



EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA INTERNATIONAL
Georgia State Council
Mid-Year Council Meeting
Comfort Suites, Forsyth, Georgia
February 16, 2019

Debbie Glore, Georgia State President, called the meeting to order at 10:04 A.M. She welcomed everyone in attendance. Thanking them for coming to Forsyth. Debbie took a moment to recognize the winners of the Kentucky Derby Party held on Friday night for those who arrived early. Awards were given to the three members who had the most earnings for the evening. First Place went to Kaye Genovese, Second Place to Mary Ryan and Third Place to Romanda Talley. Not to be left out, Debbie also gave a prize to Karen Smith who had the lowest earnings for the night. Win or lose, we all were winners with the Mint Juleps, Cheese Straws, and Kentucky Derby Brownies.

Joy Lynn Tynes, Georgia State Chaplin, gave our **Opening Thought** by reading a poem written by Gennie Haralson, a friend of all in ESA entitled
A PRAYER FOR MY FRIEND.

Vickie Warren, Second Vice President, Posted the Flag and led everyone in the **Pledge of Allegiance.**

Next, was the **Opening Ritual**, led by Georgia State President, Debbie Glore.

Special Recognition was then given by President Debbie to BETA CHI for hosting our meeting.

Next order of business was Georgia State Parliamentarian, Donna Moore, who went over the **Rules of Governing a Georgia State Council Meeting.** Donna informed everyone that the rules were listed in the agenda for us to go over and she would not read each one out loud.

Ga State President, Debbie Glore and Second Vice President Vicki Warren gave **Special Recognition** to those who were attending a State Meeting for the **First Time Attendees and Pledges in attendance.** Maxine Pemberton from Aiken, South Carolina, was attending for the first time and also was a new Pledge for Gamma Omega. There were two **Guests** from Beta Chi in attendance, **James Dorris and Janice Coley.**

The Credentials report was then given by the Credentials Chair and First Vice President, Kim New.

16 of 17	Chapters were represented
32	Chapter votes
<u>19</u>	<u>GSC Past President Votes</u>
51 votes	Total

Next, the **Minutes** were presented by **Wanda Price, Georgia State Recording Secretary**, she reported the Minutes Committee had reviewed and approved the Minutes from the September 2018 Fall Board and that in accordance with the By-Laws, if there are no objections, we would dispense with reading of the minutes. There was **one correction** from Joy Lynn Tynes on **item #6 under Appointed Officers Reports** which begins:

Joy Lynn Tynes, SERC Coordinator,

It should be corrected to begin:

Joy Lynn Tynes, in the absence of Jimmie Joy Tynes, SERC Coordinator.

This will be corrected and sent to the Website.

Susie Knudson, Delta Iota, questioned if the minutes would be corrected and then signed before being sent to the Webmaster and was told they would be.

The Treasurers Report was presented by **Connie Presley, Georgia State Treasurer.**

Checking Account Balance of Sept.30 2018	\$13,050.42
No Income Recorded	0
Disbursements	1,110.08
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Checking Acct. Bal. February 1, 2019	\$11,940.34
Savings Account Balance	6,044.94
Candidates Fund Balance	3,021.91
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Total funds as of February 1, 2019	\$ 21,207.19

President Debbie Glore, called for questions, hearing none, stated the Treasurers Statement would be filed for audit.

Next, was the **Finance Report** given by **Connie Presley**. Connie reported she has the challenge to raise \$2500.00 to balance the budget. This is a real challenge because we voted to increase the dues so that we would not have finance projects at Convention. The reality is that the membership dues have not been enough to offset the budget. Connie is proposing that we have two finance projects to try and make up the shortage or as an option we can take the shortage from the Savings Account. Connie moved that we have a 60/40 drawing and a silent auction on Saturday night. The motion was seconded by Susie Knudson, Delta Iota. Connie requested if any Chapter would like to donate a basket to auction she would greatly appreciate it. Just let her know she will gladly accept them. Motion carried.

Beverly Aldridge, Beta Chi, gave the **Registration Report**.

16 out of 17 Chapters have members attending
55 Members Attending
0 MALs
1 Guests
56 Total Registered 12 Total Rooms

Next order of Business was Unfinished Business

Vicki Warren, **Georgia State Second Vice President**, gave a report on the **Flag Stands** which we voted on at the Fall Board. She purchased 6 flag stands, at the cost of \$128.34, one of which is on display holding the flag today,

Debbie Glore, **Georgia State President**, reported on the **Memorial Plaques**. The name plates which were on the Memorial Plaques are in alphabetical order on back table. Please feel free to take and keep as a keepsake if you wish. They will also be at Convention for you. Debbie only has what were given to her for you.

Gennie Gilvin, **Georgia State Webmaster**, gave a **slide presentation on the Memorial Tab**. With help from Pat Griffin and Joy Lynn Tynes, they have gathered pictures of our deceased members for Gennie. Each chapter was asked to review their chapter once the Website is complete and let Gennie know if you have any better pictures you would like to put on the site. This was a great endeavor of Gennie's time and President Debbie commended Gennie for all her hard work. GREAT JOB GENNIE!!

