



Georgia State Council Midyear Zoom Meeting Minutes



Saturday, February 20, 2021

The Georgia State Council President Kim New called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. She welcomed members to the Zoom Meeting and thanked Vice President Vicki Warren for setting up Zoom so all could participate in the meeting. She additionally thanked Vicki for being our “Zoom Master” all year.

President Kim advised Meeting Minutes have been posted to the GSC website, allowing for easier access and saving on printing cost. Reports for this meeting have been emailed to all members. Roll Call was conducted and will suffice for credentials. During this meeting voting delegates were requested to vote by a raised hand, until the count is tallied. Phone participants, were requested to verbally reply with yea or nay.

President Kim New thanked our host Chapter Alpha Nu.

Chaplain Kaye Genovese provided an “Opening Thought,” pertaining to the inability to gather for meetings because of Covid-19 and of losing eight (8) members, along with many family members. Kaye plans to submit our member losses in the next Georgia State Council Newsletter. She shared, “There is a time to laugh a little; and when the time comes don’t miss it. Express yourself to joy. Laughter is a victory over a world of ills that plague mankind. And when you can laugh at yourself that is a victory. Laughter is good medicine for relieving stress, loosening nerves and feels good.” The author is unknown.

Second Vice President Wanda Price requested all to stand for the “Pledge of Allegiance,” and to stay standing for the “Opening Ritual.” She led the membership with the “Pledge of Allegiance.”

President Kim New led the membership in reciting the traditional “Opening Ritual.”

Parliamentarian Romanda Talley moved to dispense with the reading of the Rules Governing a Georgia State Council Meeting as they are printed on page 2 the agenda. Pat Griffin seconded the motion. After President Kim New called for the vote, the motion unanimously carried.

Recording Secretary Gail Marchant conducted Roll Call.

<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>Present/ Absent</u>	<u>On Roll</u>	<u># Present</u>
Alpha Beta	Debbie Lamp'l	A	13	8
Alpha Delta	Pat Griffin	P	7	3
Alpha Nu	Connie Presley	P	4	3
Beta Chi	Angel Aldridge	P	4	3
Beta Kappa	Linda Long	P	3	3
Beta Sigma	Kaye Kennebrew	A		
Beta Zeta	Joy Lynn Tynes	P	2	2
Delta Iota	Susan Knudson	P	10	6
Delta Nu	Mary Cooper	P	4	4
Gamma Delta	Rosalyn Everhart	A		
Gamma Omega	Luanne Langmo	P	7	4
Gamma Sigma	Annelle Saunders	A	8	2
Gamma Zeta	Brittany Petty-Rogers	P	6	2
Kappa Rho	Teresa Jordan	P	9	7
Omega Phi	Marion Hunter	P	7	1
Sigma Chi	Sherry Presley	P	3	3
Zeta Alpha	Darlene James	P	8	1
	Total:	13	95	52

President Kim New recessed the meeting at 10:14 am to reconvene in twenty (20) minutes to allow time for the presentation of the 2019-2020 Awards.

Awards Chair Debbie Glore presented the 2019-2020 Awards winners. These awards would have been announced at the Convention in 2020. She advised certificates will be mailed to the winners. Debbie announced Alpha Beta member, Judy Camp, as "Pledge of the Year" and Kappa Rho member, Wanda Price, "Outstanding Member of the Year". An itemized list of winners is attached.

Gavelette Vice President Stormy Bowie announced Kappa Rho as the "Chapter of the Year."

St. Jude Senior Chair Frances Jennings presented a large assortment of various St. Jude Award Certificates, which she plans to mail to the appropriate Chapter President.

At the conclusion of the Awards presentation, the meeting reconvened at 10:39 am. President Kim New immediately announced a ten (10) break, with the meeting reconvening at 10:51 am.

Credentials Chair Vicki Warren presented the credentials report.

15 of 17 Chapters represented for a total of:

	<u>28</u> Chapter Votes
	<u>22</u> GSC Past Presidents Votes
Total Votes	<u>50</u>

Recording Secretary Gail Marchant presented the minutes by advising that in accordance with the Bylaws, the Minutes Committee reviewed and approved the minutes of the February 2020 meeting. The minutes were posted to the Georgia State Council Website. Gail moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes as written. After President Kim New called for the vote, the motion unanimously carried.

Treasurer Susan Garner provided the Treasurer's Report.

