



Georgia State Council
Epsilon Sigma Alpha International
Fall Board Meeting
Dillard House, Dillard, Georgia
September 11, 2022



President, Wanda Price called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Kaye Genovese, Chaplain gave the opening thought on “Life is a Gift”. After the opening thought Kaye asked for a moment to talk about Beverly Aldridge. Beverly was a faithful member of ESA for twenty-nine years. We are thankful for her service and God bless her family.

Second Vice President, Susan Knudson presented the American Flag, and after posting the flag led the members in “The Pledge of Allegiance”.

President Wanda Price led the members in reciting the Opening Ritual.

As the first order of business, Parliamentarian, Sherrie Bordeaux read the rules governing a Georgia State Council Meeting:

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.

The next order of business was Special Recognition by Wanda Price.

Guests in Attendance	<u>Sandy Cary</u>
Members attending a State Meeting for the first time	<u>Marianne Spicer & Elaine Sauls</u>
Pledges Attending	<u>0</u>
Member of the Year	Janie Kozal
Pledge of the Year	Payton Lewallen (Absent)
Chapter of the Year	Delta Iota
IC Past Presidents from Georgia	Kaye Genovese, Pat Griffin
SERC Past Presidents from Georgia	Romanda Talley, Joy Lynn Tynes (Absent)

The next order of business was Roll Call, by Recording Secretary, Ruth Ann Edge.

Executive Board Present/Absent

President, Wanda Price	P
First Vice President Susan Garner	P
Second Vice President, Susan Knudson	P
Recording Secretary, Ruth Ann Edge	P
Corresponding Secretary, Romanda Talley	P
Treasurer, Sharon Smoot	P
Parliamentarian, Sherrie Bordeaux	P
Jr. Past President, Vicki Warren	P

Appointed Board Present/Absent

Administrative Assistant, Monette Horton	A
Administrative Assistant, Mary Wynn	P
Advisor, Gail Marchant	P
Advisor, Francis Lanier	P
Archives Historian, Gail Marchant	P
Association of the Arts. Chair. Venetia Lewellen	P
Auditor, Angela Coleman	P
Awards, Gail Marchant	P
Chaplain, Kaye Genovese	P
Contracts Chairman, Gennie Gilvin	P
Contracts Committee, Susan Knudson	P
Contracts Committee, Karen Smith	P
Credentials Chairman, Linda Long	P
Disaster Fund Chairman, Vicki Warren	P
Easterseals Chairman, Sherry Presley	P
Educational Director, Shirley Humphries	P
Finance Project Chairman, Janie Kozal	P
Foundation State Counselor, Frances Jennings	A
Flag Ceremony, Pat Griffin	P
Gavelette President, Frances Jennings	A
Hope for Heroes Chairman, Debbie Lamp'l	P

Leadership Coordinator, Wanda Price	P
Newsletter, Gennie Gilvin	P
Philanthropic Chairman, Connie Presley	P
Photographer, Sherry Presley	P
SERC Coordinator, Kim New	P
Scrapbook Editor, Sherry Presley	P
Scrapbook Editor, Gennie Gilvin	P
Social Co-Chairman, Shirley Humphries	P
Social Co-Chairman, Marsha Stroud	P
St. Jude Coordinator, Connie Presley	P
Web Master, Gennie Gilvin	P
Yearbook Chairman, Karen Smith	P

Committees Present/Absent

Budget Chairman, Sharon Smoot	P
Budget Committee, Susan Garner	P
Budget Committee, Connie Presley	P
Bylaws Chairman, Sherrie Bordeaux	P
Bylaws Committee, Frances Lanier	P
Bylaws Committee, Angela Coleman	P
Membership, Susan Garner	P
Membership, Susan Knudson	P
Minutes Chairman, Ruth Ann Edge	P
Minutes Committee, Wanda Price	P
Minutes Committee, Sherrie Bordeaux	P
Nominating Committee, Susan Garner	P
Nominating Committee, Susan McVey	P
Nominating Committee, Stormy Bowie	A