Susan McVey moved to remove a motion from the table honoring Members who have passed by making a collective donation of \$100.00 in lieu of name plates to be given to the Georgia State Council Endowment fund no later than May 31st, which after much discussion was tabled until the Mid-Year Meeting. Linda Long seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Beverly Aldridge introduced Guest Speaker, **Joanne Southerland**, an employee with the Clayton County Fire and EMS. She gave us an inside look at Human trafficking, how it effects all of us. She explained this is not a problem just in large cities like The Atlanta Area but in all counties in Georgia. She gave out phone numbers and information sheets and told of ways we can all help. Joanne's program was very interesting and informative.

Lunch Break Blessing by Joy Lynn Tynes, Georgia State Chaplain

After Lunch and before beginning Session II, President Debbie Glore addressed the Banner displayed today belonged to Alpha NU and will not be auctioned off as previously discussed at Fall Board since it is their property. Debbie also stated that she had received an e-mail from Delta Iota requesting time, if available on the Agenda, to address the Memorial Plaques and the Banner. Debbie turned floor over to Susie Knudson.

Susie Knudson, Delta Iota, stated they did not have an issue with the banner having learned it belonged to Alpha Nu. They did have a question regarding what happened to the Georgia State Council Banner with the State of Georgia on it. Romanda Talley said that banner has been missing for some time. Flo Vining told Romanda she had not seen the banner for several years. Delta Iota was concerned that we did not have Georgia ESA on anything but they see that the Podium Gennie made does display the new Logo therefore, they do not have anything further for discussion.

Elected Officers Reports

SERC Debbie Glore, Georgia State ESA President

Georgia State President Debbie Glore gave a report on attending SERC in Louisiana in November and slides were shown. She encouraged us to try to go to Newbern North Carolina in the fall. President Debbie told us about SERC President, **Pinky Barber's Special Project, Folds of Honor**. They have

provided Educational Scholarships to the Spouses and Children of America's Fallen and Disabled Service Members.

As a side note Debbie received 3 awards for her entries in the Association of the Arts. President Debbie asked Frances Jennings to come forward to receive the awards presented at SERC from her year as Georgia State President.

1.. Hope for Heroes	1 st Place
2.. Circle of Life Award	1 st Place
3.. Happiness is Philanthropic Award	1 st Place
4.. Easter Seals	2 nd Place
5.. ESA Foundation Award	2 nd Place
6.. Educational Reporting Award	2 nd Place
7.. St. Jude Award	2 nd Place
8.. Disaster Fund Award	2 nd Place
9.. Overall Money Raised for St. Jude	3 rd Place

MAL-IC Member List Review

Debbie read a list of 26 names on the MAL report from IC and asked everyone to please not write the names down as she read them aloud. If you have any information on any of these members please contact her.

Call for Candidates Kim New First Vice President

Kim reported that per our By-Laws (Article XI, section 2 b) The Nominating Committee shall solicit nominations from the Chapters for five elected positions of the Georgia State Executive Board (90) days (which is February 17, 2019). Kim advised that she had placed a copy of the Nomination Form and Letter of Acceptance in each Presidents packet. For anyone interested in applying for an elective position, please fill out and return to her by March 19, 2019.

Membership	Vicki Warren
Active Chapters	17
Chapters in Good Financial Standing	17
Jewel Pin Members	88
MAL Members	0
<u>Pledge Members</u>	<u>04</u>
Total Members	92

Bid Request for 2021 Convention Vicki Warren

Vicki made a request for Chapters to bid for the 2021 Convention...

Don't Wait, Don't Think, Just Do It!

Disaster Fund

Frances Jennings Jr. Past President

As of January 13, 2019, the following report was made.

Disaster Fund \$10,589.75

Paid Out \$25,312.95

— - \$ 14,723

As you can see, we are already in the hole.

There will be no Many Blessings Collection today due to lack of time but she asked that all chapters consider making a donation. and thanked **Kappa Rho, Alpha Delta** and **Beta Theta** for making a Chapter Donation.

Correspondence

Susan McVey Georgia State Corresponding Secretary

Susan read two letters, one from IC President, Kim Kummer, informing us

Sherry Day, Past IC President, will be our IC Representative for

Convention. The second letter was from Pinky Barber, SERC President, informing us that Mary Smith, First Vice President SERC, will be our SERC Representative for Convention.

Executive Board Recommendations Susan McVey

The **First recommendation** is the reimbursement of the overage of the 2017-2018 Leadership Presidents Dinner, which is now required. The budgeted amount was \$625.00 and the actual cost was \$670.00. The recommendation is to pay the difference of **\$45.00**. The previous budgeted amount did not cover the cost. Romanda Talley, Kappa Rho, requested clarification of the event.

