

What is GSDA?

The Graduate Student Development Association was founded in 1976 as a means to promote the professional and personal development of students in the College Student Personnel Program (until recently called the Student Development/Student Affairs Administration and Research Programs, now known as the Higher Education & Student Affairs Programs). This organization charged itself with the responsibilities of serving as a coordinating body for the needs of HESA students; providing programs for professional development; enhancing professional standards and competencies; creating a sense of community among students, faculty, and staff who are interested in student development; and aiding in the communication of ideas and information among its members. In past years, GSDA has successfully provided a newsletter for alumni; promoted the availability of assistantships on campus; organized trips to national and state conventions; developed and distributed a student handbook; and coordinated educational and social events such as speakers, receptions, awards, and student networks.

GSDA members have produced a number of journal articles and have frequently presented programs at regional and national conferences. We encourage you to become a member of GSDA, and to actively participate with us as we seek to continue the quality and scholarly tradition of The University of Iowa and its alumni during this year.

In the spirit of cooperation, GSDA asks its members to pay a \$20.00 membership fee in order to fund some of the planned activities. This fee covers such things as organization activities, speaker fees, and support for professional development.

GSDA is also interested in organizing and sponsoring programs and activities for the professional, educational, and personal enjoyment of its members. Please contact any of the officers or planning committee members with your ideas or suggestions. We appreciate your input and want to work with you to make this year profitable and enjoyable.

GSDA Dues Information

2010-2011 GSDA Membership Dues: \$20.00

Membership includes access to organizational support through:

- Organized Activities: social, academic, and professional in nature
- Email distribution of newsletters
- Professional development support and funding
- Speaker fees