



**Georgia State Council, Epsilon Sigma Alpha
Fall Board Meeting
Dalton Shrine Club
Dalton, Georgia
September 7, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 by President, Ruth Ann Edge.

A welcome was given by Vicki Warren, Delta Nu

Chaplain, Betsy Briamonte gave our opening thought.

Second Vice-President, Susan McVey presented the American Flag carried by President, Ruth Ann Edge.

The pledge of allegiance was led by 2nd Vice-President, Susan McVey

President, Ruth Ann Edge led the membership in the Opening Ritual.

Parliamentarian, Gail Marchant stated that the rules governing a State Council Meeting were printed in the agenda and she paused for the membership to review them.

President, Ruth Ann Edge recognized the one guest in attendance. She also recognized the Member of the Year, Debbie Lamp'l (absent); Pledge of the Year, Judy Jenkins; Chapter of the Year, Gamma Omega; IC Past Presidents from Georgia, Kaye Genovese and Pat Griffin (absent), and Past SERC Past Presidents, Romanda Talley (absent) and Joy Lynn Tynes.

Recording Secretary, Luanne Langmo preceded with the Roll Call.

Executive Board:

Office	Name	Present/Absent
President Leadership Coordinator Membership Committee Minutes Committee Newsletter Co-Chair	Ruth Ann Edge	P
First Vice-President Budget Committee Membership Co-Director Nominating Committee Chair	Sharon Smoot	P

Executive Board *continued*:

Office	Name	Present/Absent
Second Vice-President Membership Co-Director	Susan McVey	P
Recording Secretary Minutes Committee Chair	Luanne Langmo	P
Corresponding Secretary Newsletter Co-Chair	Joy Lynn Tynes	P
Treasurer Budget Committee Chair 2026 Convention Chair	Sheryl Gootee	A
Parliamentarian Bylaws Committee Chair Minutes Committee Awards Chair Historian	Gail Marchant	P
Jr. Past President Disaster Fund Chair Advisor Awards Committee Bylaws Committee Contracts Committee	Susan Knudson	P

Appointed Board and Special Committees:

Office	Name	Present/Absent
Administrative Assistant	Shirley Sams	A
Administrative Assistant Chaplain	Betsy Briamonte	P
Advisor Budget Committee	Pat Griffin	A
Association of the Arts	Frances Lanier Janie Kozal	A A
Auditor	Stormy Bowie	A
Budget Committee	Donna Moore	A
Credentials Chair	Sherrie Bordeaux	P
Easterseals Chair	Theresa McGugan	P
Educational Chair	Wanda Price	P
Finance Project Chair	Connie Presley	P
Flag Ceremony	Kim New	P
Foundation State Counselor Awards Committee Bylaws Committee	Sherry Presley	P
Hope for Heroes Gavelette President	Vicki Warren	P
Philanthropic Chair SERC Coordinator	Susan Gardner	P
Photographer	Debbie Lamp'l	A
Social Director	Judy Jenkins	P
St. Jude Coordinator 2027 Convention Chair	Romanda Talley	A
Yearbook Chair Contracts Committee	Karen Smith	P
Webmaster Contracts Chair Newsletter Publisher	Gennie Gilvin	P

Chapter Roll Call:

Chapter	President	Present/ Absent	Members on Roll	Members Present	# of Voting Delegates
Alpha Beta	Stormy Bowie	A	7	4	2
Alpha Delta	Pat Griffin	A	8	0	0
Alpha Nu	Connie Presley	P	3	2	2
Beta Kappa	Linda Long	A	3	1	1
Beta Sigma	Kaye Kinnebrew	A	1	0	0
Beta Zeta	Joy Lynn Tynes	P	1	1	1
Delta Iota	Susan Knudson	P	8	5	2
Delta Nu	Mary Cooper	P	2	2	2
Delta Omega	Sharon Smoot	P	2	2	2
Gamma Omega	Theresa McGugan	P	7	3	2
Gamma Sigma	Shirley Humphries	A	6	0	0
Kappa Rho	Romanda Talley	A	8	3	2
Sigma Chi	Sherry Presley	P	3	2	2

