GEORGIA CONTINUING EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

2023 GCEA Conference CALL for Proposals

All Hands On Deck

Please make plans to join us for the **Georgia Continuing Education Association (GCEA) Conference on** April 20 and 21, 2023, in Savannah, Georgia, as we learn the ropes of training and development. We'll be joined by members who support Continuing Education in various ways from Georgia's Universities, Technical Colleges, Private Schools, and Industry.

Our theme, **All Hands On Deck**, extends GCEA's mission of working together to provide the excellent continuing education programs that Georgia businesses need. The board members and officers of GCEA are looking forward to seeing old friends and networking to meet new friends because, let's face it, together, we can create a work-ready Georgia with employees who are ready to work!

Nick "Sunshine" Tokman, from Discovery Channel's Emmy Award Winning Television Series, ***Deadliest Catch***, will be the keynote speaker for the conference. His speech topic, "Become Your Own Captain" will give you the motivation and great ideas to meet the challenge of providing training and development programs that will inspire your employees to chart a course for a successful future.

We are requesting proposals to make this year's conference the best we've ever had. Presentations in the form of Papers, Panels, Round Table Discussions, Individual, and G.I.F.T. Presentations are being considered. Submissions relating to the conference theme **– All Hands On Deck** – are encouraged; the board also strongly encourages submissions related to work environments, economic and/or workforce development, continuing education, curriculum suggestions, streamlining processes, revenue-generating, event planning for training and development, customized training, and technology. The use of a session to "make a sales pitch" to the audience is strongly discouraged.

Here are guidelines to help you plan:

1. **Paper Submissions:** Original essay research projects should include critical, methodological, or theoretical contributions. Submissions will consist of the paper, a separate cover with the paper title, author(s) names, industry or institutional affiliation, contact information, and an abstract of no more than 200 words. Papers will be

presented formally in a session with other writers who will be expected to discuss their projects in a presentation.

2. **Panel Submissions:** This type of session should include between 3-5 members and a moderator who will each take equal responsibility for the submissions. The proposal must include a panel title, an overall panel rationale (no more than 200 words), a breakdown of each portion of the presentation, the presentation author, the industry or institutional affiliation, contact information, and a total presentation abstract of no more than 200 words. This should be submitted in ONE single document.

3. **Round Table Discussion Submissions:** This type of presentation will include a group of people from various industries and typically has between 4-7 people and a moderator in the group. Submissions must include a session title, overall session rationale (no more than 200 words), a list of participants with their industry or institutional affiliations, and contact information.

4. **Individual Presentations:** This solo presentation must include a session title, overall session rationale (no more than 200 words), identify industry or institutional affiliation, and contact information. The proposal should be submitted in ONE single document and electronically submitted to President Cher Brister at cbrister@gwinnetttech.edu.

5. **G.I.F.T. Presentations:** This highly entertaining and informative session stands for "Great Ideas For Teaching," and we encourage all participants to submit a topic for this one-hour session. Each participant will have only 2-3 minutes to share ONE great idea for professional development sessions in a professional presentation. Handouts (either physical or using a QR code) are strongly suggested. This submission should include a session title, overall session rationale (no more than 200 words), identify industry or institutional affiliation, and contact information.

Notice for All Presentations: Please include your audio-visual requirements in your proposal and submit it to BOTH Angela Myers-Jenkins *AngelaMyers-Jenkins@clayton.edu* and Cher Brister cbrister@gwinnetttech.edu.