Chapter Roll Call

Chapter	President	Present/Absent	#On Roll	#Present
Alpha Beta	Susan Garner	P	12	6
Alpha Delta,	Marissa Medlin	A	6	1
Alpha Nu	Connie Presley	P	3	2
Beta Kappa	Linda Long	P	3	2
Beta Sigma	Kaye Kinnebrew	A		
Beta Zeta,	Joy Lynn Tynes	A		
Delta Iota	Susan Knudson	P	10	7
Delta Nu	Mary Cooper	P	2	2
Delta Omega	Sharon Smoot	P	3	2
Gamma Omega	Theresa McGugan	A		
Gamma Sigma	Shirley Humphries	P	7	6
Gamma Zeta	Brittany Petty-Roger	A		
Kappa Rho	Cathy Quick	P	9	8
Sigma Chi	Sherry Pressley	P	3	2

<u>Gavelettes</u>		<u>Present/Absent</u>
1979-80	Angela Coleman	P
1980-81	Romanda Talley	P
1984-85	Kaye Genovese	P
1985-86	Pat Griffin	P
1986-87	Marsha Stroud	P
1994-95	Linda Long	P
1995-96	Susan Knudson	P
2000-01	Shirley Humphries	P
2003-04	Joy Lynn Tynes	A
2005-06	Gail Gilvin	A
2006-07	Karen Smith	P
2008-09	Connie Presley	P
2009-10	Susan McVey	P
2010-11	Gennie Gilvin	P
2011-12	Donna Moore	A
2012-13	Sherrie Bordeaux	P
2013-14	Gail Marchant	P
2014-15	Sherry Presley	P
2015-16	Frances Lanier	P
2016-17	Stormy Bowie	A
2017-18	Frances Jennings	P
2019-20	Kim New	P
2020-21	Kim New	P
2021-22	Vicki Warren	P

<u>Invitational Past State Presidents</u>		<u>Present/Absent</u>
1981-82	Luanne Langmo (MI)	P
2001-02	Ruth Ann Edge (AL)	P

The next order of business was the Credentials Report by Linda Long, Credentials Chair.

10 of 14 chapters represented for a total of	21 chapter votes
GSC Past Presidents Votes	<u>18 votes</u>
Total Votes	39

The next order of business was reading of the minutes from the GSC Seventy Second Annual Convention held April 29 – May 1, 2022 by Recording Secretary, Ruth Ann Edge. Ruth Ann stated that the minutes were approved by the Minutes Committee and posted on the GSC Website. Ruth Ann moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes. The motion was carried.

The next order of business was the Corresponding Secretary report from Romanda Talley. Romanda reported she received one letter from Charlotte Carolini, Executive Director regarding Leadership in Colorado. There are a lot of changes being made. The State President will have to book her own room, and the date for Leadership will be the last weekend of February, 2023. More information will be given closer to time of Leadership.

The next order of business was the Treasurer's Report presented by Treasurer, Sharon Smoot. Sharon reported that as of 06/01/22 we had a checking account balance of \$10,419.47, Income \$3,073.09, Disbursements \$954.84, Savings Account balance as of 06/30/22 \$6,148.79, Candidates Fund Account Balance as of 06/30/22 \$3,722.99. The total GSC Funds as of 08/31/22, \$22,409.50.

Wanda asked if there was any discussion on the budget. Since there wasn't any discussion the Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

The next order of business was the Registration Report, by Romanda Talley, Meeting Registration Chairman. Romanda reported that there were 12 of 14 chapters represented. 43 Members registered, 41 attended, 0 MALs, 1 Guest for a total of 42 attending. There were 17 hotel rooms used.

The next order of business was the Membership Report by Susan Garner, First Vice President. Susan reported that there are 14 Chapters, 12 in good standing, 69 Jewel Pin Members, zero MALs, (Members At Large) zero pledges for a total of 69 Members.