Checking Account Balance as of <u>June 29, 2020</u> :	<u>\$ 9429.46</u>
Income:	<u>\$ 2578.00</u>
Disbursements:	<u>\$ 635.54</u>
Balance on Hand as of <u>January 31, 2021</u> :	<u>\$11371.92</u>
Savings Account Balance as of <u>January 31, 2021</u> :	<u>\$ 6045.94</u>
Candidates Fund Account Balance as of <u>January 31, 2021</u> :	<u>\$ 3422.48</u>
<i>TOTAL FUNDS as of <u>January 31, 2021</u>:</i>	<u>\$20840.34</u>

With no discussion, the report will be filed for Audit.

Membership Chairs Vicki Warren and Wanda Price, recognized the following;

Members attending a state meeting for the first time: 1
Pledges attending: 1
Guest attending: 1

Membership Chair Wanda Price presented Georgia's IC Membership Report.

Active IC Chapters:	16
Jewel Pin Members:	98
MAL Members:	1
Pledge Members:	1
TOTAL:	100

President Kim New thanked the members for their dedication to ESA and the Executive Board for working tirelessly during the last few years. She advised she attended the virtual IC Convention last summer and Georgia won a number of awards, which she announced, then congratulated.

The Georgia winners were as listed below.

1. Top State News Bulletin Editors (5 Issues or More)-2nd Place- Venetia Lewallen
2. ESA Foundation State Award-1st Place with \$26,377.00
3. ESA Foundation Scholarship Award- 1st Place with \$26,070.00
4. ESA Foundation Chapter Award- 1st Place- Gamma Delta with \$25,020.00
5. State Membership Net Growth Award
6. State Membership Growth Award Greatest Growth by Numbers- 2nd Place
7. State Membership Growth Award Greatest Percentage of Growth- 2nd Place
8. National Champion Recruitment Award New Community Chapter with Most Pledges- Zeta Alpha
9. ESA Headquarters Membership Spotlight Award went to Georgia
10. B.J. Clark Outstanding State President Award Honorable Mention was Kim New
11. Danny's Dream Award- Georgia was honored for reaching over \$11 Million in giving to St Jude Children's Research Hospital

President Kim New reiterated the GSC Convention is May 14-16 in Albany, Georgia. In consideration of the health and safety of our members, a physical convention may not be possible if the COvid-19 cases continue to increase. If that occurs, we will have a virtual or Zoom Convention. Either way, the Convention will take place on the scheduled dates.

President Kim New thanked the membership again for the honor to represent the Georgia State Council, saying, "it is truly a privilege."

First Vice President, Vicki Warren called for Candidates for 2021-2021 Executive Board. She advised the nomination forms and qualifications may be found on the Georgia ESA website. She reiterated how rewarding it has been for her to serve on the Executive Board. The forms will need to be submitted to her by March 17th.

Corresponding Secretary Venetia Lewallen advised the January Newsletter is on the Georgia ESA State Website. The deadline for March has been extended until Monday, February 22nd. "Spring into Action" is the theme for March's Newsletter. Entries should be submitted by email to Venetia.

Parliamentarian Romanda Talley advised the Bylaws Committee has reviewed the past two years of proposed changes and they will be forwarded to the chapters soon.

Auditor Donna Moore provided a written report, requesting President Kim New present the following to the membership:

"I find the Treasurer's Georgia State Convention books for 2019 – 2020 to be in good order. I would like to thank Gail Marchant for the great job in documenting the records. I find the Treasurer's Financial book for the Georgia State Council to be in order as of 5/31/20. Susan Garner, Treasurer kept were good detailed records for the State. Thank you, President Kim for the opportunity to audit the books for the 2019-2020 year."

Awards & Association of the Arts Chair Debbie Glore requested President Kim New to remind all that April 15th is the deadline for submission of awards. Awards forms are located on our Georgia ESA Website.

State Finance Chair Susan Knudson announced the Executive Board approved the fundraising projects she submitted for the 2021 Convention. The projects are a "Split the Pot" 50/50 Raffle, a Raffle for a Painting by Gennie Gilvin, a Quilt made by Connie Presley and a Chinese Auction with items provided by each chapter, valued at a minimum of \$25.

Philanthropic Chair Sharon Smoot said to put more joy in her heart and get those Philanthropic forms in by April 15th.

