GSC Fall Board Meeting
Dalton Shrine Club
Dalton, Georgia
Sunday, September 13, 2026

President Sharon Smoot called the GSC Fall Board Meeting to order at 8:30 am. She then called upon Vicki Warren as representative of our hosting chapter to welcome everyone.

President Sharon then asked Gin West, Interfaith Chaplin to share her opening thoughts. She began with ""I think people are so beautiful which gives me hope". This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Sheryl Gootee, 2nd Vice President.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, ESA Opening Ritual was recited by all in attendance.

Next order of business, our Parliamentarian Susan Knudson announced the Rules governing the State Council Meeting are printed on the first and second pages of your agenda. She allowed us time to review the rules and then asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

The next order of business was to recognize the following: Guests in attendance was (1).
Members attending a State Meeting for the first time (0).
Pledges attending and their Sponsors (0).
Appreciation gift for the guest in attendance was handed out by Susan McVey.

Sharon Smoot then recognized Theresa McGugan as Member of the Year. Alpha Beta as Chapter of the Year. IC Past President from Georgia went to Pat Griffin who was not present. SERC Past Presidents from Georgia recognition also went to Romanda Talley and Joy Lynn Tynes.

Roll Call of Executive Board was held by Theresa McGugan, Recording Secretary

OFFICES	NAME	PRESENT / ABSENT
President Leadership Coordinator Minutes Committee Newsletter Committee	Sharon Smoot	P
First Vice President **Budget Committee** **Membership Committee** **Nominating Committee** **2026 Leadership Committee**	Susan McVey	P
Second Vice President **Membership Committee** **GSC Flags**	Sheryl Gootee	P
Recording Secretary **Minutes Committee Chair**	Theresa McGugan	P
Treasurer **Budget Committee Chair**	Vicki Warren	P
Parliamentarian **Bylaws Committee Chair** **Contracts Committee** **Minutes Committee**	Susan Knudson	P
Jr. Past President **Disaster Fund Chair** **Bylaws Committee**	Ruth Ann Edge	P

Roll Call Appointed Board

Offices	Name	Present / Absent
Administrative Assistant	Besty Briamonte	P
Advisor to President SERC Coordinator Budget Committee	Susan Garner	P
Advisor to President Hope for Heros Chair Contracts Committee	Pat Griffin	A
Associate of the Arts Chair Yearbook Coordinator / Editor Nominating Committee	Venetia Lewellen	A
Auditor Web Master Newsletter Committee Contracts Committee	Gennie Gilvin	P
Awards Chair	Mary Cooper	P
Interfaith Chaplain Social Director	Gin West	P
Credentials Chair	Gail Marchant	P
Easterseals Chair Meetings Photographer Chair	Debbie Lamp'I	A
Educational Chair	Joan Basile	p
ESA Foundation Counselor	Sherry Presley	P
State Finance Projects Chair Nominating Committee	Connie Presley	A
Flag Ceremonies	Joy Lynn Tynes	A – 1st call / P - delayed arrival
Philanthropic Chair	Sherrie Bordeaux	P
St. Jude Coordinator Installation Advisor 2027 Convention Co-Chair	Romanda Talley	P
Bylaws Committee	Kim New	A
2027 Convention Co-Chair	Angela Coleman	P

Roll Call – Chapters

Chapter President or their alternate was asked to provide the following: How many were Present or Absent, Members on Roll, Members Present Voting Delegates

Chapter	President	Present/Absent	Members on Roll	Members Present	Voting Delegates Present
Alpha Beta	Venetia Lewellen	A	7	2	2
Alpha Delta	Marisa Medlin	A	7	2	2
Alpha Nu	Connie Presley	A	2	1	1
Beta Kappa	Linda Long	A	3	1	1
Beta Sigma	Kaye Kinnebrew	A	1	0	0
Beta Zeta	Joy Lynn Tynes	A / P	1	0	0

