations, grant makers and other entities who serve Central Florida communities.
3. ~~To~~ Enter into, make, and perform contracts and agreements to purchase or otherwise acquire, hold, lease, encumber, sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge, exchange or otherwise, personal, or intangible personal property in the same manner and to the same extent as a natural person might do.
4. ~~To~~ Strengthen ties with ~~funding agencies~~ grant makers.
5. ~~To~~ Share expertise in the art of grantsmanship through offering professional development and networking opportunities.
6. ~~To encourage and help~~ Facilitate collaborative resource development.
7. ~~To~~ Receive bequests and devises by will, absolutely or in trust, to the same extent as a natural person.



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2. ~~To carry on or~~ Engage in any activities ~~which the Network may deem proper or convenient in connection with~~ support the stated GPN purposes. ~~and to use any and all of its assets from whatever source obtained, either the principal or income there from, either immediately or in the future, for the furtherance of the Network's purposes.~~
3. ~~To~~ Use assets and earnings of the Network GPN exclusively for the purposes ~~herein above set out~~ identified above, including the payment of expenses ~~incident hereto~~, and to use no part of the net earnings to the benefit of any private member, individual or organization. No substantial part of its activities or assets shall be for carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. ~~and the Network~~ GPN shall not participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP

Section A Individual Members. Any person involved or interested in resource and grant development in Central Florida is eligible to become an individual member upon payment of annual dues. Individual members shall be entitled to all privileges of Network GPN membership, including voting, ~~and holding office,~~ and member discount rates for professional development. ~~Individual memberships may be paid by the person or their sponsoring organization.~~

Section B Organizational Members. Any organization involved or interested in resource and grant development in Central Florida is eligible to become an organizational member upon payment of annual dues. Each member organization is entitled to one vote. Organizations may have up to 10 employees receiving GPN member benefits, including member discount rates for professional development, and any of these representatives ~~be represented by employees of the organization who may cast the organization's~~ one vote or hold office.

Section C Student members. Any full time student enrolled in an institution of higher education, including community colleges and four-year colleges and universities, is eligible for a reduced membership fee approved by the GPN Board of Directors. Student members will have all the rights of an individual member.

Section C ~~— Sustaining members.~~ A corporation or other organization such as a trust or joint venture making a contribution annually. ~~Sustaining members shall have all the privileges of an individual member except voting and holding office.~~

(We have no sustaining members that would be affected.)

Section D Honorary member. Any person who has performed some distinguished public or educational service in support of the nonprofit grant community ~~for the citizens of~~ in Central Florida may be elected as an Honorary member and shall be entitled to all the privileges of individual members. Honorary members shall not be required to pay membership dues.

Section E Admission to membership. Individuals, ~~and organizations,~~ and students shall become members after filing an application and payment of dues. Proposals for honorary membership shall be submitted to the Membership Committee for recommendation to the Board of Directors. Honorary members shall be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section F Dues of members. Dues for each said classification of member will be set by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.



~~**Section G** — Each member shall be entitled to a membership card upon payment of dues.~~

Section H G Membership in this Network GPN shall be for a period of one year from July 1 through June 30.

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ARTICLE VI - ADMINISTRATION

Section A ~~Board of Directors and Officers.~~ The business of this organization shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of six elected ~~members~~ directors together with the elected officers, including the President, President-elect, Treasurer and Secretary, and the immediate Past President of this organization. The immediate past president shall serve on the board in an ex-officio capacity for one year.

The directors and officers will be ~~chosen~~ elected by a majority of voting members for the ensuing year at the annual meeting of ~~the Network GPN. in the same manner and style as the officers of this organization and they shall serve for a term of two years.~~

The Board of Directors shall have the control and management of the affairs and business of the organization. Such Board of Directors shall only act in the name of the organization when it shall be regularly convened by its chairman after due notice to all the directors of such a meeting.

A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum and the meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held regularly. Each Director shall have one vote and such voting may not be done by proxy. The Board of Directors may make such rules and regulations covering its meetings as it may in its discretion determine necessary.

The President of the organization by virtue of the office shall be chairperson of the Board of Directors. ~~and shall have no vote, except in the case of a tie. The Board of Directors shall select from one of their number a secretary.~~

~~The officers of the Network shall be president, president-elect, secretary, and treasurer, and a representative board of directors.~~ The officers and directors shall be members of ~~the Network~~ GPN and will be the voting members of the Board of Directors. No GPN officer or director ~~of the Network~~ will receive compensation from ~~the Network~~ GPN.

