



Georgia State Council Fall Board Meeting



**Sewell Mill, Bremen, GA
Sunday, September 29, 2019**

Georgia State Council President, Kim New, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. She advised all meeting minutes and reports are posted to the website, eliminating the need for these handouts. She also related that for our Fall Board and Midyear Meetings, a verbal roll call will not occur, instead using name tags, credentials and registration for this purpose. Kim requested all members to individualize the slips of paper she provided, to the offices they have held, tape them together and apply them to name tags for this meeting and the remaining state meeting. These serve as each individual's "claim to fame" or "bragging rights." She provided cameras on each table, urging all to take pictures throughout the meeting.

Meeting Chair, Pat Griffin, provided a warm welcome to all. She acknowledged the members in her chapter, "Alpha Delta," and requested all members return their name tags at the conclusion of the meeting as they were borrowed from the Kappa Rho chapter.

Junior Past President and Disaster Fund Chair, Debbie Glore, explained the purpose of the bags she placed on each table. They are for Disaster Fund donations, since she doesn't plan to collect donations through "Many Blessings" this year. She also requested that each donor indicate their name, chapter name and monetary amount donated for record keeping purposes.

Chaplain, Kaye Genovese gave an "Opening Thought" of "Little Words and Little Deeds."

President, Kim New, led the members in the reciting of the "Pledge of Allegiance" and our traditional "Opening Ritual." Members of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, we meet again to pledge ourselves anew to the vows of our ritual which we accepted in the golden glow of a candle-lighted room. Let us be ever mindful of the responsibilities that we pledge to our organization, keep faith with ourselves and our members, be tolerant and sincere and ever worthy to wear the badge that symbolizes virtue, honor, truthfulness and friendliness.

Parliamentarian, Romanda Talley, reviewed Parliamentary Procedures/Rules governing a Georgia State Council Meeting. These procedures were also printed in the agenda, as follows:

1. Obtaining the Floor:

Before a member can make a motion or address the assembly in debate, it is necessary that he/she obtain the floor, that is, they must rise after the floor has been yielded, and address the presiding officer by official title, state his/her name and chapter prior to addressing the assembly.

2. Motions and Resolutions:

After obtaining the floor a motion is made by saying: "I move ..." and then state the proposed action. If a motion is lengthy, it must be written and handed to the President/Chair.

3. Second Motions:

A second to a motion must come from a member of a chapter other than that which proposed the motion. To second a motion, the member must rise; state your name and chapter and say, "I second the motion."

4. Stating the Question:

When a motion has been made and seconded, it is the duty of the President/Chair, unless the motion has been ruled out of order, to immediately state the question that is before the assembly for its consideration and action.

5. Debate:

A delegate is limited to speaking twice on one motion. A Delegate's first speech shall be limited to two (2) minutes, debate to ten (10) minutes.

6. Time:

All reports and speeches will be limited to three (3) minutes unless previously cleared with the President/Chair.

Credentials Chair, Vicki Warren, presented the following credentials:

<u>12</u> of <u>17</u> Chapters represented for a total of:	20 Chapter Votes
(6 of those chapters are ineligible to vote)	18 GSC Past Presidents Votes
Total Votes:	38

Recording Secretary, Gail Marchant

President Kim advised, in accordance with the Bylaws, the Minutes Committee reviewed and approved the minutes of the May 2019 meeting. If there are no objections, we will dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Treasurer, Susan Garner, provided the following Treasurer's report:

Checking Account Balance as of July 30, 2019:	<u>\$10,906.91</u>
Income:	<u>\$ 2,460.00</u>
Disbursements:	<u>(\$ 670.00)</u>
Balance on Hand as of September 20, 2019:	<u>\$ 12,696.91</u>
Savings Account Balance as of August 31, 2019:	<u>\$ 6,045.09</u>
Candidates Fund Account Balance as of August, 31, 2019:	<u>\$ 3,221.97</u>
TOTAL FUNDS as of September 20, 2019:	<u>\$ 21,963.97</u>

There were no questions, therefore, the Treasurer's Statement will be filed for Audit.

Recording Secretary, Gail Marchant, moved that we accept the minutes as distributed. Gennie Gilvin seconded the motion. With no discussion the motion carried.

Meeting Registration Chair, Donna Moore, provided the following 2019 Fall Meeting Registration report:

12 out of 17 chapters have members attending. Members: 55

Members at Large (MAL):	0
Guest(s):	<u>1</u>
Total Registered:	56

Membership Chairs, Vicki Warren & Wanda Price, asked that first time Fall Board Meeting attendees stand. Vicki recognized Tonya Murphy as the only first-time attendee. James Dorris was recognized as a Pledge (recently pledged). Vicki and Wanda presented both with a gift and thanked them for attending. President Kim, also gave each a gift.

