



**Georgia State Council
Seventy-First Annual Convention
May 14-16, 2021**



**May 15, 2021
"FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY"**

The Georgia State Council Convention was held in Albany, Georgia at Merry Acres Inn on May 14-16, 2021. Second Vice President Wanda Price called to seating then welcomed all to the meeting. Chaplain Kaye Genovese provided the Invocation. Susan Knudson conducted the Opening Ceremony with the "Presentation of Flags."

Georgia State Council Kim New welcomed the members, declaring the seventy-first (71st) Annual Convention in session at 9:42 a.m. Chaplain Kaye Genovese provided "Opening Thoughts." Second Vice President Wanda Price requested the members stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by President Kim New leading the "Opening Ritual."

President Kim New presented the State Convention Chair and Second Vice President Wanda Price who recognized the Gavelettes for hosting the convention. She also recognized the Convention Chair Connie Presley. Connie welcomed all to the seventy-first (71st) GSC Convention.

President Kim New introduced the International Council Representative Jaycee Peak, 2020-2021 Workshop Coordinator from Indiana and Shirley Fowler, Southeastern Regional Council, 2020-2021 Corresponding Secretary from North Carolina.

President Kim New presented the head table. Recording Secretary Gail Marchant took roll as the Elected and Appointed Officers were introduced by President Kim New.

Executive Board

Elected Officer	Name	Present (P)	Absent (A)
President	Kim New	P	
First Vice President	Vicki Warren	P	
Second Vice President	Wanda Price	P	
Recording Secretary	Gail Marchant	P	
Corresponding Secretary	Venetia Lewallen	P	
Treasurer	Susan Garner	P	
Parliamentarian	Romanda Talley	P	
Jr. Past President	Debbie Glone	P	

Appointed Board

Appointed Office	Name	Present (P)	Absent (A)
Administrative Assistant	Sherrie Bordeaux	P	
	Stormy Bowie	P	
Advisors	Sherrie Bordeaux	P	
	Gail Marchant	P	
Archives	Debbie Glore	P	
Association of the Art	Sherry Presley	P	
Auditor	Donna Moore		A
Awards Chairman	Debbie Glore	P	
Chaplain	Kaye Genovese	P	
Contracts Chairman	Gennie Gilvin	P	
Credentials Chairman	Vicki Warren	P	
Co-Chairman	Beverly Aldridge	P	
Disaster Fund Chair	Debbie Glore	P	
Easter Seals Chairman	Darlene James		A
Educational Chairman	Teresa Jordan		A
Finance Director	Susan Knudson	P	
Flag Ceremony	Susan Knudson	P	
Foundation State Counselor	Pat Griffin	P	
Gavelette President	Frances Lanier	P	
Hope for Heroes Chairman	Ruth Ann Edge	P	
Co-Chairmen	Sue & Steve King		A
Installing Officer	Gail Marchant	P	
Leadership Coordinator	Susan McVey	P	
Philanthropic Chairman	Sharon Smoot	P	
Photographer	Debbie Lamp'l		A
Publicity/Social Media	Debbie Lamp'l		A
Scrapbook Editor	Venetia Lewallen	P	
SERC Coordinator	Debbie Glore	P	
Social Director	Susan McVey	P	
St. Jude Sr. Director	Frances Jennings	P	
St. Jude Jr. Director	Connie Presley	P	
Web Master	Gennie Gilvin	P	
Yearbook	Karen Smith	P	
2021 Local Convention Chairman	Connie Presley	P	

President Kim New explained to any new member or first time attendee who the Gavelettes are then she recognized the twenty-three (23) Gavelettes in attendance by asking them to stand.

President Kim New recognized two (2) Past IC Presidents, Pat Griffin (2002-2003) and Kaye Genovese (1993-1994). She also recognized two (2) Past Southeastern Regional Council Presidents, Romanda Talley (1986-1987) and Joy Lynn Tynes (2009-2010), thanking them for their service to ESA.

