



**GSC Fall Board Meeting
Drury Hotel
Pooler, GA
September 7, 2024**

President Susie Knudson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. On behalf of the Savannah area Gavelettes Romanda Talley welcomed everyone to this Leadership-Fall Board weekend.

Besty Briamonte, GSC Chaplain shared an inspirational quote, the *Mere Whisper of the Wind*.

Next, the Georgia and United States Flag were presented by Romanda Talley and Pat Griffin, respectively. Then Romanda led all in the Pledge Allegiance. The Opening Ritual closely followed.

The first order of business was the reading of the Rules Governing a State Council Meeting. Parliamentarian, Joy Lynn Tynes stated the rules were printed in the agenda and asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

President Susan stated she would like to offer special recognition to any guests in attendance, members attending a state meeting for the first time and to any Pledges attending of which one Pledge was in attendance. She thanked and welcomed the new Pledge Judy Jenkins of Kappa Rho Chapter.

First Vice President, Ruth Ann Edge handed out small token to Pledge Judy Jenkins and one to Theresa McGugan to give to Gamma Omega's new Pledge, Nancy Gregory.

President Susie also recognized the following: Member of the Year, Frances Lanier

of Kappa Rho; Pledge of the Year, Wren Pirkle of Alpha Delta, Chapter of the Year, Alpha Delta; IC Past Presidents from Georgia, Kaye Genovese and Pat Griffin; and SERC Past Presidents from Georgia, Romanda Talley and Joy Lynn Tynes.

The next order of business was Roll Call presented by Theresa McGugan, Recording Secretary.

**Roll Call:
Executive Board**

Office	Name	Present/Absent
President	Susan Knudson	Present
First Vice President	Ruth Ann Edge	Present
Second Vice President	Romanda Talley	Present
Recording Secretary	Theresa McGugan	Present
Corresponding Secretary	Karen Smith	Present
Treasurer	Sheryl Gootee	Present
Parliamentarian	Joy Lynn Tynes	Present
Jr. Past President	Susan Garner	Absent

Appointed Board Members:

Office	Name	Present/Absent
Administrative Assistant	Betsy Briamonte	Present
Administrative Assistant	Kaye Genovese	Present
Advisor	Linda Long	Absent
Advisor	Kaye Genovese	Present
Archives/Historian	Gail Marchant	Present
Association of the Arts	Wanda Price and Kim New	Present

Auditor	Stormie Bowie	Absent
Awards	Gail Marchant	Present
Chaplain	Betsy Briamonte	Present
Credentials	Shirley Humpries	Absent
Disaster Fund	Susan Garner	Absent
Easter Seals	Monette Horton	Present
Educational Director	Linda Long	Absent
Finance Project	Connie Presley	Present
Foundation State Counselor	Sherry Presley	Present
Flag Ceremony	Luanne Langmo	Present
Gavelette President	Kim New	Present
Hope for Heroes	Sharon Smoot	Absent
Leadership Coordinator	Susan Knudson	Present
Newsletter	Karen Smith and Gennie Gilvin	Present
Philanthropic	Sherrie Bordeaux	Absent
Photographer	Debbie Lamp'l	Absent
SERC Coordinator	Joy Lynn Tynes	Present
Scrapbook Editor	None	
Social Co-Chairman	Shirley Humphries	Absent
St. Jude Coordinator	Romanda Talley	Present
Web Master	Gennie Gilvin	Present
Yearbook	Karen Smith	Present

Committees:

Committee	Name	Present/Absent
Awards Committee Chairman	Gail Marchant	Present
Awards Committee	None	
Budget Committee Chairman	Sheryl Gootee	Present
Budget Committee	Pat Griffin	Present
Budget Committee	Ruth Ann Edge	Present
Bylaws Committee Chairman	Joy Lynn Tynes	Present
Bylaws Committee	Pat Griffin	Present
Bylaws Committee	Kim New	Present
Contracts Committee Chairman	Gennie Gilvin	Present
Contracts Committee	Susan Knudson	Present
Contracts Committee	Karen Smith	Present
Credentials Committee Chairman	Shirley Humphries	Absent
Credentials Committee	Susan Knudson	Present
Membership Committee Chair	Romanda Talley	Present
Membership Committee	Ruth Ann Edge	Present
Minutes Committee Chairman	Theresa McGugan	Present
Minutes Committee	Susan Knudson	Present
Minutes Committee	Joy Lynn Tynes	Present

Nominating Committee Chairman	Ruth Ann Edge	Present
Nominating Committee	Sherrie Bordeaux	Absent
Nominating Committee	Pat Griffin	Present

Recording Secretary, Theresa proceeded with Chapter Roll Call:

Chapter	President	Present / Absent	Members On Roll	Members Present	Voting Delegates Present
Alpha Beta	Debbie Lamp'I	Absent	7	3	2
Alpha Delta	Frances Jennings	Present		1	1
Alpha Nu	Connie Pressley	Present	3	2	2
Beta Kappa	Linda Long	Absent	3	0	0
Beta Sigma	Kaye Kinnebrew	Absent	1	0	0
Beta Zeta	Joy Lynn Tynes	Present	1	1	1
Delta Iota	Susan Knudson	Present	8	6	2
Delta Nu	Mary Cooper	Present	2	1	1
Delta Omega	Sharon Smoot	Absent	2	1	1
Delta Omega	Sharon Smoot	Absent	2	1	1
Gamma Omega	Theresa McGugan	Present	7	2	2
Gamma Sigma	Shirley Humphries	Absent	6	4	2
Kappa Rho	Frances Lanier	Present	7	7	2
Sigma Chi	Sherry Presley	Present	3	2	0

Gavelettes:

Year Presided	Name	President/Absent
1979-80	Angela Coleman	Present
1980-81	Romanda Talley	Present
1984-85	Kaye Genovese	Present
1985-86	Pat Griffin	Present
1986-87	Marsha Stroud	Absent
1994-95	Linda Long	Absent
1995-96	Susan Knudson	Present
2001-02	Shirley Humphries	Absent
2003-04	Joy Lynn Tynes	Present
2005-06	Gail Gilvin	Absent
2006-07	Karen Smith	Present
2008-09	Connie Presley	Present
2009-10	Susan McVey	Present
2010-11	Gennie Gilvin	Present
2011-12	Donna Moore	Absent
2012-13	Sherrie Bordeaux	Absent
2013-14	Gail Marchant	Present
2014-15	Sherry Presley	Present
2015-16	Frances Lanier	Present
2016-17	Stormy Bowie	Absent

2017-18	Frances Jennings	Absent
2019-20	Kim New	Present
2020-21	Kim New	Present
2021-22	Vicki Warren	Absent
2022-23	Wanda Price	Present
2023-24	Susan Garner	Absent

Invitational Past State Presidents:

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

President Susan recognized Romanda Talley as being on the International Council Board. She is serving on the Bylaws committee. Next, President Susan recognized the following members who are serving on SERC Board. Susan Garner is serving as the Association of the Arts Chair. Joy Lynn Tynes is serving as Chaplain.

The next order of business was the credentials report. Angela Coleman gave the credentials report for Credentials Chair, Shirley Humphries. Angela reported that 11 of 13 chapters were represented for a total of 16 chapter votes along with 16 GSC Past Presidents votes which gave 32 total votes.

The next order of business was the report on the minutes. Recording Secretary, Theresa reported. In accordance with the Bylaws, the 2024-2025 Minutes Committee reviewed the minutes of 2024 Georgia State Council Convention. The minutes were posted on the website. Theresa moved with dispensing with the reading of the minutes. No second is required when coming from a committee. Motion was carried.

