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Dear GV ASTD Members:

I am pleased to present our 2012 – 2013 proposed slate for the chapter's board of directors. Over the past year, we have focused on recruiting energetic leaders from our learning and human resource development community to fill key board positions. The new board year begins July 1, 2012.

By January, 2013 it is our intent to have an **active three person presidential team** in place consisting of a president elect, president, and past president. By sharing the overall leadership responsibilities among three people we hope to be able to move the chapter to a higher level of performance while offering attractive and exciting leadership opportunities to future GV ASTD officers. We are currently having conversations with prospective president elect candidates.

Introducing Our New Board Members:

Kelli Loveless, Learning and Development Manager at ESL Federal Credit Union, is nominated to join the board as my **co-president**. Kelli is an active chapter and national member, and brings fresh energy and perspective to the leadership team. For the next six months, Kelli and I will collaborate to lead the board and manage chapter operations. During this time, Kelli will prepare to assume the presidency in January, 2013 as I prepare to transition to past president. I will continue to play an active board role, focusing on community and volunteer outreach and building board bench strength.

Becky Ezell, Learning Designer at Paychex, is nominated to succeed Sally Nudd as Vice President, Membership. Becky will be working closely with Sally over the next couple of months to learn the details of the position, and has many exciting ideas about continuing to grow our member base. Becky has been an active national and chapter member, and has been heavily involved in chapter special interest groups.

Jennifer Benson, Business Director at Interactive Services, joined the board in January, 2012 as Vice President, Professional Development. She hit the ground running after working as a professional development committee member for the past year, and will be putting together a forward-looking professional development schedule based on member input and the ASTD competency model. Active at the chapter and national level, Jen will also be tapping into her extensive network to help source great speakers and programs.

Chrystie Barker, Director of Sales and Marketing, Residence Inn by Marriott, joined the board in January, 2012 as Vice President, Marketing and Communications. Chrystie is also an alumnus of the Professional Development committee, and is charged raising the awareness of GV ASTD in our local community through advertising, promotion, and outreach. Active in GV ASTD and local community initiatives, Chrystie brings lots of creative energy and enthusiasm to the team.

Welcoming Back Returning Board Members:

Hannah Morgan transitioned into an exciting new role as **Vice President, Talent Liaison** in January, after serving as the VP, Professional Development. In her new role, Hannah will leverage her vast experience and network as a career coach and advisor by reaching out to local employers and posting relevant job and career opportunities for our members on the GV ASTD web site.

Tom Stone has committed to continue in his role as **Vice President, Technology and Social Media** for the next year. Well known as a thought leader locally and nationally on the intersection of technology, communication, and learning, Tom will continue to leverage his expertise on behalf of the chapter to ensure we are using technology and tools effectively, and are up to date on the latest trends in the industry.

Phil Minarik is returning as **Vice President , Finance** and will continue to ensure that GV ASTD is financially sound, meets its national organization and legal obligations, and provide advisory support to board and committee members. Phil is often the friendly face that greets members and guests at our monthly programs, taking payments and issuing receipts with a smile.

Bob Whipple is returning as Vice President, Special Events and National Liaison. Bob is a longstanding board member, past president, and former national chapter advisor who will be providing advisory support, exploring special event possibilities, and maintaining regional chapter and national relationships.

As I complete my second term as GV ASTD president, I am excited to have helped assemble an outstanding group of professionals who no doubt will help elevate GV ASTD to the next level. Over the next six months, I will work with Kelli and the board to achieve chapter goals and identify a president-elect to be in place by January, 2013.

At this time, I want to extend a huge thank you to **Sally Nudd**, who is stepping down from her role as **Vice President of Membership**. Sally has been instrumental in growing our membership roster through a number of creative initiatives. Sally played a key role in helping our chapter transition to a new web site powered by Wild Apricot, and in recruiting our new VP of Membership. Next time you see Sally, be sure to congratulate her on her accomplishments and thank her for service provided to GV ASTD.

I sincerely hope you will vote to approve our Board of Directors proposal for 2012-2013, and invite you to step up your personal engagement with the chapter over the next year. Please be sure to read each prospective board member's statement of intent before you vote.

Very best regards,

Suzanne A. Choma

President, GV ASTD