



Membership Update

For Your Information

December 2013

ALC Modified Safety Fire Regulations – It's Public Hearing time.

The Public Hearing for the proposed Modified Safety Fire Regulations is scheduled for Thursday, December 19, at 9:00 a.m. Oral comments will be heard at that time. Written comments are due by Monday, December 16, at 4:30 p.m. Once the Office of Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner has approved the regulations, it is anticipated that the regulations will go into effect January 15, 2014.

GSLA's Board has appreciated the opportunity to work with the State Fire Marshal on the establishment of the proposed modifications. The proposed changes will allow more existing personal care homes (PCH) the opportunity to become licensed as Assisted Living Communities (ALC).

GSLA will be sending written comments in support of the regulations. Also we will have representation at the Public Hearing on December 19 to speak in support of the regulations.

We encourage you to send in written comments in support of the modifications. Address them to: Vince Wiegand, Administrative Procedure Division
Office of the Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner
1016 West Tower, Floyd Building
Two Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Should you plan to attend the Public Hearing, please let me know. The Hearing will be at 9:00 a.m. on the Seventh Floor of the West Tower, Floyd Building, Two Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

The Modified Safety Fire Regulations are available on our web site at www.gasla.org under the Members Only section.

Holiday Reception – Thursday, December 12 – 3:30-5:30 p.m. in Roswell
Invitations have already gone out by email and fax. If our invitation didn't reach you, just call the GSLA office to register, 678-407-2060. Our host this year is CaraVita Home

Care, 648 Mimosa Blvd., Roswell, GA 30075. There is no charge for this event, but we do need to know how many people are coming, so please be sure to call us and register in advance!

Thanks to our Holiday Reception sponsors!

Collier's Personal Care Pharmacy – Silver Sponsor

CaraVita Home Care – Host for the event

Wood Fruitticher – Hors d'oeuvres

A Place for Mom – Chocolate Fountain dessert

Assisted Choice – Beer and wine

US Foods – Hors d'oeuvres

2014 Membership Dues Investment Invoices for Providers & Industry Partners will be mailed soon!

Don't miss out on receiving important updates and information from GSLA; renew promptly! If you have questions, please email (genia@gasla.org) or call (404-583-1261) Genia Ryan, President/CEO.

Georgia Alzheimer's and Related Dementia State Plan Task Force

The Georgia Alzheimer's State Plan Task Force's final meeting will be later this month. The November 21 meeting included the advisors working in committee to designate priority recommendations to send to the Task Force. Following the December meeting, the work of writing the report will begin for a March 31, 2014, delivery to the Legislature. Meanwhile, legislators Senator Renee Unterman, Representative Tommy Benton, and Representative Sharon Cooper are working on funding and legislation to move forward such preliminary recommendations as establishment of an Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia state registry within the Department of Public Health, funding for emergency placements, and funding for services that support caregivers. Representing GSLA and serving on the Task Force are GSLA's Board Chair, Michelle Minor, and GSLA President, Genia Ryan.

Advocacy Day 2014

We have *tentatively* scheduled Wednesday, Feb. 26, as the day we'll meet at the State Capitol to talk about the senior living industry with our senators and representatives. Please put this on your calendar – we'd love to have you join us!

Questions or need more information about anything in this update?

Please contact Genia Ryan at genia@gasla.org or 678-407-2060.

Upcoming Events in 2014!

- Next **GSLA Bi-Monthly Luncheon** is Friday, Feb. 21, at Maggiano's Buckhead
- **GSLA Advocacy Day** is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 26
- **GSLA Conference & Trade Show** - October 21 & 22 - Cobb Galleria Centre

NOTE: We also sent this update by email. To ensure you receive our emails, please add memberservices@gasla.org and genia@gasla.org to your contact list. Thank you!