Gavelettes:		
Year Presided	Name	Present/Absent
1979-80	Angela Coleman	A
1980-81	Romanda Talley	A
1984-85	Kaye Genovese	P
1985-86	Pat Griffin	A
1986-87	Marsha Stroud	A
1994-95	Linda Long	A
1995-96 2024-25	Susan Knudson	P
2000-01	Shirley Humphries	A
2003-04	Joy Lynn Tynes	P
2005-06	Gail Gilvin	A
2006-07	Karen Smith	P
2008-09	Connie Presley	P
2009-10	Susan McVey	P

Gavelettes continued:		
Year Presided	Name	Present/Absent
2010-11	Gennie Gilvin	P
2011-12	Donna Moore	A
2012-13	Sherry Bordeaux	P
2013-14	Gail Marchant	P
2014-15	Sherry Presley	P
2015-16	Frances Lanier	A
2016-17	Stormy Bowie	A
2017-18	Frances Jennings	A
2019-20 2020-21	Kim New	P
2021-22	Vicki Warren	P
2022-23	Wanda Price	P
2023-24	Susan Gardner	P

Invitational Past State Presidents:

Year Presided	Name	Absent/Present
1981-82	Luanne Langmo (MI)	P
2001-02	Ruth Ann Edge (AL)	P

President, Ruth Ann Edge recognized Susan Garner for serving as IC Educational Chair and SERC Awards Chair

Sherrie Bordeaux gave the Credentials Report

10 of 13 chapters represented 18 chapter votes and GSC Past Presidents 14 votes for a total vote of 32.

Luanne moved that the minutes of the May 2025 GSC Convention be approved as published. Motion approved.

Luanne moved that the minutes of the 2025 Incoming Board Meeting be approved as published. Motion approved.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Sharon Smoot in the absence of Treasurer, Sheryl Gootee.

Checking Account Balance as reported on 8/31/2025	<u>\$14,348.62</u>
Income:	\$420.00
Disbursements:	<u>\$561.95</u>
Checking Account Balance as of 9/2/2025	<u>\$14,206.67</u>
Savings Account Balance as of 8/31/2025	<u>\$ 6,348.69</u>
Candidates Fund Account Balance as of 8/31/2025	<u>\$ 4,124.16</u>
Total Funds as of 9/2/2025	<u>\$24,679.52</u>
The report will be filed for audit.	

Registration report was given by Vicki Warren, Meeting Registration Chair

10 of 13 chapters represented with 26 members, 0 Members-at-large, 0 guests for a total of 26 attended. Total hotel rooms were 26 nights.

Membership Chair, Susan McVey gave her report.

There are 13 active chapters all in good standing. There are 59 jewel pin members, 14 Members-at-large and 0 pledges for a total of 73. The MAL listing is from the ESAMC staff report and contains 3 other life active members that aren't members of GSC. Chapter presidents review their report for accuracy.

The Elected Officers reported as follows:

President, Ruth Ann Edge reported that she attended the IC Convention in Cary, NC where on Saturday night the St. Jude awards were given. Georgia raised \$1,358,675 this year and that qualified Georgia to also receive the Pinnacle Award for raising more than 1 million dollars in one year. Georgia also received the Danny's Dream Award for reaching our next million- dollar mark of \$16 million. Georgia was in the top ten states for monies raised. The grand total for the year was \$27,541,607.

Georgia State Council also won 3rd place in the state donating the most money to the Foundation Turn Around Fund. Georgia also had three chapters (Alpha Beta, Delta Omega and Gamma Omega) in the top ten Educationals for this year. GSC won 1st place for our state newsletter, 1st place for outstanding website and two members (Luanne Langmo and Susan Garner) for their Association of the Arts entries.

In August Ruth Ann hosted an Executive Board Retreat at Logan Martin Lake in Alabama. The board arrived on Friday afternoon, had a good meal and socialized. Saturday morning Luanne Langmo and Sharon Smoot prepared breakfast and

presented an educational on how to make lemon scones. The business meeting of the executive board followed where reports and plans for the Leadership and Fall Board meeting were finalized.