President Kim New recognized Georgia ESA members currently serving on the International Council (IC) Appointed Board, herself (Kim New) on the IC Nominating Committee and on the Southeastern Regional Council (SERC) Appointed Board; Joy Lynn Tynes, Chaplain and Presidential Advisor; Romanda Talley, Flag Ceremony; Gail Marchant, Budget Committee and Kim New, Bylaws Committee.

President Kim New continued recognitions by recognizing the 2019-2020 Georgia State Council “Member of the Year,” Wanda Price in the Kappa Rho chapter and Kappa Rho as the “Chapter of the Year.” Membership Chair Wanda Price recognized the two (2) first-time attendees (the IC and SERC Representatives) to a GSC Convention. There were no “Pledges, Guests or Members at Large” present.

The first order of business was the Rules Governing State Council Convention by Parliamentarian Romanda Talley. She advised the Rules were printed in the program. She allowed a few minutes for review and questions.

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.

Recording Secretary Gail Marchant conducted the Chapter Roll Call.

<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>PRESENT/ ABSENT</u>	<u>ON ROLL</u>	<u>TOTAL PRESENT</u>	<u>VOTING DELEGATES PRESENT</u>
Alpha Beta	Debbie Lamp’l	A	14	5	4
Alpha Delta	Pat Griffin	P	7	2	2

Alpha Nu	Connie Presley	P	4	3	2
Beta Chi	Angel Aldridge	P	4	3	2
Beta Kappa	Linda Long	P	3	2	2
Beta Sigma	Kaye Kennebrew	A			
Beta Zeta	Joy Lynn Tynes	A			
Delta Iota	Susan Knudson	P	10	4	2
Delta Nu	Mary Cooper	P	4	3	2
Gamma Delta	Rosalyn Everhart				
Gamma Omega	(Luanne Langmo) Teresa McGugan	A	6	3	2
Gamma Sigma	Annelle Saunders	P	8	6	2
Gamma Zeta	Brittany Petty-Rogers	A			
Kappa Rho	Teresa Jordan	A	8	4	2
Omega Phi	Marion Hunter	A			
Sigma Chi	Sherry Presley	P	3	2	2
Zeta Alpha	Darlene James	A			
	Total: 11 of 16 Chapters		71	37	24

The next order of business was the Convention Registration Report given by Convention Registration Chair Gail Marchant.

Members Present: 39
 Guests: 3
 Total Rooms: 66

Members at Large: 0
 Total Registered: 42

The next order of business was the Credentials Report by Credentials Chair Vicki Warren.

Chapter Votes: 11 out of 16 Chapters Represented for a total of:

Chapter Votes: 24

Gavellette Votes: 21

President's Vote: 1

Total Votes: 46

The next order of business was the Minutes of the Mid-Year Meeting. Recording Secretary Gail Marchant advised, according to the Bylaws, the Minutes Committee reviewed and approved the minutes of the February 2021 Mid-Year Meeting Minutes. The minutes were posted to the GSC website. She moved to

dispense with the reading of the minutes. President Kim New called for the vote. With no discussion, the motion unanimously carried.

The next order of business was Correspondence by Corresponding Secretary Venetia Lewallen. She read a letter of encouragement from the ESA Executive Director at IC Headquarters.

The next order of business was The Rules of Election (Article XII, Georgia State Council Bylaws) presented by First Vice President Vicki Warren. She advised these rules are printed in the Convention Program. She asked if there were any questions regarding the rules. Hearing none, she moved on to the next order of business, the Report of the Nominating Committee by Chair Vicki Warren.