Explanation was provided.

Coming from the Executive Board this motion requires no 2nd. Motion Carried

The **Second recommendation** is the reimbursement of the Late Fee incurred on the IC Registration in the amount of **\$25.00**. Until a By Law change it could not be paid until the Convention so we were charged a late fee. Requires no 2nd. Motion Carried

The **Third recommendation** is a request for permission to reimburse of the full amount of the IC PICP Luncheon. It was budgeted for \$45.00 but the actual cost was \$50.00. The recommendation is to reimburse the difference of **\$5.00**.

This is for the upcoming IP PICP Luncheon and is budgeted a year ahead.
Requiring no 2nd. Motion Carried

Pat Griffin, Alpha Delta, stated that paying these overages is well and good but questioned when are we going to stop. We have a budget; maybe we should increase these line items to account for inflation so we wouldn't have to do this each year.

New Business

Susan McVey, Georgia State Corresponding Secretary, made a motion that \$75.00 of the 2018 Chaplain's budget be donated by April 15, 2019 to the Georgia State Council Endowment Fund as a Celebration of Life for members who passed. Motion was seconded by Joy Lynn Tynes, Beta Zeta. Motion carried.

Appointed Officers' Reports

Association of the Arts

Sherry Presley for Donna Weghorn

Sherry Presley, in the absence of Donna Weghorn, gave a report that IC has updated their forms this year. We will continue to use the current forms for this year's GSC Convention. We will be looking at Georgia's forms. If you have any suggestions you would like to add please contact Debbie.

Awards

Susie Knudson

No Report

Contracts

Jean Johnson

Jean gave a report on the results of the responses received on the Survey on Georgia State Conventions. She thanked Debbie Glore for turning the percentages into charts. The results are attached to the Agenda for everyone to follow along as she reviewed each question. There were 41 responses received on the survey.

Foundation Counselor

Pat Griffin

Pat was happy to report the ESA Foundation in Georgia is alive and doing well. Last September they successfully merged the Men of ESA and the Sisters of ESA Endowments. Now they are in a position to award a scholarship of \$1100.00 from that fund in May. As of January 31, 2019, they have 3 new

members and 1 new life active member. 25 members have paid their 2019 dues. The Turn-Around-Fund is being used to submit \$5,731 thus far. Georgia's total donation summary report shows a total of \$6,781 in contributions. Pat encouraged each chapter to consider a donation to our newly combined Georgia State Council Endowment.

Hope for Heroes

Beverly Aldridge

Beverly presented a slide presentation of the Family Day at Dobbins Air Reserve Base on October 13, 2018. She thanked all the volunteers who came out to help man the 8 Fall Festival Games at the event. There were approximately 250 children in attendance.

Philanthropic

Sharon Smoot

Sharon encouraged each Chapter to turn in all Philanthropic Reports, making sure to tally mileage, hours and money amounts. She would like to see Georgia ESA be recognized for all the hard work they do.

St. Jude Sr. Director

Connie Presley

Connie reported that Georgia was in the Top Ten in IC for 2017-2018. Georgia also received Danny's Award for reaching another million. She thanked each Chapter for all the hard work they had done to raise \$891,046.20 so far this year for St. Jude. Connie asked that each chapter try and make a donation to help us reach another million this year. There is still enough time to reach that million-dollar goal.

Yearbook

Karen Smith

Karen reported that the ESA Yearbook has been revised again and will be e-mailed to us. The changes are highlighted in bold green ink. She reminded each new member to look through it because it is your ESA information Bible. Remember to e-mail her with any changes in your Chapters Members information.

Other Reports

2019 Convention Report

Romanda Talley

Kappa Rho's is hosting the 2019 Georgia State ESA Convention. It will be at Little Ocmulgee State Park and Lodge, in Helena, Georgia. Romanda and Monette Chair and Co-Chair handed out a tentative agenda for the Convention. The registration is \$115.00 per Member and Guest registration is

\$75.00 for (Friday night and Saturday night.) Registration Forms are due no later than April 15, 2019. Dates are May 17-19, 2019. Hotel rates including taxes will be \$111.55 per room.

2020 Convention Report

Gail Marchant

Gail's Chapter, Alpha Beta, will host the 2020 Georgia State ESA Convention. It will be held at the Hilton Atlanta/Marietta Hotel and Conference Center and is scheduled for May 15-17, 2020. The room rate is 152.06 including taxes and fees. Parking is free. Membership registration will be \$118.00 and Guest at \$75.00. Registration forms will be available at a later date.

Announcements:

Connie Presley said there was a sign-up book for the Middle Georgia Dream Home up front for anyone wanting to sign up.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:41p.m. On February 16, 2019

Everyone stood and held hands as we repeated the **Closing Ritual** led by **Georgia State President Debbie Glore.**

Submitted by

Wanda Price
Georgia State Recording Secretary
2018-2019

Reviewed and Approved by the Minutes Committee