



**Georgia State Council
Epsilon Sigma Alpha International
Incoming Board Meeting
Unicoi State Park
Helen, GA**

Date: May 19, 2024

President Susan Knudson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Susan greeted us with good afternoon and then offered thanks for each one of us for serving for the coming year. Susan announced that Betsy Briamonte, our new Chaplin, will give us her opening thoughts.

Executive Board and Appointed Board Members were announced. Recording Secretary Theresa McGugan took a silent roll call. List of attendees.

Our President's theme for this coming year is "ESA, it's the Cat's Meow," which means in its modern equivalent, "ESA, it's awesome!" Her colors are black, white, and gold. Her symbol is a black cat and her flower is Magnolia.

Susan also gave a head's up on what in our notebooks regarding important dates that is known at this time. She has also included a copy of the Bylaws and Standing Rules. She encouraged us to review all documents as she has highlighted our duties in yellow.

A sheet was given to us with the topics and dates for articles to be given to the "Jaw Ja Jonquil" newsletter. When submitting articles, please submit them to Corresponding Karen Smith, and to President Susan. They will be forwarded to Webmaster Gennie Gilvin and she can add her magic in finalizing each issue.

The word engagement has been added to several of topic for the newsletter. This idea came from our incoming IC President Lynda Edwards whose theme for this year is, "Be Kind, Be Present and Be Engaged". While it is heartwarming to reflect upon our memories and what we had accomplished, let us this year hear from you about what you are planning and doing to be present and engaged in ESA.

Regarding to state meetings this coming year they will be all over our State of Georgia. For Fall Board/Leadership we will meet at the Drury Hotel in Pooler, GA

and for Convention, we will be at Amicalola Falls State Park in Dawson, GA. The dates and other hotel information are in our notebooks. The only forms available are the registration forms for the IC Conference and SERC Conference. A forms become available, they will be included in the newsletter to the website.

In each Chapter President's notebook given out included the listing of each chapter listing. Yearbook Chair Karen Smith gave out information regarding guidelines and deadlines to submit updated information. She stated that July 31st was the deadline to enter information for this year's Yearbook.

President Susan revealed her projects this year as Hope for Heroes and Living Green. She also stated she is so grateful for all the freedoms we have today and for the most part these are ensured by our veterans, our law enforcement, our firefighters, and all other first responders. She encouraged us to do more for all our heroes, especially in these uncertain times.

The second project is Living Green as she was an Environmental Engineer for the State of GA for 34 years. Protecting our environment and living simply are very important to her as a result. Susan held up a pen that was made from recycled plastic as an example. Tips on reducing, reusing, and recycling will be included in our newsletters and in our meetings. Susan also encouraged members to share some of our ideas with her.

At the end, Susan shared a "Cat Quote!" "Cats are intended to teach us that not everything in nature has a purpose."

President Susan adjourned the meet at 3:21 p.m.

Theresa McGugan
Recording Secretary