Article XIII - Rules of Convention

- Section 1. Each chapter in good financial standing shall receive two (2) votes for each ten (10) jewel pin members of the chapter, or fraction thereof, whose state dues have been paid.
- Section 2. The official ballot will list not more than three (3) names for each elective office. The ballot shall be handed each Past State President and the Past State Director in attendance; the State President and each Chapter President or her representative in attendance by the Credentials Committee, after Credentials have been cleared.
- Section 3. Balloting may not start until the First General Assembly has been recessed for the purpose of voting. Ballot to be dropped into sealed ballot box, at the conclusion of the recess. The ballots are to be handed in by the Chapter President or representative.
- Section 4. Three tellers shall be named by the President to count ballots. A Bylaws-Georgia State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International Page 13 of 16 statement of the election returns shall be turned over to the President immediately following final count and become a part of the records.
- Section 5. All ballots must be filed with the Outgoing President for a period of ninety (90) days.
- Section 6. Nominations will be received from the floor for elective offices; candidates so nominated must conform to Article VIII, Sections 2 and 3.
- Section 7. Installation of officers shall take place at the Convention. The installing officer shall be chosen by the Incoming President, and she must be an active Past State President, or a current or past Southeastern Regional Council or International Council Officer.
- Section 8. Elections shall be determined by a plurality of delegates or their alternates, if the voting delegates are not present.
- Section 9. Voting on all business shall be done by voting delegates or their alternates, if the voting delegates are not present.
- Section 10. Even though she cannot vote, any non-voting delegate present at a state meeting may make motions and enter discussion.
- Section 11. The President of the Georgia State Council may cast the one vote she is entitled to at the same time the balloting is going on. In the event of a tie, a second ballot shall be taken and balloting shall continue to such time as a decision is made.
- Section 12. Each Past President of the Georgia State Council who is in good financial standing and in attendance shall be given one (1) vote.

President Kim New presented the candidates, requesting each candidate come forward as their name was called. The following was the official ballot;

Vicki Warren, Delta Nu, President

Wanda Price, Kappa Rho, First Vice President
Susan Garner, Alpha Beta, Second Vice President
Susan Knudson, Delta Iota, Recording Secretary
Debbie Glore, Delta Nu, Corresponding Secretary
Sherry Presley, Sigma Chi, Treasurer
Connie Presley, Alpha Nu, Parliamentarian

With no other nominations for each office, the Chair declared each individual office closed.

Kim New, Alpha Beta, is Junior Past President.

Vicki Warren moved the Slate of Officers be accepted by acclamation. Shirley Humphries seconded the motion. President Kim New called for the vote. With no discussion, the motion unanimously carried.

President Kim New called for a ten (10) minute recess at 10:13 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:23 a.m.

The next order of business was proposed Bylaw and Standing Rule changes and/or additions, presented by the Bylaws Committee Chair/Parliamentarian Romanda Talley.

PROPOSED BYLAW ADDITIONS/CHANGES (2019-2020)

1. ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP, Section 4,

Now reads: Upon notification of a newly chartered chapter, the State President shall extend an invitation to be part of the Georgia State Council. Affirmed chapter will be added to the state chapter count.

Change to read: Upon notification of a newly chartered chapter, the State President shall extend an invitation to be part of the Georgia State Council. **Upon payment of State Dues, the new chapter will be added to the state chapter count.**

Reason: Clarification as to when a chapter is added to the state chapter count.

Parliamentarian Romanda Talley move to accept the proposed amendment to Article III, Membership, Section 4. President Kim New called for the vote. With no discussion, the motion unanimously carried.

2. ARTICLE VII - STATE GENERAL BOARD, Section 1

Now reads: The Council General Board shall consist of the following members: (B) The following Appointed Officers, namely: Association of the Arts Chair, Auditor, Awards Director, Chaplain, Corresponding Secretary, Credentials Chair, Easter Seals Coordinators, Educational Director, ESA Foundation State Counselor, Finance Director, Historian, Hotel Contract Chair, Parliamentarian, Philanthropic Director, Publicity Director, Scrapbook Editor, SERC Coordinator, Social Director, St. Jude Coordinators, Webmaster, Workshop Coordinator, Yearbook Chair.

Change to read: Easterseals

Reason: Change spelling to comply with the new spelling of **Easterseals** as defined by the National Easterseals organization. This is a housekeeping change.

Parliamentarian Romanda Talley moved the proposed amendment to Article VII, State General Board, Section 1 (B) be amended as read. President Kim New called for the vote. With no discussion, the motion unanimously carried.

3. ARTICLE XI – STANDING COMMITTEES, Section 2 (e)

Now reads: The Budget Committee shall be responsible for compiling a proposed budget to be presented to the State Executive Board at the Mid-Year meeting of the State Council for approval prior to being presented for adoption by the membership of the State Council at the annual convention.