Next, Recording Secretary, Theresa stated that the minutes from the 2024 Incoming Board Meeting had been approved by the Minutes Committee and had also been posted on the Georgia State Council Website. Theresa moved with the dispensing with the reading of the minutes. No second is required when coming from a committee Motion was carried.

The next order of business was the Treasurer’s Report.

Treasurer, Sheryl Gootee gave the following report:

The Checking Account balance received on 7/31/2024 was \$12,480.75.

Income balance received was \$1344.14.

Disbursements were \$45.00 which gave a checking balance as of August 31, 2024 of \$13,779.89.

Savings Account balance as of August 31, 2024 was \$6348.09.

Candidate Fund Account as of August 31, 2024 was \$3923.77.

Total GSC Funds as of August 31, 2024 was \$24,051.75.

President Susie asked if there was any discussion regarding Treasurer report. As there was no discussion, the Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

The next order of business was the Registration Report by Angela Coleman, Registration Chair.

Angela reported 11 of 13 Chapters were represented.

Members	31
Members at Large	0
Total Registered	31
Total # of rooms used	not available

The next order of business was the Membership Report given by Romanda Talley, Second Vice President. Romanda greeted members with good morning and then stated the Membership is a tough assignment. One of the definitions regarding membership is the number or body of members of a group. Romanda provided all with 10 questions to think about. The last one asked the members what their commitment to membership to Georgia this year.

Active Chapters	13
Jewel Pin Members	43
MAL Members	16
Pledges	2
Total	<u>61</u>

The next order of business was the Elected Officers Reports.

President Susie Knudson reported Georgia did well in awards at IC Convention. She presented the awards as follows:

Georgia earned the St. Jude Pinnacle Award for raising more than one million dollars in one year.

Gamma Omega placed in the top 10 for Educational Programs

Georgia won Second place most Philanthropic Monies

Georgia won First place for our State Newsletter; 2022-2023 Newsletter Chair Venetia Lewallen claimed her award.

Georgia won First place for Outstanding Website; Gennie Gilvin claimed her reward.

President Susie also reported that she had written an article for both the IC and SERC newsletters and participated zoom meetings for both IC and SERC Board and State Presidents. One important notation from the IC Zoom meeting was that a long-range Planning Committee had been formed to evaluate and determine where ESA is going. Susie asked the members to express any of their concerns regarding this matter.

First Vice President Ruth Ann Edge reported that most every member has served as an Executive or Appointed Officer in the past and some have held a position more than once. She expressed to new members that serving is a great way to learn about ESA and membership. She stated she was not above begging members to serve in one of positions coming 2025-2026 GSC year. She also stated she will be sending out Nomination and Willing to Serve forms. She stated every position is important.

Second Vice President Romanda Talley reported that our State Convention will be held in Amicalola Falls State Park and Lodge in Dawsonville, GA. More information will be Provided by the Convention Chair. Romanda then stated that a formal bid will be presented by Gamma Omega Chapter for 2026 Convention. No courtesy bids for the 2027 convention have been received as of this date.

Next, Romanda gave information about the Tiny Homes for Veterans and thanked everyone for their donations to this project.

Recording Secretary, Theresa McGugan stated the minutes of this meeting will be forthcoming.

Corresponding Secretary, Karen Smith read a “thank you” note from Past State President, Susan Garner. Susan thanked the Council for the gifts presented to her at the convention.

She also reported that she had placed a copy of our current President Susie’s Executive and Appointed Boards Contact List in each chapter’s packet.

Treasurer, Sheryl Gootee reminded chapters about tax facts deadline which is September 15th.

Parliamentarian, Joy Lynn Tynes thanked Pat Griffin and Gail Marchant for serving on the Bylaw Committee. She stated they had worked very closely to review the Georgia State Council Standing Rules.