Ruth Ann also has written articles for the newsletter, two articles for the IC newsletter and one article for the SERC newsletter. IC State President's senior chair, B.J. Voll led a zoom meeting which Ruth Ann attended and discussion involved the new mission statement, when IC chapter dues were due (April 30), the Australia convention in 2026 with total cost estimated to be around \$20,000 per person. The \$20,000 cost is an estimated cost if you want to spend two weeks in Australia with the IC Group. Registration cost for the Convention is \$60 plus travel and hotel.

First Vice-President, Sharon Smoot encouraged all members to take up the opportunity to grow and be of service. The chapter folders contain a list of Executive Board and Appointed Board openings and forms for nomination and a letter of acceptance. Sign up and be counted.

Second Vice-President, Susan McVey encouraged chapters to host the GSC convention 2028. Susan recalled late Jean Johnson's method of selecting a convention location. Jean would ask "Where do you want to go?". Once this was answered, we'll find someone to host it. Susan encouraged members to let her know if there was a destination that she and the contracts committee could investigate.

Recording Secretary, Luanne Langmo asked for some technology help in recording and transcribing minutes. Luanne also asked that anyone making a motion fill out the Motion Form she created. The completed form should be handed in so that an accurate account of the motion and its result would be noted.

Corresponding Secretary, Joy Lynn Tynes worked with President Ruth Ann preparing the upcoming year and also with Ruth Ann compiled and edited two issues of the Jaw Ja Jonquil. She attended IC Convention. She also assisted President Ruth Ann in preparing the Executive Board Retreat and finalizing plans for the Leadership and Fall Board Meeting.

Treasurer, Sheryl Gootee asked Sharon Smoot to give her report to the membership. See report above.

Parliamentarian, Gail Marchant thanked the membership for reviewing the By-Laws, Standing Rules and the Jaw Ja Guide. The wording change from ESA Headquarters to ESAMC has been accomplished. Some changes will need to be considered and voted at future meetings. Her goal is to have all of the GSC documents up-to-date and consistent.

Jr. Past President/Disaster Fund Chair, Susan Knudson reported that one Georgia chapter has donated to the IC Disaster Fund as of September 1, 2025. She has asked in her newsletter articles that each member set aside \$1 a week in the summer and \$5 a month for the rest of the ESA year. The Disaster Fund is what we do for our members in need.

Appointed Officers reports

Auditor, Stormy Bowie was absent, and her reports were read by President Ruth Ann Edge. Stormy received the Convention, Georgia State Council and Disaster Fund books to audit. Stormy commended the Disaster Fund and convention books for good record keeping. She noted an overpayment of 12 cents and a check that had not cleared for the GSC books. She also noted the fundraising monies from 2025 convention were not deposited before the books had closed.

Awards Chair, Gail Marchant encouraged members to keep up with hours, monies and time so the chapter awards chair/philanthropic chair can submit them for awards. Get recognized for all of the good work you are doing.

Easterseals Chair, Theresa McGugan described the services that are offered which also included foster care services.

2026 GSC Convention Chair, Theresa McGugan encouraged members to make their room reservations. The forms are in the chapter packet. Gamma Omega raised \$205 from bingo and the 50/50 raised \$196 which will be added to the Midyear sales and a winner will be drawn then.

Educational Chair, Wanda Price asked the chapters to find a topic and have 6 Educationals on that topic. And most of all – make it fun.

Finance Chair, Connie Presley said that the projects have been approved by the executive board. She will have a 50/50 drawing, a silent auction, and food sales.

Foundation Chair, Sherry Presley stated that the Jean Johnson scholarship of \$700 went to Bryant A. Lomell of Atlanta and the Georgia State scholarship of \$500 went to Sheeza Keshwani of Fayetteville, GA. There are 15 more scholarships that Georgia students can apply for and there is a Vocational and Technical scholarship now.

Gavelette President, Vicki Warren had no report

Hope for Heroes Chair, Vicki Warren shared that many of her family have served our nation as police officers, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army National Guard, and the Secret Service. The Hope for Heroes workshop at I.C. was inspirational. Veterans Homes are always in need of socks and toiletries. Explore opportunities to honor veterans

such as sponsoring parades, dinners, banquets, and participating in Wreaths Across America by buying wreaths or laying the wreaths. Find organizations like Tunnel to Towers, Wounded Warriors, and Soldiers Angels to support. The goal is to help our heroes in any way we can.