Change to read: The Budget Committee shall be responsible for compiling a proposed budget to be presented to the State Executive Board at the Mid-Year meeting of the State Council for approval prior to being presented for adoption by the membership of the State Council at the annual convention. **At least thirty (30) days prior to State Convention, the State Treasurer will send a copy of the proposed budget to each chapter for its consideration prior to final vote at Convention.**

Reason: To allow chapters adequate time to review the proposed budget.

Parliamentarian Romanda Talley moved the proposed amendment to Article XI, Standing Committees, Section 2 (e) be amended as read. President Kim New called for the vote. With no discussion, the motion unanimously **carried.**

2020-2021

1. ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP, Section 2

Now Reads: To be a member in good financial standing, membership dues to ESA Headquarters must be paid. Her chapter must also be in good financial standing with the State and International Councils. A chapter to be in good financial standing must pay its International Council dues and no less than one-half of its Georgia State Council dues on or before August 31st of the current year to be able to vote at the Fall Council Meeting. The remaining one-half must be paid on/or before January 31, to be able to vote at the Mid-Year Board Meeting. In order for a chapter to be in good financial standing for placing a candidate on the State ballot, be eligible for awards and be eligible to vote at the annual State Convention dues must be paid in full by January 31.

Change to Read: To be a member in good financial standing, membership dues to ESA Headquarters must be paid. **The members'** chapter must also be in good financial standing with the State and International Councils. A chapter, to be in good financial **standing in the Georgia State Council**, must pay no less than one-half of its Georgia State Council dues on or before August 31st of the current year to be **eligible** to vote at the Fall Council Meeting. **The remaining one-half must be paid on/or before January 31st, to be eligible to vote at the Mid-Year Council Meeting. Chapters are also required to pay International Council dues by January 31st, of the current calendar year, to be in good financial standing. Chapters in good financial standing by January 31, may submit candidate(s) for the State ballot, be eligible for awards, and to vote at all Georgia State Council Meetings during the year.**

Reason: Clarification between IC's Dues dates of August 1st – May 1st. Currently a chapter can be in good financial standing with the International Council if their dues are paid by May 1st, but not in good standing with the Georgia State Council if one-half of the Chapter's Georgia State Council dues are not paid by August 31st, the remaining half by January 31st. A chapter must also pay IC Dues by January 31st to be in good financial standing with the state.

Parliamentarian Romanda Talley moved the proposed amendment to Article III, Membership, Section 2 be amended as read. President Kim New called for the vote. With no discussion, the motion unanimously **carried.**

2. ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP, Section 5

Now reads: Chapter failing to pay dues by January 31st deadline will be moved to inactive status and be removed from State chapter count. The State President will inform ESA Headquarters, IC Treasurer, and State Treasurer.

Change to read: Any chapter failing to pay **State** dues by January 31st deadline will be moved to inactive status and be removed from **the** State chapter count. The State President will inform ESA Headquarters, the IC Treasurer, and State Treasurer.

Reason: Clarification of reason for placing on inactive status. A chapter cannot be placed on inactive status with the International Council until after May 1.

Parliamentarian Romanda Talley moved the proposed amendment to Article III, Membership, Section 5 be amended as read. President Kim New called for the vote. With no discussion, the motion unanimously **carried**.

3. ARTICLE V – REPRESENTATION AND VOTING, Section 3 (a)

Now reads: In order for delegates to have voting power or for proxy votes to be cast during the State Council current fiscal year (June 1 – May 31), a Chapter must have paid State Council dues by January 31st and must have paid International Council dues on or before August 1st.

Change to read: In order for delegates to have voting power or for proxy votes to be cast during the State Council's current fiscal year (June 1st – May 31st), a Chapter must have paid State Council dues and International Council dues **by January 31st of the current year**.

Reason: To align State and International Dues for voting on the State Council.

Parliamentarian Romanda Talley moved the proposed amendment to Article V, Representation and Voting, Section 3 (a) be amended as read. President Kim New called for the vote. With no discussion, the motion unanimously **carried**.