She further stated that proposed changes had been sent to the Executive Board for their approval. Upon approval, Joy Lynn emailed the proposed changes to the State Membership for their review. The committee will also review the State Bylaws. Joy Lynn encouraged membership to submit any proposed changes of the bylaws to her by January 10, 2025. They will be reviewed and presented to the Executive Board for approval at the Council's Mid-Year meeting in February 2025. She also stated all approved bylaws changes will be sent out at least thirty days before May State Convention to each chapter for review. The proposed changes will be voted on at the 2025 convention in May.

Joy Lynn also thanked Gail Marchant for her donation of the Newly Robert Rules of Order Manual to this Council.

Lastly, Parliamentarian Joy Lynn thanked the President for this appointment.

President Susie noted that Susan Garner was absent but she did submit her report on the Disaster Fund.

A report of Disaster Fund was read as followed.

As of August 1, 2023.

Transferred Fund	<u>\$37,627.68</u>
Transferred Funds from Portfolio Account	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
Deposits	<u>\$36,012.41</u>
Disbursements	<u>\$79,261.04</u>
Balance on Hand Checking Account as of July 3 rd , 2024	<u>\$44,379.05</u>

Number of Claims Processed	<u>10</u>
Number of Claims Paid	<u>10</u>

2023-2024 Disaster Fund Investment Account \$4,208,604.67

Georgia was fortunate in that the Council did not have any applications or claims processed this past year.

The next order of business was Appointed Officer's Reports.

Wanda and Kim New, Association for the Arts Chairs stated to get busy on items for the art and craft competition.

In Stormie Bowie's absence, President Susan stated according to the reports provided by Stormie, State Auditor, all books (GSC Treasury, 2024 Convention Books, Disaster Fund books) were found to be in financial order.

Gail Marchant, Awards Chair stated it feels good to be proud, doesn't it. Awards are basically documenting what you do as a chapter, and stated healthy competing is great between chapters. She reminded the chapters that the reporting dates from April 1st to March 31st.

Betsy Briamonte, Chaplain stated that she had no report.

Monette Horton as Easter Seals Chair reported Easterseals has been in existence for more than 100 years. She emphasized all the good that they do and encouraged all to continue to donate as Easter Seals has helped 1,500 million each year to those that suffered a health crisis. She asked to please keep her updated on what your chapter contributed. A form can be found in the chapter packet along addresses of Easterseals' offices near each chapter.

Linda Long, Educational Chair was absent and did not submit a report.

President Susie did give an update on Linda's health and asked the chapters to please send a card to Linda, as she is assured that Linda would appreciate them.

Connie Presley, State Finance Chair, stated the Finance Committee are allowed to host two fund-raisers at the state convention. She announced that her committee is planning on an auction online and a 50/50 raffle. In addition, the committee would like to have a Pie auction. More details will be posted later.

Sherrie Presley, Foundation State Counselor announced that two scholarships were given out. \$500.00 went to Macayla Hutsler for the Georgia State Council Scholarship, and \$900.00 went to Lana Aromatories for the Jean Johnson Scholarship. Forms and

detailed donations from each chapter were provided in the chapter packets.

Gavelette President, Kim New stated that she had no report.

Sharon Smoot, Hope for Heroes Chair was not present. In Sharon's absence, Luanne Langmo read her report which stated that this program should not only support veterans, but also police and firefighters as they are our heroes too.

Sherrie Bordeaux, Philanthropic Chair was absent. In Sherrie's absence, Luanne shared Sherrie's report. It stated that all should keep track of all hours, travel, and monies donated to entities such as Boy Scouts, Salvation Army and Girl Scouts. The philanthropic form can be found on the GSC website.

Joy Lynn Tynes, SERC Coordinator related that the registration deadline for the next conference is October 1st and the hotel registration deadline is October 3rd. The conference is October 25-26th. She encouraged all to support SERC by donating the chapter donation of \$10.00.

Romanda Talley, St. Jude Chair reminded all that September is Child Cancer Awareness Month. She stated not all children are treated at St. Jude Children's Hospital. She requested that everyone wear the gold ribbon which was given out. St. Jude Children's Hospital ribbon is yellow but gold is the international color. Next, she highlighted four successful fund-raisers for St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Romanda encouraged all to be creative and be prepared to share our event at the Mid-Year Meeting. She also stated she would like to be invited to our events.

