**GUARDIANSHIP CHALLENGES**

Our October Members’ Meeting will be a roundtable discussion. Recent questions concerning various guardianship challenges we face will be answered/reviewed. Come prepared for helpful information and lively discussion.

Join us October 10th at Cypress Palms in Largo. Please RSVP at our GAPC’s website. One CEU is provided for members in good standing.

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**ELECTIONS OF GAPC BOARD WILL BE IN NOVEMBER**

Are you interested in serving on the GAPC Board? We encourage members in good standing who would like to help guide our Association to run for the Board. The position requires you to attend monthly Board Meetings and participate in regular monthly meetings of the general membership.

Interested parties must submit a resume by email to: Info@GuardianAssociation.org. (see page 5 for application for Board)

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The GAPC Board of Directors would like to recognize and thank our five major sponsors of our 2018 Annual Conference. We appreciate your commitment to our Association.

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**ASSOCIATION COMMUNICATIONS CONTACT INFO.**

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Info@GuardianAssociation.org

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**MONTHLY CALENDAR**

**OCTOBER 10, 11:30 A.M. ASSOCIATION MEETING**
Palm of Largo - CYPRESS PALMS Bldg., 400 Lake Avenue NE, Largo
1 CEU available

**OCTOBER 26, 9:00 A.M. GAPC NETWORKING BREAKFAST**
The Preserve of Clearwater, 2010 Greenbriar Blvd., Clearwater

**BOARD MEETING - DATES & TIMES ROTATE**
Contact BOD Secretary for specific dates/times.
Palm of Largo - REGAL PALMS Bldg., Verandah Room

**PLEASE RSVP TO ASSOCIATION WEBSITE**
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Committee Meetings

By-Laws & Legislative Committee
Meeting is normally held the first Wednesday, at Deeb Elder Law, P.A., 6675 13th Avenue N., Suite 2C, St. Petersburg. Please contact Deeb Elder Law for the date/time for the October meeting.

Conference Committee
Meets 3rd Thursday of each month at 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Meeting location is at Perkins Restaurant, 2626 Gulf to Bay Boulevard, Clearwater. Upcoming meeting is October 18th.

Education Committee
Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. Meeting location is rotated between Maria’s Adult Day Care, Seminole located at 7821 Seminole Blvd, Seminole and Home Care Assistance of Tampa Bay, located at 1530 N McMullen Booth, #D12, Clearwater. Upcoming meeting is October 9th at Maria’s Adult Day Care, Seminole.

Membership Committee
Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m., Florida Family Cremations, 5840 Ulmerton Road, Clearwater. Upcoming meeting is October 9th.

Public Relations Committee
Meets immediately following GAPC Monthly Membership Meeting (2nd Wednesday of each month) at 1:15 - 1:45 p.m., Cypress Palms Assisted Living, 400 Lake Avenue, NE, Largo. Upcoming meeting is October 10th.

GAPC Identification Badge Order Form

Identification badges with our logo are available to all members free of charge. Badges will be mailed to your address. For information, contact Traci Samuel at (517) 256-0403.

Name on badge
>Title will read Professional Guardian

Shipping address

City, State, Zip

Email or phone
FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

It was great to see so many of you join us for the 2018 GAPC Conference. It gave many of us an opportunity to walk away with a greater understanding and knowledge of things that assist us in our daily walks of life, both personally and professionally. It also allowed us to hear from those who influence and guide us such as Judge Campbell. What an honor it was to have her take time to come out and speak to us. Her insight and sharing of her perspective regarding guardianship in general as well as specifics areas of focus was beneficial and appreciated.

In addition, I wanted to thank our sponsors, speakers, volunteers and those who attended. Without your support none of this would have been possible. It was definitely a successful Conference, not only measured by the number in attendance or the amount of revenue brought in but by the evaluations provided by you. I am proud to say that the evaluations were over the top. Thank you for taking time to share your feedback. We will apply your comments and suggestions to the planning of next year’s Conference.

We will start looking at next year’s conference immediately following the election of new Board Members. We currently have 4 board seats vacant. If you are interested please complete the application (on page 5), and submit the application (and resume) as soon as possible. We will have them available on both Facebook and our website. We have already received a few applicants.

Again, thank you for the support you show this Association both in the Conference and throughout the year. It is what makes this Association so great.

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——— GAPC ANNUAL CONFERENCE ————

September 28, 2018

Judge Pamela Campbell

Amelia Milton, OPPG

Mike McKeon, OPPG

See next page for more Conference photos
A FEW HELPFUL REMINDERS AND INFORMATION
FOR PROFESSIONAL GUARDIANS

- **JUST A REMINDER AS HURRICANE SEASON BEGINS** - Disaster Plans are required by Administrative Order 2009-36. The purpose of a disaster plan is to let the court know where the ward will be, should they need to be evacuated from their current home. Often, we get certificates indicating that a facility is disaster prepared or disaster compliant from the county. This is not a plan. It does not tell the court how the ward’s needs will be accommodated and how they will be safe in the event of a disaster. If the facility does not provide an appropriate plan, a simple, easy to use form is available on the clerk’s website. Go to “mypinellasclerk.org”, the click on “Get Forms”, and then click “Guardianship”.

- **INITIAL AND ANNUAL GUARDIANSHIP REPORTS** – Accountings, inventories, plans, physician’s reports and disaster plans are all sealed documents per Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.420. As a result, the entire report is sealed from public view. Therefore, it is not necessary to redact the ward’s social security number or truncate account numbers in these documents. The clerk appreciates your concern for the ward, however, we keep the information confidential, and so you can give a full and accurate report.

**HOW TO CONTACT US:**
Please feel free to contact the Probate Court Records department by calling (727) 464-3321, or sending an email to probate@mypinellasclerk.org.

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**GAPC ANNUAL CONFERENCE**
September 28, 2018
Full Name: _____________________________________________
Address: ____________________________________________________________________________________________
Phone: __________________________ Email: ________________________________
Guardian (circle one):  Yes  No  Type of Guardian: ____________________________
How long have you been a Guardian? ______________ OPPG # ________________
Service Provider (circle one): Yes  No
Name of Company: _____________________________________________
Address: ____________________________________________________________________________________________
How long have you been a member of GAPC? __________________________________________________________________

In lieu of answering the next two questions, please feel free to attach a resume.

Professional/Business/Volunteer affiliations: ________________________________________________________________
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Membership in other organizations: _____________________________
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Please outline what skills you would bring to the Board of Directors: _____________________________
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Please explain your interest in becoming a member of the Board of Directors: __________
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Nominations will be reviewed for upcoming vacancies and will be maintained for future consideration. Thank you for your interest in serving on the Guardian Association of Pinellas County’s Board of Directors.

Signature of Applicant: ______________________________ Date: __________________