The next order of business was the Elected Officers Reports:

President, Wanda Price thanked the membership for sending her to IC Convention in Indianapolis, IN. There were seven Georgia peaches in attendance and one handsome husband. Wanda, Romanda, Gail and Susie met in Atlanta and flew together to Indianapolis. Wanda reported that her day started at 8 a.m. the first day of Convention and never slowed down. She attended every session available to her at IC. She was honored to go on stage and receive the Danny's Dream Award, and she even got to dance on stage.

Wanda said she has received over one hundred emails. She installed the Kappa Rho Officers for 2022-2023. She said she is always available to assist the membership in anything they need.

First Vice President, Susan Garner asked the chapters to read the recruitment material that she placed in the Chapter packets. If possible, try to have a Rush, and if possible, place the forms at your local businesses. If you place forms at your local businesses, be sure to put your chapter information on the form.

Susan said she will pay the Mid-Year registration for the member bringing in the most new members between now and January 1, 2023.

She placed willing serve forms on the tables for each member. If you are interested in serving in an appointed position fill out the form and return to Susan by January 31, 2023. She will be sending a request to all chapters in mid-February, on behalf of the Nominating Committee for anyone wanting to run for an Elected Office.

The next order of business was the Second Vice President report by Susan Knudson. Susan reported that since we last met, she had the opportunity to attend the Executive Board Retreat in June, and IC Convention in July.

Susan reported on two things, upcoming GSC Conventions and membership growth opportunity. She stated that she would report on 2023 Convention later, and ask Karen Smith, Convention Treasurer to report on the fund-raising efforts for the convention. Hostesses for the 2024 GSC Convention will be announced later this morning. She talked about the 2025 GSC Convention, and asked every chapter to consider hosting the 2025 Convention. We have a tremendous amount of talent and experience in this council. Later this morning you will hear about a proposal to make hosting a convention much less stressful.

Let's be proactive about membership growth. Check your local area for publications where you can advertise your chapter events. Alpha Beta uses a publication that reaches 97,000 households in Douglas County, Vila Rica, and Paulding County to advertise their meetings and events. This is a free advertisement. She left the membership with two questions, what is ESA worth to you and what are you willing to do to ensure ESA's continuation.

The next order of business was the Recording Secretary report by Ruth Ann Edge. Ruth Ann thanked Romanda and Wanda for their hospitality when she attended the Executive Board Retreat. She told the membership that it had been twenty plus years since she served as Alabama State Recording Secretary, and she has found that her memory isn't as good as it was then. She thanked the membership for allowing her to serve as GSC Recording Secretary.

The next order of business was the Corresponding Secretary's Report by Romanda Talley. Romanda reported that she had helped type and distribute two state newsletters. She attended the Executive Board Retreat and IC Convention. All

correspondence for our President was answered in a timely manner. She assisted with the Leadership and Fall Board Agendas. She and President Wanda attended the Memorial Service for Beverly Aldridge. It was there that she realized she had known Beverly for 35 years, but did not really know her. Romanda stated that being Corresponding Secretary is an honor.

Romanda took this opportunity to thank Gail Marchant for being a true Sister for presenting her with the 50 Year St. Jude Pin at IC. Covid caused her not to be able to receive her pin on her 50-year anniversary in Texas.

The next order of business was the Treasurer's Report by Sharon Smoot. Sharon stated that the learning curve of the Treasurer's job isn't keeping up with the information. She said that if you are an elected or appointed officer and need payment for any money spent on your budgeted item you need to fill out a voucher and sign it. Be sure to check the voucher for accuracy before you submit it for payment.

The next order of business was the Parliamentarian Report by Sherrie Bordeaux. Sherrie stated that she put three sheets of information in the Chapter packets.

The next order of business was the Jr. Past President's Report by Vicki Warren. Vicki reported that she had received one Disaster Fund donation check from Alpha Beta. The results from Bingo on Saturday night were \$284 in receipts from Bingo, and \$23.00 in donations for a total of \$307.00.