Romanda reported that Savannah's Dream Home was another "sell out" raising \$765,000.00. Atlanta's Dream Home made \$1,899,300.00 which combined came to \$2,654,300.00. Romanda recognized members that assisted with the Dream Homes. Next, Alpha Delta, Delta Iota, and Gamma Omega were acknowledged for raising an additional \$13,000.00+.

Karen Smith, Yearbook Chair presented Madam President Susie with a copy of 2024-2025 yearbook.

The next order of business was Unfinished Business.

President Susie asked Susan McVey for a report of 2024 GSC conference. She reported that Alpha Nu, Delta Nu, and Sigma Chi had set two main goals as convention hostess.

1. Make sure everyone had a great time.
2. Finish in the “black” with a modest profit.

Susan believed they met both goals. She stated their profit was more than the modest amount that was budgeted due to some mishaps that occurred with the State Park staff. These factors allowed a profit of \$588.28. In accordance with GSC bylaws, any profit is split with the state treasury. A check in the amount of \$294.14 was remitted to Georgia State Council.

Registration deadline for the 2025 Convention in Amicola State Park is April 15, 2025. The cost is \$155.

The drawing from the Convention 50/50 Raffle was held. \$635 was raised. The winner of the \$317.50 pot was Shirley Sams.

The total Convention Fund Raisers from this weekend, totaling \$1952.50.

The next order of business was New Business.

President Susie asked our Parliamentarian, Joy Lynn for her report from the Bylaws Committee.

Prior to the reading of the proposed Standing Rule changes, Kim New of Alpha Beta Chapter moved that the membership consider all proposed Standing Rule Changes and Additions by seriatim except for the Standing Rule #2 changes. The motion was seconded. Following no discussion, the motion was carried.

Kim New of Alpha Beta Chapter took the floor again and moved that Standing Rule #2 be amended to read:

Any current State Officer who gets married during the year the officer is serving shall be sent a congratulatory card. Duty of the Chaplain.

The motion was seconded. Following no discussion, the motion was carried.

Gennie Gilvin, Alpha Nu Chapter requested a point of order. She requested the minutes reflect that although the line item for IC/SERC Candidates funds in future GSC budgets will only add \$200 in the year the GSC has an IC or SERC Candidate that all future GSC budgets still show the balance in the Candidates Fund.

Corresponding Secretary, Karen read the proposed ballot for 2024-2025 SERC Elected Officers is as followed:

President:	Dawn Middleton, Mississippi
First Vice President	Lauren Ryan, North Carolina
Second Vice President	Kelli Thornberry, Kentucky
Recording Secretary	Sandra Edwards, Florida
Corresponding Secretary	Casey Hoffman
Treasurer	Jennifer Gailey, Tennessee
Parliamentarian	Anita Hilburn, Louisiana
Jr. Past President	Laura Gnewuch, North Carolina

Gennie Gilvin, Alpha Nu Chapter moved that the delegates to SERC Conference go uninstructed as to voting. The motion was seconded. Following no discussion, the motion was carried.

President Susie asked how many people would be attending SERC in Arkansas. Four members raised their hands.

The next order of business was Announcements.

President Susie thanked the Gavelettes from Gamma Sigma and Kappa Rho for hosting and stated what a great job they did.

President Susie announced that the next Board Meeting is scheduled for February 8th, 2025, In Douglasville, Ga. More details about lodging and registration forms will be sent out as they become available.

President Susie announced that Shirley Sams decided to donate her winnings from 50/50 raffle to GSC.

Chaplain Betsy Briamonte gave closing thoughts from “Deep in the Heart,”

President Susie adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m. after the Closing Ritual.

Submitted by:
Theresa McGugan
Recording Secretary
GSC