

# Georgia State Council Seventy-Second Annual Convention April 29-May 1, 2022

## April 30, 2022 "FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY"

The Georgia State Council Convention was held in Marietta, Georgia at the Marietta Hilton on April 29-May 1, 2022. Second Vice President Susan Garner called everyone to seating and then welcomed all to the meeting. Chaplain Kaye Genovese provided the invocation. Angela Coleman conducted the Opening Ceremony with the "Presentation of Flags".

Susan Garner then presented the 2021-2022 Georgia State Georgia President, Vicki Warren. President Vicki Warren then welcomed the members, declaring the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention in session. Chaplain Kaye Genovese then gave the Opening Thoughts. President Vicki asked all to join in the Opening Ritual.

President Vicki began the meeting with asking the members of Alpha Beta, hosting chapter to please stand to be recognized. Then President Vicki presented Gail Marchant and Stormy Bowie, Local Convention Chairs. Both Gail and Stormy then welcomed all the members to Convention.

President Vicki then proceeded with Introductions and presentations. First, President Vicki presented IC and SERC Representatives, Tammy Gregg 2021-2022 IC Corresponding Secretary and Terry Holifield, 2021-2022 SERC Parliamentarian. President Vicki then recognized Georgia members currently serving on the IC and SERC Appointed Boards. The IC Board members included Gail Marchant, Awards Chair, and Kim New, Bylaws Committee. The SERC Board members included Romanda Talley, Budget Committee; Gail Marchant, Flag Ceremony; Joy Lynn Tynes, Hotel Contracts Committee and Nominating Committee; and Kim New, Nominating Committee. President Vicki then recognized Past SERC Presidents and Past IC Presidents from Georgia. Past SERC President is Romanda Talley and Past IC Presidents are Kaye Genovese and Pat Griffin.

President Vicki then presented the head table and the Appointed Board. Recording Secretary Susan Knudson took roll as the Officers were introduced.

Executive Board — Present (P)/Absent(A)
President, Vicki Warren (P)
First Vice President, Wanda Price (P)
Second Vice President, Susan Garner (P)
Recording Secretary, Susan Knudson (P)
Corresponding Secretary, Mary Cooper (P)
Treasurer, Sherry Presley (P)
Parliamentarian, Connie Presley (P)
Jr. Past President, Kim New (P)

Appointed Board – Present(P)/Absent(A)

**Administrative Assistants** 

Monette Horton (P)

Mary Ryan (A)

Advisors

Susan McVey (A)

Sherrie Bordeaux (P)

Archives, Debbie Glore (A)

Assoc. of the Arts, Francis Jennings (P)

Auditor, Annelle Saunders (P)

Awards Chair, Venetia Lewallen (P)

Chaplain, Kaye Genovese (P)

**Contracts Committee** 

Gennie Gilvin (P)

Susan Knudson (P)

Karen Smith (P)

Credentials Chair, Wanda Price (P)

Credentials Co-Chair, Janie Kozal (P)

Disaster Fund Chair, Kim New (P)

EasterSeals Chair, Annelle Saunders (P)

Educational Chair, Marion Hunter (P)

Finance Chair, Sherry Presley (P)

Foundation State Counselor,

Pat Griffin (P)

Flag Ceremony, Angela Coleman (P)

Gavelette President, Stormy Bowie (P)

Hope for Heroes Chair,

Shirley Humphries (P)

Installing Officer, Sherrie Bordeaux (P)

Leadership Chair, Romanda Talley (P)

Philanthropic, Sharon Smoot (P)

Photographer, Sherry Presley (P)

Publicity, Gail Gilvin (P)

SERC Coordinator, Romanda Talley (P)

Scrapbook, Kim Smith (A)

St. Jude Coordinator, Connie Presley (P)

Web Master, Gennie Gilvin (P)

Yearbook Chair, Karen Smith (P)

President Vicki then explained who the Gavelettes are – a past State President who is now a Georgia State Council member. President Vicki asked all the Gavelettes to stand and be recognized. There were 23 Gavelettes in attendance.

President Vicki then recognized the Georgia State Council Honorees for 2021-2022:

"Member of the Year" Sharon Smoot
"Pledge of the Year" Danielle Collins
"Chapter of the Year" Kappa Rho

President Vicki continued with recognitions of Pledges in attendance, those attending a State Convention for the first time, MAL's and guests in attendance. There was one pledge in attendance; four members plus the IC and SERC representatives attending GSC Convention for the first time; no MAL's in attendance and the IC and SERC representatives as the only guests in attendance.

