

**Minutes of the
Georgia Tech Retirees Association
Silver Jackets Meeting**

**January 15, 2008
11:00AM
GT Student Center, Room 343**

ATTENDEES: Annette Satterfield, Mary Anne Salter, Evelyn Webb, Jim Garner, Bob Springfield, Dave Clifton, Aubrey Bush, James Stevenson, Mary Luz Stark, Sandra Thornton, Pat Davis, Jo McIver, Mary Kay Daly

Maureen Glass welcomed the group and asked the new members in attendance to introduce themselves. Included in this group were: Aubrey Bush from ECE, Bob Springfield from EDI, Mary Kay Daley from the Wardlaw Center, and Jim Garner from the Registrar's Office. It was noted that John Grovenstein of Human Resources has taken a position at the Board of Regents. Linda Mitchell from OHR has agreed to assume John's sponsorship of us. E-mail for life was briefly explained to the new members. It was reported that Sue Ann Bidstrup-Allen from the President's Office has approved funds for a mailout of postcards to retirees. It was stressed that in order to increase our membership, we should disseminate information about the Silver Jackets by mouth, e-mail, and phone calls.

David Clifton expressed interest in having someone talk to us about Medicare Benefits. In addition a question was asked about TRS raises. These issues can be addressed in a benefits discussion with Linda Mitchell at the February meeting.

On behalf of the Mission Committee, Sandra Thornton distributed a Mission statement for review. (The Mission Committee consisted of Tom Hamall, Chair, Sandra Thornton, Jim Stevenson, Gene Patronis and Carole Gaines). Changes were discussed including adding spouses and partners to the organization along with employees who worked at Tech and resigned short of retirement. Maureen moved that we accept the Mission statement as discussed with changes. Annette seconded. All were in favor.

Aubrey Bush inquired about other schools having retirement organizations, and several responded that Georgia State, Emory and Clayton State have them. It was decided that a panel from other schools could be invited to discuss their organizations. Dr. Stevenson said he knew of someone at Emory that may be willing to speak to the group.

David Clifton presented the "Proposed Officer Structure for the GTRA – Silver Jackets". Discussion followed. Changes made were to have the Treasurer appointed by the elected members of the Executive Council, and have the Treasurer and immediate Past President serve on the Executive Council. We will work on structure

now and perhaps by-laws later. Jo McIver made a motion which was seconded to approve the officer's structure as discussed. All were in favor.

A Nominating committee of David Clifton, Jo McIver & Annette Satterfield will solicit nominations and report to the February meeting.

A few items of interest were brought to attention: To have someone (perhaps from the Alumni Association) talk to the group in reference to trips and traveling. A suggestion was made to see if anyone was interested in forming smaller groups within, for example a book club, garden club, bridge club, etc. Volunteers to form a program committee will be needed.

Maureen asked if there was any other business or suggestions. The next meeting will be held on February 12th in same location.