4. ARTICLE VI – STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD, Section 3

Now reads: The elected officers of the State Council shall remain in good financial standing with ESA Headquarters and Georgia State Council. The officer's chapter should be in good financial standing with the IC Council and the Georgia State Council. Failure to do so will result in loss of vote in the Executive Board meetings. Duty of the Treasurer (added 5-21-2016)

Change to read: The elected officers of the State Council shall remain in good financial standing with ESA Headquarters and Georgia State Council. The officer's chapter should be in good financial standing with the IC Council and the Georgia State Council. **Failure to do so will result in loss of said person's position on the Executive Board.** Duty of Treasurer **to notify the President.**

Reason: To comply with Article III – Membership, Section 2.

Parliamentarian Romanda Talley moved the proposed amendment to Article VI, State Executive Board, Section 3 be amended as read. President Kim New called for the vote. After minimal discussion, the motion unanimously **carried**.

5. ARTICLE VIII – OFFICERS, Section 2 (d)

Now reads: Members elected to the State Executive Board must remain an active chapter member in good financial standing throughout her term of office.

Change to read: Members elected, **or appointed**, to the State **General Board** must remain an active chapter member in good standing throughout her term of office. **Failure to do so will result in loss of position on the State Executive Board.** Duty of Treasurer **to notify the President.**

Reason: Appointed Board Members must be active members to hold Appointed Offices.

Parliamentarian Romanda Talley moved the proposed amendment to Article VIII, Officers, Section 2 (d) be amended as read. President Kim New called for the vote. After discussion, Gail Marchant moved to amend “her” with “their,” to eliminate gender specifications. Shirley Humphries seconded the motion.

Change to read: Members elected, **or appointed**, to the State **General Board** must remain an active chapter member in good standing throughout **their** term of office. **Failure to do so will result in loss of position on the**

President Kim New called for the vote to amend the proposed amendment. With no further discussion, the motion unanimously carried.

President Kim New called for the vote to the original amendment. With no further discussion, the motion unanimously carried.

6. ARTICLE VIII – OFFICERS, Section 5

Now reads: A state Elective Officer shall not be eligible to succeed herself in the same office for the following year.

Change to read: A state Elective Officer shall not be eligible to succeed herself in the same office for the following year; **except in the case of a Declared National or State Emergency and the annual Convention does not take place.**

Reason: Clarification for Elective Officers.

Parliamentarian Romanda Talley moved the proposed amendment to Article VIII, Officers, Section 5 be amended as read. President Kim New called for the vote. Stormy Bowie moved to amend “her” with “themselves,” to eliminate gender specifications. Shirley Humphries seconded the motion.

Change to read: A state Elective Officer shall not be eligible to succeed **themselves** in the same office for the following year; **except in the case of a Declared National or State Emergency and the annual Convention does not take place.**

President Kim New called for the vote to amend the proposed amendment. With no further discussion, the motion unanimously carried.

President Kim New called for the vote to the original amendment. With no further discussion, the motion unanimously carried.

7. ARTICLE XV – STATE DUES, Section 1 (c)

Now reads: Any Chapter becoming three months old at least ninety (90) days prior to the annual State Convention may, by payment of \$1.00 per Jewel Pin Member, be allowed voting privileges in accordance with Article XIII, Section 1. Dues to be paid to the State Treasurer no later than (90) days prior to annual convention.

Change to Read: Any Chapter becoming three months old at least ninety (90) days prior to the annual State Convention may, by payment of \$1.00 per Jewel Pin Member, be allowed voting privileges **and to submit for Awards** in accordance with Article XIII, Section 1. Dues to be paid to the State Treasurer no later (90) days prior to annual convention.

Reason: Chapters with dues paid in a timely manner are allowed to submit Awards.

Parliamentarian Romanda Talley moved the proposed amendment to Article XV, State Dues, Section (c) be amended as read. President Kim New called for the vote. With no discussion, the motion unanimously **carried.**

8. ARTICLE XXIII - STATE OF EMERGENCY CLAUSE

This Clause will go into effect if there is a Declared National or State Emergency or Disaster. In the event of a local emergency, such as fire, flood, hurricane, etc., which affects the location contracted or secured for the scheduled State meeting, these Policies will supersede any Bylaws or Policies and Procedures that they may affect.