The first order of business was the Rules Governing a State Council Convention and the Basic Fundamentals of Parliamentary Law given by Connie Presley, Parliamentarian. These rules were printed as follows in the program and Connie asked for the review and any questions from the membership:

### Basic Fundamentals of Parliamentary Law

#### 1. Obtaining the Floor:

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

#### 2. Motions and Resolutions:

After the member has obtained the floor, she may make a motion by saying "I move...." And then state the proposed action. If a motion is lengthy, it must be written and handed to the President.

#### 3. Second Motions:

A second to a motion must come from a chapter other than that which proposed the motion. To second a motion, the member must rise, give her 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 Chair, unless she rules it 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, the second speech being in the nature of a rebuttal or new information on the motion. Delegate's first speech will be limited to two minutes, debate to ten minutes.

#### 6. Time:

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

#### **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 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.

No questions were asked on the two sets of rules.

The next order of business as the Chapter Roll Call by Susan Knudson, Recording Secretary.

Chapter	President	Present/	#On	Total
		Absent	Roll	Present
Alpha Beta	Debbie Lamp'l	Α	12	3
Alpha Delta	Frances Jennings	Р	6	6
Alpha Nu	Connie Presley	Р	3	3
Beta Chi	Beverly Aldridge	Р	4	3
Beta Kappa	Linda Long	Р	3	2
Beta Sigma	Kaye Kinnebrew	Α	-	0

Beta Zeta	Joy Lynn Tynes	Α	-	0
Delta Iota	Susan Knudson	Р	10	8
Delta Nu	Mary Cooper	Р	4	2
Gamma Omega	Theresa McGugan	Р	7	4
Gamma Sigma	Annelle Saunders	Р	7	4
Gamma Zeta	Brittany Petty-Rogers	Α	-	0
Kappa Rho	Monette Horton	Р	9	7
Omega Phi	Marion Hunter	Р	7	1
Sigma Chi	Sherry Presley	Р	3	1

The next order of Business was the Convention Registration report by Gail Marchant Registration Chair. Gail reported 51 members, 0 MAL's, and 10 guests for a total of 61 registered with a total of 79 room nights.

The next order of business was the Credentials report by Wanda Price, Credentials Chair. Wanda reported 12 of 15 chapters were represented for a total of 24 chapter votes, 21 Gavelette votes, and 1 State President's vote for a total of 46 votes.

The next order of business was the reading of the minutes by Susan Knudson, Recording Secretary. Susan acknowledged the minutes from the Mid-year Council meeting were reviewed and approved by the Minutes Committee. As such, Susan moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes. President Vicki then stated the motion and called for a vote. The motion was carried.

The next order of business was Correspondence by Mary Cooper, Corresponding Secretary. There was no correspondence.

The next order of business was the Rules of Convention. These were previously covered with no questions.

The next order of business was the report of the Nominating Committee by Committee Chair, Wanda Price. Wanda asked each candidate to go to the front of the room as she called name and proposed office. The ballot was as follows:

Wanda Price, Kappa Rho, President

Susan Garner, Alpha Beta, First Vice President

Susan Knudson, Delta Iota, Second Vice President

Ruth Ann Edge, Delta Iota, Recording Secretary

Sharon Smoot, Gamma Omega, Treasurer

Sherrie Bordeaux, Beta Kappa, Parliamentarian (appointed)

Romanda Talley, Kappa Rho, Corresponding Secretary (appointed)

Wanda then moved that the slate of officers by accepted by acclamation. Coming from a committee, no second was required. President Vicki called for discussion, hearing none she called for the vote and the motion was carried.

President Vicki then asked if there was any further unfinished business. There was no further unfinished business.

The next order of business was the proposed budget for 2022-2023 by Sherry Presley, Treasurer. Sherry reported that the proposed budget was printed in the convention program on the last page but there were two changes that need to be made to the budget (attached to these minutes with hand recorded changes). Sherry reported that line E-14a needed to be revised to President GA State Convention Registration – Little Ocmulgee State Park, \$120 and line E-18 needed to be revised to Website Renewal, \$128. This would change line I-4 to \$2,933 with total expected income of \$5,513 and total budgeted expenses to \$5,513. Sherry moved to adopt the proposed changes to the proposed budget. Shirley Humphries seconded the motion. President Vicki called for any discussion, hearing none she called for the vote. Motion was carried. Sherry then moved to adopt the revised proposed budget. Debbie Lamp'l seconded the motion. President Vicki called for any discussion, hearing none she called for the vote. Motion was carried.

The next order of business was President Vicki presented Terry Holifield, SERC Representative to deliver the SERC Message. Terry's message included her own background and then an audio message from Terri Sayre, SERC President. President Vicki thanked Terry for her message.