The next order of business was the Appointed Board reports:

1. Auditor, Angela Coleman reported that she found the Treasurer's books for the 2022 GSC Convention in outstanding order. She commended Gail Marchant on a job well done. Angela also audited the 2021-2022 Treasurer's books. She found them to be in order. She commended Sherry Presley, GSC Treasurer on a job well done. Angela gave a recommendation for the next Treasurer to consider. In the budget, there is no separate allotment for the Corresponding Secretary. If there is an expense from the Corresponding Secretary it should be taken out of the President's budget. The check should be written to the President, and in turn the President writes a check to the Corresponding Secretary for the amount.
2. Awards, Gail Marchant reported that she and the awards committee had reviewed the recommendations from the Executive Board, and had responded to the Executive Board.
3. Chaplain, Kaye Genovese reported that she had sent seven cards so far, and written articles for the newsletter. If you have any good news to share, she would like to hear from you.
4. Easterseals Chairman, Sherry Presley gave us copies of information that can be found on the Easterseals website. She asked chapters if they had a fund raiser planned for Easterseals. Her fund raiser is a Penny ring. The ring is \$15.00, and it is made from a copper penny with your birth year on the penny. The band is also made of copper. Her husband is making the rings, and made the first ring for her. If you would like a ring, send an order to Sherry. Give your birth year

and ring size. Sherry said they have lots of pennies, so you wouldn't need to furnish your penny.

5. Educational Chairman, Shirley Humphries gave everyone a form to fill out at Leadership. She asked the chapters to fill out their form and return it to her. This would count as your first Educational. Kappa Rho was the only chapter to return their form. She asked the chapters to complete their form and return it to her.
6. Finance Chairman, Janie Kozal reported that there will be two State Finance projects; a 50/50 Raffle, and an Online Auction. The items from the Online Auction will be delivered to the winners at the GSC Convention in 2023.
7. Foundation Chair, Frances Jennings was absent. Pat Griffin gave the Foundation report. Pat reported that the Foundation dues have been raised from \$15.00 to \$40.00. This raise will take effect in 2023. If you pay your dues by December 31, 2022, you can still pay \$15.00. Make sure you check your email for an email from the Foundation giving you information on voting on proposed changes.
8. Hope for Heroes, Debbie Lamp'l reported that sixteen stockings were turned in by the chapters for the Carrollton Veterans Home. She said enough items were donated to fill three to five more stockings. Debbie gave us information on volunteer opportunities for Hope for Heroes. She reported that you can contact the Georgia National Cemetery by phone; or on their website to donate money to buy wreaths to be placed on the graves in December. The wreaths are furnished by Wreaths Across America. Debbie requests that chapters bring black or white ankle socks with no brand names showing, , underwear t-shirts, any size, but she recommends L and XL, tooth brushes and toothpaste, deodorant, Dial or Dove soap, snacks (no chocolate) Q-tips, cards and stamps, etc. to the Mid-Year Meeting. Be sure to keep up with the money spent and your hours doing the projects.
9. Leadership, Wanda Price reported that Leadership was informative and fun. It was a challenge, but she thought it really was a good Leadership.
10. Philanthropic/St. Jude Chairman, Connie Presley reported that from 5-1-22 through 9-1-22 we had five chapters donate to St. Jude and one State Project for a total of \$45,052.00. As of September, 2022 we have ninety-three (93) 50 for 50 donations. There will be another Pi day in March. Information on this will be in the Newsletter. A Snail Walk is also planned for the Mid-Year Meeting in Aiken, SC. There will be information on the Snail Walk in the Newsletter. GSC received the Danny's Dream Award for reaching the next million-dollar level. GSC also received an award for raising \$720,110.00 for the 2021-22 Year.
11. SERC Coordinator, Kim New reported that SERC will be held in Orlando, FL November 4-5, 2022 at the Renaissance Hotel in Orlando, FL. The room rate is \$129.00 plus 12.5% taxes/fees. Registration is \$135.00 and the deadline is Oct. 7, 2022. Kim asked for a show of hands of those planning to attend. Six members plan to attend SERC.
12. Social, Shirley Humphries reported that Bingo was a success. \$307.00 was raised for the Disaster Fund, and there were 72 prizes donated.
13. Yearbook Chairman, Karen Smith asked the membership to check their information in the yearbook. Send any changes to Karen; she will be making corrections in November.
14. Romanda Talley gave a revised Registration Report. She stated that 10 of 14 chapters were in attendance instead of 12 of 14 chapters.