Section 1. MEETINGS: Meetings will be relocated, re-scheduled or cancelled, depending on the nature of the disaster. If a physical meeting cannot occur, another alternate meeting method may be used. This may be a virtual or phone meeting if all members participating can hear simultaneously. The meeting method will be determined by the Executive Board.

- (a) If the Annual Convention must be conducted virtually, items normally on the agenda may be revised or omitted at the discretion of the State President.

Parliamentarian Romanda Talley moved the proposed Bylaw Article XXIII, State of Emergency Clause, Section 1, Meetings (a) be adopted. President Kim New called for the vote. With no further discussion, the motion unanimously **carried.**

- (b) If a contract for a State meeting or the Annual Convention must be cancelled due to a national, state or locally declared emergency, any costs incurred will be the responsibility of the State Council. However, if the hostess of the meeting or State Convention has raised funds to meet the meeting budget, one-half of those funds will go to the State Council to help off-set the costs.

Parliamentarian Romanda Talley moved the proposed Bylaw Article XXIII, State of Emergency Clause, Section 1, Meetings (b) be adopted. President Kim New called for the vote. With no further discussion, the motion unanimously **carried.**

Section 2. OFFICER ELECTIONS: The Nominating Committee shall present candidates for office and an election shall be in accordance with the method determined by the Current Executive Board.

- (a) Officers shall be elected to serve for one year or until their successors are elected. Their term shall begin at the close of the Annual Meeting. Members of the Executive and Appointed Boards may serve one (1) successive term if they agree to this commitment.

Parliamentarian Romanda Talley moved the proposed Bylaw Article XXIII, State of Emergency Clause, Section 2, Officer Elections (a) be adopted. President Kim New called for the vote. With no further discussion, the motion unanimously **carried.**

Section 3. VOTING:

- (a) Each member in good standing is eligible to cast a vote.

Parliamentarian Romanda Talley moved the proposed Bylaw Article XXIII, State of Emergency Clause, Section 3, Voting (a) be adopted. President Kim New called for the vote. With no further discussion, the motion unanimously **carried**.

(b) Voting shall be done according to a voting system approved by the Executive Board.

Parliamentarian Romanda Talley moved the proposed Bylaw Article XXIII, State of Emergency Clause, Section 2, Officer Elections (b) be adopted. President Kim New called for the vote. With no further discussion, the motion unanimously **carried**.

(c) Should ballots be required, they will be distributed to each eligible member before the date of the meeting by the current Georgia State Council 1st Vice President.

Parliamentarian Romanda Talley moved the proposed Bylaw Article XXIII, State of Emergency Clause, Section 2, Officer Elections (c) be adopted. President Kim New called for the vote. With no further discussion, the motion unanimously **carried**.

(d) The quorum for Voting shall be a majority of the votes processed.

Parliamentarian Romanda Talley moved the proposed Bylaw Article XXIII, State of Emergency Clause, Section 2, Officer Elections (d) be adopted. President Kim New called for the vote. With no further discussion, the motion unanimously **carried**.

(e) Voting outcome shall be determined by a majority of votes cast. In the event of a tie for the largest number of votes, there shall be a re-ballot or re-vote for that office or matter of business receiving tie votes.

Parliamentarian Romanda Talley moved the proposed Bylaw Article XXIII, State of Emergency Clause, Section 2, Officer Elections (e) be adopted. President Kim New called for the vote. With no further discussion, the motion unanimously **carried**.

President Kim New requested Unfinished and New Business, of which there were none.

President Kim New announced Treasurer Susan Garner, who presented the 2021-2022 Proposed Budget. The budget was also emailed and printed in the Convention program. Susan advised after the budget was submitted to membership she learned of a server/domain charge increase by \$2.35 for Line Item E-19. This also changed the final totals. The budget in the Convention program is the corrected copy. Pat Griffin questioned the cost of the 2022 Convention Registration, as it was different than what was previously reported. This was quickly corrected by changing the cost from \$130. to \$118. Susan moved to adopt the proposed budget with the one correction. President Kim New called for the vote. With no further discussion, the motion unanimously carried. Susan later provided a revised budget to all.