Section B Persons elected to hold any office may not directly succeed themselves in those offices. In case of a vacancy in the position of President, the President-elect shall become President. In case of a vacancy in the position of President-elect, a special election by the general membership will be held. In case of a vacancy in the position of Secretary, Treasurer or Director, the President will appoint and the Board of Directors will confirm a replacement for the balance of the year. Appointed positions will serve until the next regular election. At that time, a person will be elected to fill the unexpired term.

Section C The terms of office shall be as follows:

1. President, one year
2. President-elect, one year
3. Secretary, two years
4. Treasurer, two years
5. Six directors, two years. Three directors will be elected every year.

(Agreement among committee members present to keep two-year terms for Secretary and Treasurer)

Section D The President-elect shall accede to the office of President.



Section E Officers and directors shall be elected as follows:

1. At a general membership meeting prior to Feb. 1 of each year, the President shall ask for volunteers to serve on a Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of candidates for positions to be filled. The permission of all candidates must be secured before their names are submitted. The chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall be chosen by the Nominating Committee.
2. The chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall submit the slate of candidates to the Board of Directors in March.
3. Ballots shall be presented to the regular members of ~~the Network~~ GPN at a general meeting to be held prior to June 1 each year. Provisions shall be made on the ballot for nominations from the floor. The candidates for each office receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.
4. Officers and directors shall assume office on July 1 of the year elected and shall serve for the term provided for that office.

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Section F Removal From Office

The Board of Directors may, by a three-fourths vote of its membership, remove any officer for misconduct or neglect of duty. The Board of Directors shall request the resignation of such officer from the respective office. If such resignation is not received by the Board of Directors within 10 days after such resignation has been requested, the Board of Directors is empowered to and shall thereupon declare such office vacant. Such office shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of Section B of this article.

ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section A President. It shall be the duty of the President to call meetings of the Board of Directors and to preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and ~~of the Network~~ GPN general membership meetings.

1. The President shall carry out the directives of ~~the Network~~ GPN and of the Board of Directors.
2. The President shall, at the close of his or her term of office, transmit to his or her successor a written report of his or her official actions. It shall include:
 - a. ~~A list of the Network's directives and their disposition of status.~~
 - b. a. A list of the directives of the GPN Board of Directors and their disposition or status.
 - c. b. An outline of his or her activities, planning and execution in conducting the affairs of ~~the Network~~ GPN in his or her official capacity.
 - d. c. Ensure that the Board of Directors is bonded in an amount set by the Board of Directors, the premium to be paid from GPN funds.

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Section B President-Elect. It shall be the duty of the President-elect to preside in the absence of the president and to assume such duties as may be assigned by the president. The President-elect shall accede to the office of President. ~~The President-elect shall actively serve on a standing committee.~~

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Section C Secretary. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep all records of meetings, to attend to correspondence, and to perform such other duties as pertain to that office. *The Secretary will submit the Not For Profit Corporate Annual Report to the Florida Secretary of State by the required deadline.*

Section D Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect dues, to maintain a record of membership, to pay all bills within the budget and to serve as custodian for all funds belonging to the Network *GPN. The Treasurer will prepare any required Florida or Internal Revenue Service annual fiscal reports or returns by their specified deadline. The Treasurer will make payment to ensure that the Board of Directors is bonded.*

Section E Directors. It shall be the duty of the directors to attend all Board of Director meetings and represent the interests of the general membership. ~~All directors shall serve as active members of at least one standing committee.~~

ARTICLE VIII - STANDING COMMITTEES

Section A There shall be five standing *GPN* committees ~~of the Network~~ as listed in Section B. The chair of each committee, except the Nominating Committee, shall be appointed by the President *with the approval of the Board of Directors.* The President shall be an ex-officio member of all standing committees, except the Nominating Committee. ~~Committee membership shall be for a period of one year. Members may be reappointed.~~