As time allowed, President Vicki indicated several agenda items would be brought forward from Sunday's Second General Assembly. The first item was the Executive Board Recommendations. The first recommendation was Kim New would like to reinstate the Disaster Fund Award with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for most money donated by chapter with all chapters donating, being acknowledged. Coming from the Board this motion did not require a second. President Vicki then called for any discussion. Discussion include GSC Bylaws require the Awards for hours and money be divided by the number of members in the chapter to allow smaller chapters to compete in the awards. Gennie Gilvin moved to change the proposed wording to reflect the GSC Bylaws and Shirley Humphries seconded the motion. President Vicki called for the vote on the amendment to the proposed Award. Motion was carried. President Vicki then called for the vote on the amended proposed award. Motion was carried. The second Executive Board Recommendation was a request to reimburse Debbie Glore a total of \$302 for the printing and mailing of the newsletter to the members who do not have e-mail. President Vicki called for any discussion. There was much discussion which included informing the membership to the cost long prior to incurring that much cost, alternatives to incurring that cost and that cost should be part of the President's expense. Gennie Gilvin called for the question and then President Vicki called for the vote. The motion was defeated.

The next order of business was the Disaster Fund report given by Kim New, Disaster Fund Chair. Kim reported that 15 of 15 chapters contribute for a total donation of \$1,922.11. She then acknowledged the amounts each chapter donated as follows:

Alpha Beta, \$806.11; Alpha Delta, \$1; Alpha Nu, \$44; Beta Chi, 45; Beta Kappa, \$30; Beta Sigma, \$1; Beta Zeta, \$1; Delta Iota, \$391.50; Delta Nu, \$34; Gamma Omega, \$60; Gamma Sigma, \$115; Gamma Zeta, \$1; Kappa Rho, \$317; Omega Phi, \$51; and Sigma Chi, \$24.50. Kim then reported on the IC report that 10 claims were submitted, 9 were approved and the total amount of claims paid to date is \$44,552.28.

The next order of business was the ESA Foundation report given by Pat Griffin, ESA Foundation State Counselor. Pat reported on the endowments and their current funding levels which included the Georgia State Council, the Jean Johnson Memorial, the Willow & Pate Gray Memorial and the Rosie Huggins Memorial. Pat reported that each of the endowments include the \$5,000 principal amount required to start the endowments. Pat indicated that scholarship winners have not been announced as yet. Pat also reminded that electronic voting for new officers would again be done this year during the week of May 16<sup>th</sup> – May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Pat encouraged those attending IC this year to attend the ESA Foundation Fun Fest and the Foundation annual meeting. Lastly, Pat reported that donations were down for the year and only two chapters used the Turn-Around fund.

President Vicki then indicated the conclusion of the First General Assembly and she followed with Announcements. Announcements included the times and locations for the Awards luncheon, the Installation Rehearsal, the Incoming Board Meeting, Installation and Breakfast on Sunday morning.

The first General Assembly was recessed at 11:26 a.m.

#### "SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY"

Following Breakfast, the Memorial Service and the Service Pin Ceremony, President Vicki called the Second General Assembly to order at 10:00 a.m. Kaye Genovese, Chaplain then gave the opening thought.

The first order of business was President Vicki asked for any changes to the Roll Call from the First General Assembly. The changes were as follows:

Alpha Beta, President Debbie Lamp'l still present, 12 on roll but 10 present.

Alpha Nu, President Connie Presley still present, 3 on roll but 2 present.

Beta Chi, President Beverly Aldridge was absent, 3 on roll but 2 present.

Omega Phi, President Marion Hunter was absent, 7 on roll but 0 present.

President Vicki then presented the IC Representative, Tammy Gregg, IC Corresponding Secretary. Tammy delivered the IC Council message which include that this years' will be the 75<sup>th</sup> IC Convention and marks the 50<sup>th</sup> year for our relationship with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Tammy also announced that the guest speaker at Convention would be BJ Clark.

President Vicki then thanked Tammy and indicated that Sherry Presley would provide the Treasurer's report . Shery reported the checking account balance as of February 19,2022 was \$11,599.82. There was no income but disbursements of \$133.00. The balance on hand as of April 26, 2022, was \$22,466.82. The savings account balance was \$6,046.64 and the candidates fund balance was \$3,622.09 with total funds as of April 26, 2022, of \$21,136.36.

Sherry then gave the Finance Report. The 50/50 raffle grossed \$325 and the Chinese raffle/jewelry tree grossed \$253. After the paying the one half of the 50/50 the net profit was \$416.00.

The next order of business was the Philanthropic report given by Sharon Smoot, Philanthropic Chair. Sharon reported that 8 chapters donated \$1,122,571 with a total of 4369 hours.