The next order of business was the presentation of the International Council Ballot. Corresponding Secretary Venetia Lewallen presented the names of the 2021-2022 International Council Candidates. They are also printed in the Convention program.

First Vice President/President Elect - Denise Holdaway, Theta Epsilon #4736, Arkansas
Second Vice President - Brenda Meyers, Beta Psi #4150, Ohio

Recording Secretary - Linda Schmidt, Zeta Epsilon #2344, Kansas
- Malinda Remington - Rho Chi #5351, Florida
Corresponding Secretary - Tammy Gregg, Alpha Epsilon #1461, South Carolina
Treasurer - Lynda Edwards, Beta Nu #5476, Alabama
- Jaycee Peak - Zeta Eta #5593, Indiana
Parliamentarian - Mary Humphrey, Beta Alpha #5416, Colorado
Workshop Coordinator - Gail Marchant, Alpha Beta #5544, Georgia
- Celeste Webb, Omega Nu #5382, Illinois

President Kim New referenced the Georgia State Council Caucus Guidelines for IC Convention, printed on page 82 of our yearbook. She reminded chapters that want to send their vote by proxy, the Chapter President should contact 2021-2022 GSC President Vicki Warren, to select a delegate to carry your Proxy at the IC Convention.

President Kim New called for a ten (10) minute recess at 11:05 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

The next order of business was the introduction of Jaycee Peak with a message from the ESA International Council. President Kim New then introduced Shirley Fowler, from the Southeastern Regional Council. After she delivered her message President Kim New thanked both for attending our convention and asked for a show of hands of those planning to attend the IC Convention and the SERC Conference this year.

President Kim New concluded the morning general session with the following announcements:

1. Doors close at 8:30 a.m. in the morning for the Memorial Service.
2. Breakfast begins at 9:00 a.m.
3. The Second General Assembly begins at 9:45 a.m. Sunday morning (tomorrow).
4. Check out of your room prior to the meeting.
5. Awards Luncheon in the Plantation Ballroom A & B at 12:30 p.m.
6. Reminded Chapter Presidents to pick up their packets.

The First General Assembly recessed at 12:17 p.m. until Sunday May 16, 2021, at 10:30 a.m.

May 16, 2021

“SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY”

Following the Celebration of Life and Service Pin Service, with 4 members receiving their 50 years pins, Romanda Talley, Kaye Genovese, Angela Coleman and Shirley Humphries, President Kim New called the Second General Assembly to order at 10:30 a.m. Chaplain Kaye Genovese gave an Opening Thought.

Recording Secretary Gail Marchant called roll, asking if there were any changes to the Roll Call taken during the First Assembly. Alpha Nu President Connie Presley and Delta Nu President Mary Cooper each reported a decrease of one (1) member from each of their chapters, leaving each with two (2) members in attendance.

President Kim New presented the IC and SERC Representatives with a gift as a token of appreciation from

Georgia. Jaycee Peak presented both Kim New and Vicki Warren with the IC Presidents Award Certificate. Gavelette Convention Host Chair Connie Presley, presented special convention gifts to each Representative and the President. Gifts were presented to President Kim New from the Georgia Membership. The Executive Board presented President Kim with a plaque for serving two consecutive years, due to the pandemic, as the Georgia State President.

Second Vice President and Membership Chair Wanda Price reported the state of Georgia has 16 chapters with 97 Jewel Pin, 82 in Good Standing, 1 MAL and 2 Pledges for a total of 100 members. Wanda presented President Kim with a small gift of appreciation as she was the only member present who pledged a new member last year.

The next order of business was the Gavelette report by Gavelette President Frances Lanier. Frances welcomed all, saying things are a little different this year, but hoped all would enjoy themselves.

The next order of business is the Foundation Report from the Chair Pat Griffin. Pat Griffin acknowledged two new Foundation members, Marion Hunter and Danielle Collins. She advised 31 members paid dues and will receive a vote this year, which will be done on-line this year. She shared the Jean Johnson Scholarship received \$11,200. this year from Jean's estate. It currently contains \$41,453. The Georgia State Council Endowment account is currently \$21,481. The Willow & Pate Gray Scholarship has a balance of \$20,823.