Unfinished Business:

SERC 2023: Susan Knudson and Romanda Talley stated they didn't have anything to add to the report given earlier.

Convention 2023: Susan Knudson reported that the 2023 GSC Convention will be held at Little Ocmulgee State Park the weekend of May 19, 2023. The registration fee is \$120.00, and the room rate is \$89.00 plus tax and Resort fees. The Resort fees include a park pass for the weekend, and free bicycle usage. Susan thanked the membership for their generosity in supporting the Delta Iota's Fundraiser for convention.

Susan asked Karen Smith to give the Fundraiser Report. Karen reported:

Bid Auction	\$437.00
Chinese Auction	\$319.00
Signature Page	\$ 42.00
50/50 Raffle	\$280.00
Money Stocking	<u>\$225.00</u>
Total	\$1,303.00

Karen asked President Wanda to draw for the Money Stocking and the 50/50 Raffle. Connie Presley won the Money Stocking, and Kim New won the 50/50 Raffle. Kim's share of the raffle was \$140.00. After giving Kim her winnings of \$140.00, Delta Iota was left with a profit of \$1,163.00.

Convention 2024: Susan McVey reported that a trio of chapters would be hosting the 2024 convention. They are Alpha Nu, Delta Nu and Sigma Chi. The convention will be held at the Ridges Resort on Lake Chatuge, Hiwassee GA. The dates will be May 17-19, 2024. Other information on the convention will be given later.

Mid-Year Meeting: Sharon Smoot reported that the Mid-Year Meeting will be hosted by Delta Omega and Gamma Omega. The date is February 18, 2023; the location is the Houndslake Country Club in Aiken, SC. Registration is \$32.00; room rate is \$109.00 plus tax. Registration deadline is January 15, 2023. If you register after that date there is a \$10.00 late registration fee. When you call to make your room reservations be sure to tell them you are with ESA GA. This information along with a registration form has been put in the chapter packets. Each attendee is asked to bring a can of food for the local food bank.

State Convention 2022: Gail Marchant reported that due to the generosity of the membership and Alpha Beta member's generosity a profit was made on the 2022 GSC Convention. The hotel only charged us for the food we ate, all other expenses were comped. The net profit was \$2,066.17. The host chapter, Alpha Beta, received one-half of the profit, \$1,033.08. Alpha Beta presented the Georgia State Council with a check in the amount of \$1,033.09.

New Business:

Webmaster, Gennie Gilvin explained her concerns for the security of the GSC website, and her recommendation to move the website to Wix.

Website Issues:

1. Current website while secured with programming is not a “https” site because it cost \$197 additional to buy a one-year certificate. Sites will display an “HTTPS” address instead of an “HTTP” address and a padlock in the address bar.
2. AOL and Microsoft edge have now put it in their programming to block downloads from sites not using the “https” certificate.
3. An SSL certificate is a type of digital certificate that provides authentication for a website and enables an encrypted connection. Short for Secure Sockets Layer, SSLs communicate to web users that a connection is safe and secure. When a website holds an SSL certificate, a padlock icon appears on the left side of the URL address bar.
4. With a SSL and members area, Gennie can add phone numbers, addresses, basically anything in yearbook. Wix.com now includes a free SSL certificate, a members area, and security but cost more than our current web host without SSL Certificate.
5. Options are:
 - A. Leave it where it is and accept the issues for downloads and security.
 - B. Leave it where it is and purchase a SSL Certificate yearly at current price \$197/year.
 - C. Move to Wix and pay on yearly bases with free SSL and Members area (note this will not include accepting payments through the website as that cost considerably more)
6. My recommendation is to move the site to Wix and prepay for 3 years at \$396 which will save \$180 over the three years.