Section B Description of Standing Committees

1. The *Nominating Committee* shall ~~consist of three to five members to~~ serve within the fiscal year of the applicable election. The committee shall submit a slate of candidates for positions to be filled which shall constitute the annual ballot. If members of the nominating committee are chosen as candidates for any office, they shall resign from the committee.
2. The *Finance Committee* shall ~~consist of at least three members to~~ serve for one year. The duties shall be to prepare the budget for review, modification, and adoption by the Board of Directors and the general membership to provide for an annual accounting. The Treasurer shall serve on the Finance Committee in an ex-officio capacity without a vote.
3. The *Membership Committee* shall ~~consist of at least three members and will be appointed to~~ serve for a period of one year. The committee shall actively solicit membership from all eligible persons and ensure that a roster of current members be maintained and distributed.
4. The ~~Activities~~ *Communications* Committee shall ~~consist of at least three members to~~ serve for a period of one year. The committee shall be responsible to *for communication with members, potential members, grant makers and other entities regarding training and activities* ~~coordinate the activities of the Grant Professionals Network of Central Florida, Inc.~~ *GPN.*



5. The ~~Training~~ Professional Development Committee shall consist of at least three members to serve for a period of one year. The committee shall be responsible for organizing and scheduling ~~network~~ GPN training and activities.
6. Any standing committee chairperson may be reappointed.

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Section C Special committees and task forces of this Network GPN may be appointed at the discretion of the president with the approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS

Section A *(Insert) The GPN Board of Directors shall meet at least four times a year and these meetings may occur in person, online or through a conference call. All requirements of "in person" meetings must be met in online or conference call venues, including verifying a quorum for voting.*

Section B ~~The Network~~ GPN shall hold no fewer than three general membership meetings each year at a time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors. Members shall be notified at least one week in advance.

(ADD)

Section C

The Board of Directors may call special meetings.

ARTICLE X - CHANGES IN BYLAWS

Section A Bylaws or changes in the bylaws may be proposed by any member of the organization in a regular meeting and may be adopted by a majority of those present at the next regular or called meeting, provided that at least 15 members are in attendance.

ARTICLE XI - DISSOLUTION

Section A In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Section 501(c)(6) of the 1986 Internal Revenue Code or corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or to the federal, state or local government for exclusive public purpose.

ARTICLE XII - FISCAL YEAR

Section A The fiscal year shall be from July 1 through June 30 of the succeeding year.

ARTICLE XIII – ~~CREDENTIALS~~ VOTING RIGHTS

Section A Members may be required at any meeting to ~~produce their membership cards or be~~ certified by the presiding officer of ~~the Network~~ GPN in order to cast a valid ballot or participate in the business discussion.

ARTICLE XIV - QUORUM

Section A A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum of that body. At a general membership meeting, at least 15 members in attendance will constitute a quorum.



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ARTICLE XV - EXPENDITURES

Section A The funds of ~~the Network~~ [GPN](#) shall be disbursed in accordance with the annual budget adopted by ~~the Network~~ [GPN](#). Funds and assets will not be used to the benefit of any private member, individual or organization. The Board of Directors shall have power to transfer unused balances from one item to another. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse ~~the~~ [GPN](#) funds of ~~the Network~~ with the signatory approval of the President.

ARTICLE XVI - PARLIAMENTARY LAW

Section A On all questions of parliamentary law, ~~the current revision of~~ Roberts' Rules of Order shall be the authority. ~~The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint a person to act as a Parliamentarian.~~

Date Approved: _____

Secretary

NOTE: Members will vote concerning these revisions to the bylaws at the next meeting (January 28, 2009.)



GPN Meeting Dates and Location

The location of GPN's general membership meetings is the **Heart of Florida United Way Dr. Nelson Ying Center**, 1940 Traylor Boulevard in Orlando. The facility is centrally located near the intersection of 441 and Princeton Street. (The specific space for GPN meetings is called the Dr. P. Phillips Community Meeting Room and is located on the facility's main / first floor.)

To adapt to United Way conference room availability, the meetings will be held the **fourth Wednesday of each month**.

The remaining current fiscal year (July 1-June 30) meetings will occur on the following dates:

- January 28, 2009
- February 25, 2009 (*No Meeting due to the GPN / UCF partnership conference*)
- March 25, 2009
- April 22, 2009
- May 27, 2009
- June 24, 2009

Editor's Corner

Please forward articles or news items for publication in the next issue to Shannon Callahan at callahas@osceola.k12.fl.us no later than **January 10, 2008**.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this month's issue of
GPN Network News!

Shannon Callahan, Editor
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