Disaster Fund Chair Debbie Glore thanked all who supported the Disaster Fund during 2020-2021. Contributions in the amount of \$905.33 were received, with 8 out of 17 chapters contributing. She recognized the following contributing chapters: Alpha Beta, \$365.33 (\$24.36 per member); Kappa Rho, \$200.00 (\$18.18 per member); Delta Iota, \$190.00 (\$17.27 per member); Delta Nu, \$50.00 (\$12.50 per member); Alpha Delta, \$30.00 (\$4.29); Beta Kappa, \$30.00 (\$10.00 per member); Gamma Omega, \$25.00 (\$3.57 per member); Omega Phi, \$15.00 (\$1.88 per member).

Treasurer Susan Garner provided the following Treasurer's Statement:

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand as of January 31, 2021:	<u>\$11,371.92</u>
Income:	<u>565.00</u>
Disbursements:	<u>1,638.00</u>
Balance on Hand as of <u>May 2, 2021</u> is	<u>\$10,298.80</u>
SAVINGS ACCOUNT Balance	<u>6,046.09</u>
CANDIDATE FUND Balance	<u>3,622.57</u>
TOTAL FUNDS as of <u>May 2, 2021</u> is	<u>\$19,967.46</u>

Finance Chair Susan Knudson present the State Finance Report, as follows:

50/50 Raffle	\$360 - \$180 =	<u>\$180</u>
Silent Auction		<u>\$614</u>
Quilt/Painting Raffle		<u>\$340</u>
Total		\$1,134

After the drawing of Raffle/Auction tickets, Gail Marchant won \$180. from the 50/50 and Susan Garner won both the quilt and painting drawing.

Philanthropic Chair Sharon Smoot presented the Philanthropic Report. She reported nine (9) chapters representing 62 people reported hours for a total of 5516 hours; total of dollars \$938,007.00; total value

of \$66,552.00; total actual miles 19,315 and mileage value of \$11,106.00.

2022 GSC Convention Chair Gail Marchant provided information on the 2022 Convention. It will be held at the Hilton Atlanta/Marietta Hotel and Conference Center in Marietta on April 29-May1st. Room rates are \$129. Plus taxes and resort fees. Registration is \$118. for members.

2023 GSC Convention Chair Susan Knudson provided information on the 2023 Convention. It will be held at Little Ocmulgee State Park, May 12-14, 2023. Registration for members will be \$120., Guests \$70. Room rates are \$89. Plus tax and a \$10. service fee which includes a park pass per night.

Romanda Talley, SERC Conference Chair, gave an update of possible Georgia locations for the venue for Georgia to host SERC Conference in 2023. More information will be provided at Leadership this year.

Shirley Humphries announced Leadership will be at Hotel Tybee in Tybee Island on Sept. 25 & 26; however, the details are still being refined. Registration forms are not yet available.

President Kim New called for a 10 minute recess at 10:53 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 11:03 a.m.

Incoming President Vicki Warren announced the Award Form in the Convention program is available on request. Copies of this year's Awards winners were provided.

President Kim New gave her "Retiring President's Message," followed by the lowering and raising of the gavels. Stormy Bowie lowered Kim New's gavel and Sherry Presley raised Vicki Warren's gavel. Kim then presented the gavel to Vicki.

Retiring President Kim New was inducted into the Gavelettes by 2016-2017 Past President Stormy Bowie.

Incoming President Vicki Warren gave her "Incoming President's Message," followed by the introduction of the 2021-2022 Board.

President Kim New asked for any announcements, followed by Closing Thoughts by Chaplain Kaye Genovese. Kim then requested all attendees to stand for the Retiring of the Flags by Susan Knudson. Attendees were asked to continue standing for the Closing Ritual.

With no other business to come before the Board, the 71st Annual Georgia State Council Convention adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Gail Marchant, 2019-2021 GSC Recording Secretary

2019-2021 GSC State President Kim New

* All reports are on file in the GSC Recording Secretary's Minutes Notebook.