The next order of business was the report for the 2023 State Convention given by Susan Knudson, Local Convention Chair. Susan reported Convention will be held the weekend of May 19, 2022, at Little Ocmulgee State Park. The registration fee is \$120, and the room rate is \$89 plus tax. Susan gave the themes for the events which included "It's My Party", "We are the Champions", "Saturday Night Alright" and "Closing Time."

The next order of business was the report for the 2024 State Convention given by Susan Garner, General Convention Chairman. Usan reported that she had received a bid from Alpha Nu, Delta Nu and Sigma Chi chapters for the Convention. The location and dates will be determined.

The next order of business was the 2023 SERC Conference report given by Romanda Talley, Conference Chairman. Romanda reported on the lengthy searches for a hotel for the conference. Many hotels turned us down or were too expensive. The committee is still working on several proposals and asked if the committee could decide and inform the membership when it happens.

The next order of business was Communications Requiring Action. Mary Cooper, Corresponding Secretary read the IC Ballot. Vicki then indicated that according to our Bylaws no action is required.

The next order of business was the Retiring President's Message and this was followed by the raising and lowering of gavels for the incoming and outgoing State Presidents.

The next order of business was the Incoming President's Message. During the message, President Wanda introduced her Elected and Appointed Boards.

The next order of Business was the Induction of President Vicki into the Gavalettes. Connie Presley performed the ceremony with all the Gavalettes singing "This little light of mine".

The next order of business was the closing thought by Kaye Genovese, Chaplain.

The next order of business was the retiring of the flags by Angela Coleman.

All members then stood for the reciting of the closing ritual. Following the closing ritual, President Vicki declared the Second General Assembly adjourned.

#### **GEORGIA STATE COUNCIL** E()S()A 2022-2023 Proposed Budget EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA Federal Tax I.D. #84-1436308 ACCT DESCRIPTION AMOUNT INCOME 1-1 State Dues - 86 @ \$30 per member 2,580.00 1-2 1/2 Profit from GSC Convention (including convention fundraiser) 0.00 1-3 Sale of Yearbooks 0.00 1-4 State Finance Project 2022-2023 2,929.00 2933 1-5 Other Income 0.00 TOTAL EXPECTED INCOME 5.509.00 5513 **EXPENSES** E-1a Awards 70.00 E-1b Member and Pledge of the Year gifts (\$20 each) 40.00 E-1c Association of the Arts 40.00 E-2a International Dues 45.00 E-2b **ESA Foundation Dues** 15.00 E-2c SERC Dues 15.00 E-3 President 550.00 E-4 First Vice President 80.00 E-5 Second Vice President 20.00 E-6 Recording Secretary 20.00 E-7a Treasurer 10.00 E-7b Treasurer's Bond Fee (3 year prepaid, \$300 renewable October 2023) 0.00 Parliamentarian E-8 10.00 Chaplain (includes Memorial Service) E-9 75.00 E-9a Georgia State Council Endowment Donation 100.00 E-10 Courtesies to IC & SERC Reps. (\$25 each) 50.00 E-11 Yearbook 25.00 E-12 State Memory Book 50.00 E-13a 1st Vice President IC Leadership Registration 650.00 E-13b 1st Vice President IC Leadership Incoming President Dinner 55.00 E-13c 1st Vice President IC Leadersnip Transportation President GA State Convention Registration - Marietta, GA httle Ochulgee, State Pork 1st Vice President IC Leadership Transportation 540.00 E-14a 118.00 120 E-14b 75.00 E-14c Incoming President Gavel Guard 20.00 E-14d Incoming President GSC Convention Installation 125.00 E-15a President IC Convention Registration - Indianapolis, IN (2022) 275.00 E-15b President IC Convention PICP Luncheon - Indianapolis, IN (2022) 45.00 E-15c President IC Convention Transportation - Indianapolis, IN (2022) 650.00 President IC Convention Lodging -1/2 room x 5 nights- 168.48 Indianapolis, IN (2022) 430.00 President SERC Registration - Orlando FL (2022) E-16a 135.00 E-16b President SERC Transportation - Savannah, GA to Orlando, FL (2022) 300.00 E-16c President SERC Lodging - 1/2 Room x 2 nights @ \$145.13 Orlando (2022) 150.00 E-17 Leadership/ Fall Board 100.00 E-18 IC/SERC Candidates Fund 200.00 126.00 (28,00 E-19 Website Renewal (includes cost for web domaine) St. Jude Senior Coordinator (for certificate printing) E-20 100.00 E-21 IC/SERC Candidates Ads (\$50 each) 100.00 E-22 Miscellaneous 100.00 TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES 5,509 00 5513 5,509.00 5613

11,599.82

3,622.63

6,046.19

Regions Checking Account (Balance as of 2/18/22)

Regions Candidate Fund Account (Balance as of 2/18/22)

Regions Savings Account (Balance as of 2/18/22)