Gennie Gilvin of Alpha Nu moved to adjust the budget for 3 years to pay for the website. Pat Griffin of Alpha Delta seconded the motion.

President Wanda asked if there was any discussion. After discussion President Wanda called for the vote. The motion carried.

Call for Nominations, President, Wanda asked the membership if anyone was interested in running for an IC office. There were no responses. September 11, 2022 was the deadline for nominations.

SERC Candidates were announced by Romanda Talley:

President	Theda Hall
1 st Vice President	Laura Gnewuch
2 nd Vice President	Tammy Gregg
Rec. Secretary	Terry Holifield
Rec. Secretary	Kelli Thornberry
Cor. Secretary	Meghan Good
Treasurer	Trish Villines
Parliamentarian	Lauren Ryan
Past President	Terri Sayre

Motion was made by Romanda Talley, Kappa Rho: Georgia members in attendance at SERC to go uninstructed for voting on Candidates. Vicki Warren, Delta Nu, 2nd the motion.

President Wanda called for the Vote: Motion Carried

Executive Board Recommendations: Romanda Talley

1. Madam President, the Executive Board recommends purchasing the new Website as presented by Gennie Gilvin.

Recommendation Carried Defeated

2. Madam President, The Executive Board recommends the following Standing Rule: The Chapter Treasurer, or President, must send in a current copy of their chapter roster when paying their Georgia State Council Chapter dues. If the Standing Rule is adopted, it would become Standing Rule # 24

Recommendation: Carried Defeated

3. The Executive Board recommends the following should be considered as a proposed bylaw when Bylaws are voted on. This is for information only.

Georgia State Convention will be a two-day event beginning on Friday afternoon and concluding after the banquet on Saturday night. Said Bylaw would take effect after the banquet on Saturday night.

Reason: Securing hotels is becoming quite difficult. We are no longer in a bargaining situation. Our membership is at an all-time low and we can no longer ask for “incentives” to help us in the cost of hosting the convention. Also, some hotels are charging for meeting space, and in some instances, table cloths and napkins. Food has sky rocketed and leaving off breakfast on Sunday morning, plus the meeting space, would be a big help in the expenses of convention.

The recommendation does not affect Convention 2023, and would not affect Convention 2024, as the 2024 Convention contract would already be signed before a vote on proposed bylaws, but if voted on and passed as a bylaw, it would take affect at Convention 2025.

Susan Knudson will write the proposed Bylaw to be presented to the Parliamentarian at least 90 days before convention 2023. If said Bylaw passes, it would become a Bylaw Under Article IV – Meeting

Note: If this bylaw is passed at State Convention, a committee would need to be formed to restructure times/events to be held on Friday/Saturday. Example: Opening Ceremony on Friday before our Mixer Party. Said

committee would need to be selected immediately so Convention 2025 hosts will have ample time to prepare.

This recommendation is for chapters to have ample time to discuss the pros and cons of changing conventions to Friday/Saturday only.

Announcements:

SERC – November 4-5, Renaissance Orlando Airport, Orlando, FL

SERC Finance Chapter Donation of \$10.00 (If not already paid)

Mid-Year Council Meeting – The Inn at Houndslake Country Club, Aiken, SC
Feb. 18, 2023 Hosts Delta Omega & Gamma Omega

IC Awards:

2ND Place for State Newsletter 5 editions or more

Danny's Dream Award – for reaching next Million Dollar Mark

Award for raising \$720,110.00 for year 2021-2022

Susan Garner announced Alpha Delta is hosting a Painting Party on October 9th as their 50 for 50 projects.

Closing Thought: Kaye Genovese, Chaplain Kaye's closing thought was "Keep Smiling".

President Wanda adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

The membership repeated the Closing Ritual. After the Closing Ritual there was a drawing for a door prize. The wreath was won by Frances Lanier.

Respectfully Submitted By:
GSC Recording Secretary
Ruth Ann Edge