Philanthropic Chair, Susan Garner reminded the membership to keep records of your work up-to-date and use the forms.

SERC Coordinator, Susan Garner passed out information and forms concerning the conference to be held in Myrtle Beach, SC. All information is also on the GSC website. She also encouraged the members to send in your donation to support SERC.

St. Jude Chair, Romanda Talley (absent). Report given by Joy Lynn. Romanda shared that St. Jude Hospital has a new CEO and there will be a great deal of changes.

Remember the ultimate goal is to help eradicate childhood cancer. There will be zoom meetings scheduled for September and October. Romanda will also have participated in the IC St. Jude Chairmen's zoom meeting by then and have some clarity about volunteering for St. Jude in the future. September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month so please try to make a donation using the "Birthday Form". ALSAC has challenged ESA to raise \$5 million in the next four years.

2027 Convention report, Joy Lynn announced that Beta Zeta, Gamma Sigma, and Kappa Rho chapters will host the GSC 2027 State Convention. More will be shared at the Mid-Year Meeting.

Yearbook Chair, Karen Smith presented a copy of the yearbook to Ruth Ann. An email of the yearbook will go out tomorrow. This is the last year that Karen will be chair.

Unfinished Business

2025 Convention Report, Susan McVey presented ½ of the profit of convention to the GSC treasury in the amount of \$290.77

Mid-Year Meeting Report, Susan Knudson stated that Delta Iota will hostess the Mid-Year meeting on February 14, 2026 at the Marriott Courtyard Atlanta Dunwoody. The theme will be "Wings of Love". The room rate is \$115.00 before taxes (\$140.00 total) and includes all of the amenities. The registration fee is \$50.00 per person which includes an extensive lunch buffet. Registration forms are in the chapter packet and will be on the website soon. The deadline for the meeting registration and hotel reservations is January 15, 2026.

New Business

There were no nominations to submit to the IC Nominating Committee

The SERC ballot was presented by Joy Lynn Tynes as follows:

President	Lauren Ryan, North Carolina
First Vice-President	Kelly Thornbury, Kentucky
Second Vice-President	Jennifer Gailey, Tennessee
Recording Secretary	Jacqueline DuBose Anonie, South Carolina Sandra Fletcher, Arkansas
Treasurer	Susan Garner, Georgia Trish Villines, Arkansas
Corresponding Secretary	Eve Green, North Carolina
Parliamentarian	Sandra Edwards, Florida
Jr. Past President	Dawn Middleton, Mississippi

SERC proposed By-Law changes, Joy Lynn stated that the by-law changes were emailed to the membership by Ruth Ann on August 11, 2025, for each chapter to review. Gennie Gilvin, Alpha Nu, moved the Georgia delegation go uninstructed. Susan Knudson, Delta Iota seconded. Motion passed.

Next order of business is Executive Board Recommendations

The 2025-26 GSC Executive Board recommends Georgia remain with the traditional “opening ritual” as it has well served our ESA goals in Georgia. The motion passed.

President, Ruth Ann asked for a show of hands on how many members will be going to the SERC conference. Seven members raised their hands.

Announcements

Thank you to Delta Nu and Sigma Chi for hosting this weekend.

Tax Facts is due September 15, 2025

Next Jaw Ja Jonquil articles are due Oct. 1, 2025. The theme is “Butterfly Vibes and your favorite colors of Fall.”

SERC conference is in Myrtle Beach, SC Oct. 24-25. Registration is due Oct. 1, 2025. There is also a tour of Brookgreen Gardens. To join the tour email melissafinch78@gmail.com

Each chapter is requested to make a minimum donation of \$15 to SERC. Mail check to Jennifer Gailey, 708 Bob White Court, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122

IC Chapter dues of \$40 have to be received by April 30, 2026. Mail to Brenda Campbell, 1310 Capstone Dr., Greenfield, IN 46140.

Mid-Year Board meeting is February 14, 2026, at the Marriott Courtyard Atlanta Dunwoody.

Chapter presidents pick up your chapter packets

Closing Thought was given by Betsy Briamonte, Chaplain Meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Closing ritual followed.

Luanne Langmo, Georgia State Council Recording Secretary