Second Vice President and Membership Chair, Wanda Price, gave the following IC Membership report.

Active Chapters	17
Jewel Pin Members	90
MAL Members	0
Pledge Members	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	91

Wanda suggested many different ways to increase GSC ESA membership. Starting September 1st until Midyear meeting, she requested to be notified of the name of any new pledge and their sponsor so each may be entered into a special drawing at the Midyear Meeting.

President, Kim New, thanked the GSC for sending her to the IC Convention in Memphis. It was her first IC Convention and she and 12 Georgia delegates visited St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. She said, “She was overwhelmed and very emotional throughout the Convention.” She received and enacted distribution of the following awards received at the IC Convention:

- Theresa McGugan from Gamma Omega won “Top Ten Educational Program Awards.”
- Susan McVey won 3rd Place for “State News Bulletin Award for 5 Issues or More” Editor.
- Gennie Gilvin won 3rd Place for “Outstanding State Website.”
- With Connie Presley, our 2018-2019 St Jude Senior Chair, Georgia won “Danny’s Dream Award” for reaching the next million-dollar mark of \$10 million in giving to St Jude Children’s Research Hospital.”
- Georgia also placed in the top 9 most monies earned for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital this past year, earning \$969,808.
- ESA has a new “Life Time” total of \$290,443,946 to St Jude.

First Vice President, Vicki Warren, did not have a report.

Corresponding Secretary, Venetia Lewallen, reported the second GSC Newsletter was published at the beginning of September and is on the GSC website. They were emailed to all GSC members, in addition to IC President Kim Kummer and SERC President Pinky Barbour. Those members without computer access were mailed a hard copy. Venetia thanked those who participated. She solicited additional articles, photos, etc. for the upcoming newsletter due October 15th. She advised Danny Thomas was in the room, suggesting all to rub his nose for luck and for a hidden clue that we will need in the future. (A handmade bust of Danny Thomas had been placed on a separate table.)

Junior Past President/Disaster Fund Chair, Debbie Glore, advised ESA Internationally, 11 claims totaling \$43,127.00 were paid out to members last year. Total donations received were \$61,422.00, with Georgia contributing \$1,447.00. She challenged each chapter to increase their donation to the Disaster

Fund by \$5.00 per member, so we can reach her goal of \$2,000.00. She asked that all chapter send their donations directly to her.

Parliamentarian, Romanda Talley, advised it was brought to her attention that the State's current Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 10th Edition (copyrighted in 2000) was outdated. She purchased the current 11th Edition and donated it to the Georgia State Council. She related of buying herself a Robert's Rules of Order for Dummies for herself.

Auditor, Donna Moore, found the Georgia State Council Treasurer's book to be in good standing. The "Tax Fact" report had not been filed this year, so she advised the current Treasurer that it would need to be filed prior to September 15th. The Convention Books from Kappa Rho were also found to be in good standing. She commended the Treasurer for good documentation.

Easterseals Chair, Darlene James, asked one person from every chapter to come up front. She requested all donate to Easterseals if they had not already done so (brought 100 pennies, per President Kim's earlier request for 100 years of Easterseals), writing your Chapter name, your name and the amount donated to a sheet of paper. She brought gifts of indoor/outdoor mats to distribute as incentive prizes for some of those who donated. She provided all chapters with a container to display at each chapter meeting for donations to Easterseals.

Foundation Counselor, Pat Griffin, reported on the new Life Active Challenge and the partnership and investment in St. Jude Graduate School for Biomedical Sciences that was announced at the IC Convention. The Life Active Challenge is "**Each one Reach one,**" which was a big success with 97 new life active members joining. There was also an announcement at the convention of a new \$50,000 grant (\$10,000 per year for 5 years) to the St. Jude Graduate School of Biomedical Science. Your Life Active Memberships enable this grant. Each state with 2 new Life Active members this year will receive \$100 in materials or other assistance to promote the ESA foundation. Your Life Active membership may be paid in 2 installments of \$250.00 each, but must be paid in full by May 31st, 2020. This year the Foundation gave 168 scholarships for a total monetary value of \$270,100.00; with a life value of over \$3.4 million. Eleven scholarships were not applied for or given this year, leaving \$11,600.00 unused. Pat thanked all for their donations, especially Kappa Rho for their \$200.00 donation for the Georgia State Council Endowment this year. Pat added, that your dues must be paid by February 29th to have voting privileges at the 2020 Convention in Texas. She asked that you pay your dues prior in January, in order to save money on mailing your dues notice. With the assistance of President Kim, she handed out the following Achievement award certificates:

Bronze Plateau	(\$250-\$499)-Kim New and Romanda Talley
Silver Plateau	(\$500-\$999)-Kim New, Kaye Genovese and Venetia Lewallen
Crystal Plateau	(\$1,000-\$4,999)-Tammy Raymaker, Luanne Langmo and Sigma Chi
Turquoise Plateau	(\$5,000-\$14,999)-Delta Iota
Pearl Plateau	(\$15,000-\$24,999)-Alpha Delta

Hope for Heroes Chair, Ruth Ann Edge, pointed out the flyer and a lapel pin for "Hope for Heroes." She made suggestions of ways to support our veterans. Ruth Ann requested white tube socks, toiletries and Christmas cards addressed to a Veteran be brought to the Midyear Meeting, for the Milledgeville Veterans Home. She offered many other ways to honor our Veterans. Sherry Presley, Sigma Chi, related of being able to not only purchase wreaths for Veterans graves at Christmas, but also placing them on the graves. Ruth Ann related of Boy Scouts also doing this.

Philanthropic Chair, Sharon Smoot, related of 12 chapters turning in their Philanthropic Reports last year, encouraging all to do so or continue doing so, as each “little” thing counts. She related of her chapter program being so impressed by the Sex Trafficking Program at a previous meeting that they are now supporting an Augusta group called “I Care.” They are currently sending care packages to a 14 year old girl who was recommend by this group.

Yearbook Chairs, Karen Smith and Susie Knudson. Susie presented a hard copy of the current yearbook, completed by Karen Smith to President Kim. Adding, it will also be sent to all members electronically.

Break and Mind Game of making the “Peace Sign” and the “Ok” sign with your fingers was played by all with a 10-15-minute break occurring thereafter at 10:45. Cupcakes were distributed to the members during the break. The meeting resumed at 11:14 a.m.

President Kim recognized those participating in the Easterseals fundraiser challenge, she previously requested all bring 100 pennies to the meeting, by asking them to stand. She requested Stormy Bowie hand out candy that she provided to all standing members. She thanked all for participating.

Under Unfinished Business, Romanda Talley, presented the following Proposed Standing Rules changes (that she sent out earlier to Chapter Presidents) that were tabled at convention in May:

Proposed Change to tabled Standing Rule 21, Duties of Appointed Officers, Section C-6 ... Duty of the Chaplain.

Now reads...A list of those members honored during the annual Memorial Service will be provided to the webmaster for posting on the GSC website within 60 days following the meeting. (Added 5/18/19)

Change to read: A list of those members honored and a photograph, if available, will be provided to the webmaster for posting on the GSC website within 60 days following the annual Memorial Service.

Reason for change: Clarification

Romanda moved to accept to change. Vicki Warren, Delta Nu, seconded the motion. With no discussion the Motion carried.

Under New Business, Parliamentarian, Romanda Talley, advised the Georgia State Council Bylaws Committee proposes the following change to Standing Rule #21:

Standing Rule #21 now reads...A list of those members honored during the annual Memorial Service will be provided to the Webmaster for posting on the GSC website within 60 days following the meeting. (Added 5/18/2019)

Change to read...A list of those members honored and a photograph, if available, will be provided to the webmaster for posting on the GSC website within 60 days following the annual Memorial Service.

Reason for change: Clarification.

Romanda moved the Proposed Standing Rule #21 be adopted. Shirley Humphries seconded. With no discussion the motion carried. She asked the members if they knew what the “four rights of assembly were?” She provided the winners with “Smartie” candies. She asked each winner to provide a question for the assembly at Midyear.

2019 Convention Chair, Romanda Talley, provided the final report of our 2019 Convention. She related of the State receiving \$1,558.73 as their portion of the 2018-2019 Convention profit.

2020 Convention Chair, Gail Marchant, reminded all of the 2020 Convention name, “Ohana,” which means Family in the Hawaiian language, to be held at the Marietta Conference Center in Marietta on May 15-17, 2020. Registration deadline is April 10, 2020. She related of only 6 people thus far registering, reminding all that early registration places your name in a drawing for a special prize. Stormy currently has registration forms with her. She provided a breakdown of the Convention Fundraising during Leadership/Fall Board, thanking all members for their support. The Chinese Auction raised \$278, Silent Auction \$311, Bean Count \$34, Signature Page \$44, Bingo and Beans \$375 and the 50/50 Raffle \$320, totaling \$1202. Gail thanked the Alpha Beta members and the host for all their help. She asked James Dorris draw the 50/50 Raffle ticket, with Frances Lanier winning \$160. With much fanfare, Frances was given the money she won.