Under Unfinished Business, Convention Chair Connie Presley advised the deadline for Convention registration is April 10th and April 13th as the deadline for Room reservations. To-date only four (4) registrations forms have been received.

Second Vice President Wanda Price advised the 2021 Georgia State Convention will be hosted by the Gavelettes at the Merry Acres Inn in Albany on May 14th -16th, 2021, with Registration at \$130. for members and \$75 for guests. The rooms range from \$94.-\$102. Room reservation deadline is April 10th. The 2022 Georgia State Convention will be hosted by Alpha Beta at the Hilton Atlanta/Marietta Hotel and Conference Center. Registration is \$118 for members and \$75. for guests. The room rates are \$152., including taxes and fees. The 2023 Georgia State Convention will be hosted by Delta Iota, with details to follow at a later date.

The 2023 SERC Conference Chairs Romanda Talley and Susie Knudson related of being in contact with different hotels capable of holding at least 230 guests. They are still pursuing the venue. Romanda reminded all that we gave up the right to host the Conference next year to Florida and Georgia will now host in 2023.

Under New Business, Corresponding Secretary Venetia Lewallen provided the Executive Board Recommendation. She first recapped the Georgia State Council referring to Nominations for the International Council.

Article XVII - Nominations for International Council

Section 1. In the event any chapter, in good financial standing as a member of the Georgia State Council, has a candidate to submit for nomination to the International Council Nominating Committee, this nomination shall be presented at the Fall Council meeting in order that it may be processed through the Southeastern Regional Council by the State President during the annual fall conference. This is to enable the candidate a greater opportunity for her candidacy to become publicized throughout the State, as well as the SERC and International Council.

Venetia advised “due to the Pandemic, Georgia State Council did not have a Fall Council meeting or SERC Conference, so, Alpha Beta submitted Gail Marchant as a candidate for IC to the office of her choice. The Georgia Council President then signed her authorization and forwarded it to the IC Nominating Committee as directed. As you know, because of Covid, the Fall Council and SERC Conference meetings were both cancelled last year, so we are proud to announce we have a Georgia girl running for the IC Board, Gail Marchant.”

Venetia Lewallen then made the following motion, “The Executive Board recommends that the Georgia State Council place a half page ad in the International Council Convention Program in support of Gail’s candidacy on the International Council Board.” This is a budgeted item. Coming from a committee a second is not required. After President Kim New called for the vote, the motion unanimously carried with no discussion.

President Kim New asked if there is anyone interested in running for an office with Southeastern Regional Conference (SERC). No affirmative response was given by anyone.

With no other new business, President Kim New thanked Alpha Nu for hosting this meeting. Saying, “Your struggle was real and we really appreciate your persistence in the face of resistance to hold this meeting. Thank you again for all the hard work you put in because of your love for our organization. Thank you to all my Pajama wearing brothers and sisters. You know how to Zoom it right.”

President Kim New made the following announcements:

1. GSC Convention “Shine your Light on Georgia” in Albany, GA on May 14-16. Deadline for registration is April 10th
2. Please be sure to check your emails for all information for chapter packets.
3. GSC Awards forms must be postmarked by April 15, 2021
4. Free IC Virtual Bingo Class, March 26th via Zoom. Register by March 12
5. IC Convention, July 25 - August 1 in Louisville, Kentucky. Registration in email packet sent to you or on IC website.

2021 Convention Co-chair Romanda Talley shared the following fundraising totals:

- Online Auction: 15 members bid on items, netting \$1,265.
- October’s 50/50 Raffle: 29 member’s participated and 3 chapters, totaling \$770, \$385 to the Convention, \$385. paid to Gail Marchant, the winner.
- Fourteen members purchased food items for \$477.50.
- February’s 50/50 Raffle: 20 member’s participated and 2 chapters, totaling \$570., \$285 to the Convention, \$285. paid to Janie Kozal, today’s winner.

The grand total for fundraising was \$3,082.50, less \$670. paid to the raffle winners, leaving a total of \$2,412.50. She thanked everyone for their participation, reminding all to remember to submit Ads for the Convention Program.

Chaplain Kaye Genovese provided the “Closing Thought,” about compassion, charity, truth and love, requesting we think about it as we leave the meeting today.

President Kim New thanked all the frontline workers for their dedication during the pandemic.

With no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

All recited the traditional “Closing Ritual.”

2019-2021 GSC Recording Secretary
Gail Marchant

2019-2021 GSC State President
Kim New