2021 Convention: Second Vice President, Wanda Price, advised she received a courtesy bid from the Gavelettes to host the 2021 Convention at Merry Acres Hotel in Albany, Georgia, with more to be announced. She asked chapters to consider hosting the State Convention, saying a Courtesy Bid for the 2022-2023 Convention is needed. She said she earlier misquoted the dates for the new member drawing, saying the drawing will cover this GSC year until Midyear.

Parliamentarian, Romanda Talley, advised the Awards Committee made the following changes to the Awards for 2019-2020:

1. The Willene Creamer Viglione Candlestick Award, with lots of research by Susie Knudson, has been returned to its original wording. Category 9...Chapter Projects and Category 10 Civic Projects have been omitted as they are chapter and civic projects, not State, Foundation, or International projects as originally stated by Willene. Please note that number 2-a and 2-b will now be called the Georgia Memorial Endowment.
2. Add to the Candlestick Award the original wording: “A member cannot receive the award two (2) years in a row.”
3. All areas of the Awards form that had the Sisters of Georgia Memorial Endowment and Georgia Men of ESA Endowment will now be the Georgia Memorial Endowment.
4. Awards changes will be on the website within the next two (2) weeks.

She thanked Gennie Gilvin for her help placing this information on the GSC website.

Corresponding Secretary, Venetia Lewallen, presented the following Executive Board Recommendations:

1. The GSC Executive Board recommends that we purchase a new flag pole for the American flag that includes an eagle finial, prior to the next State Meeting.
Reason: per the Ja-Jaw Guide Policy and Procedure Manual, Section IV, FLAG PROTOCOL, the American flag must stand taller than any other flag. The eagle will provide the needed height. The cost not to exceed \$100.

Coming from a committee this issue does not require a second. With no discussion the motion carried.

2. The GSC Executive Board recommends the Georgia State Council submit a Courtesy Bid to host the 2022 SERC Conference, if no other state submits a bid prior to the 2019 SERC Conference.

Reason: It is South Carolina's turn to host it and they have declined.

Coming from a committee this recommendation does not require a second. Discussion ensued. Pat Griffin, Alpha Delta, questioned who would want to Chair this Conference? Gail Marchant, Alpha Beta, suggested Romanda Talley and Susie Knudson Chair since they did such a great job the last time we hosted SERC. They both agreed. With no further discussion the motion carried.

President Kim New asked all planning to attend SERC Conference in Raleigh to stand while Venetia documented their names. A total of 10 members stood. Kim requested the gift cards for the SERC Finance Project from chapters be turned in to her today or placed on the back table.

President Kim advised the SERC Officer Elections and Proposed Changes to the Bylaws and Standing Rules were placed in each Chapter Presidents Packet and emailed. She advised there were two offices with opposition. Connie Presley, moved the Georgia delegates go uninstructed as to the proxy for the 2019-2020 SERC Slate of Officers. Shirley Humphries, seconded. With no discussion the motion carried.

Pertaining to the SERC Proposed Changes to the Bylaws and Standing Rules, Gennie Gilvin moved the Georgia delegates go uninstructed as to the proxy for the 2019 SERC Conference. Sherrie Bordeaux, seconded. With no discussion the motion carried.

President, Kim New, asked for nominations from the floor for candidate(s) for the IC Executive Board. Venetia Lewallen, Alpha Beta #5544, nominated Gail Marchant, for the 2020-2021 IC Executive Board position of her choosing. Shirley Humphries seconded. With no discussion the motion carried.

President, Kim New, requested the Alpha Delta Chapter stand for applause thanking them for a good meeting. She asked Susan McVey and Tonya Murphy stand for applause and a thanks for a great Leadership yesterday. The Disaster Fund donations received today will be posted on the website. For Easterseals, \$219.76 was donated today with 100 % of GSC chapters (17) participating.

She reminded all of the Midyear Meeting on February 22, 2020, with the Registration deadline of February 10, 2020.

Chaplain, Kaye Genovese, provided the "Closing Thought." She said, "...families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts."

President, Kim New, drew a name to win her attendance prize. Shirley Sams was the winner.

Following the adjournment of the meeting at 11:47, all circled and joined hands and recited the traditional "Closing Ritual," as follows:

Eternal Father, Master of all good works, guide and direct us that we may remain steadfast in our hearts and faithful to our pledge. May we be reminded that graciousness, poise and friendliness are our goals, and as we go our separate ways to ever hold aloft the ray from the Lamp of Learning that those who follow in our footsteps may be guided by its light.

2019-2020 GSC Recording Secretary
Gail Marchant

2019-2020 GSC State President
Kim New