Delta Iota	Susan Knudson	P	6	4	2
Delta Nu	Mary Cooper	P	2	2	2
Delta Omega	Luanne Langmo	P	2	2	2
Gamma Omega	Sheryl Gootee	P	7	3	2
Gamma Sigma	Shirley Humphries	A	7	1	1
Kappa Rho	Romanda Talley	P	5	1	1
Sigma Chi	Sherrie Presley	P	3	2	2

Roll Call Gavelettes

Year	GSC President Name	Present/Absent
1979-80	Angela Coleman	P
1980-81	Romanda Talley	P
1984-85	Kaye Geneovese	M AL (IC list only)
1985-86	Pat Griffin	A
1986-87	Marsha Stroud	A
1994-95	Linda Loong	P
1995-96 +2024-25	Susan Knudson	P
2000-01	Shirley Humphries	A
2003-04	Joy Lynn Tynes	A-1st call / P-late arrival
2005-06	Gail Gilvin	Deceased June 2026
2006-07	Karen Smith	P
2008-09	Connie Presley	A
2009-10	Susan McVey	P
2010-11	Donna Moore	A
2011-12	Sherrie Bordeaux	P
2012-13	Gail Marchant	P
2013-14	Sherry Presley	P
2015-16	Frances Lanier	A
2016-17	Stormy Bowie	A
2017-18	Frances Jennings	MAL (IC list only)
2019-20 +2020-21	Kim New	A
2021-22	Vicki Warren	P
2022-23	Wanda Price	A
2023-24	Susan Garner	P
2025-26	Ruth Ann Edge	P

Invitational Past President – Other State

1981-82	Luanne Langmo – MI	P

Next Gail Marchant gave her Credential Report as following:
10 of 13 Chapters is represented for a total of 16 Chapter votes
12 Gavelette votes
Total GSC votes 28

President Sharon announced the next order of business, Theresa McGugan, Recording Secretary, regarding the minutes report of the 2026 Georgia State Convention. Theresa stated, in accordance with the Bylaws, the minutes committee reviewed and approved the minutes of the 2026 convention and in addition the minutes were posted on

GSC website. Therefore, if there are no objections, I move that we accept the minutes. Sharon asked if there was any discussion and a vote was held and the motion was approved.

Recording Secretary was asked to give a report on the May 2026 Executive Board Minutes. She stated in accordance with the Bylaws, the minutes committee had reviewed and approved of the minutes and the minutes was also posted GSC website. She also stated if there are no objections, I move that we dispensed with the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes. Sharon asked if there was any discussion and a vote was held and the a vote was held and the motion was approved

Vicki Warren, Treasurer, was asked to give her report. She reported that the balance on hand as of 04/30/ 26 in the checking account was $11,338. 59. She also stated that we received an income of $2573.00 and that she also made disbursements of $1,080.77 dollars. So, the balance on hand as of 09/12/26 is $12,830.82.

Next, Vicki stated the Savings account the balance on hand as of 9/12/26 is $6,349.29. Next, Vicki reported that Candidates Fund had a balance on hand as of 09/12/26 of $4324.60. Her last report was that the total funds as of 09/12/26 amounts to $23, 504.71 dollars.

President Sharon asked if there were any discussion regarding the Treasurer's report? Hearing none, she stated the report will be filed for the pending audit.

Next, Vicki as Registration Chair was asked to give her report. She stated that 11 of 13 chapters are represented and a total of 21 members were in attendance. There were not any Members at Large in attendance and that we only had 1 guest.

Membership report was given by our Second Vice President, Sheryl Gootee. She reported that GSC had
Active Chapters 13
Chapter in Good Standing 12
Jewel Pin Members 48
MAL Members 2
Pledges 0
Total 48

The Executive Board Reports are as follows:
President Sharon thanked us for attending Leadership/Fall Board and she hoped that we had a good time. She also shared about her IC Convention. She stated that she was joined by Pat & Frank Griffin, Luanne Langmo, Susan McVey, Sherry Pressley, and Romanda Talley. She also shared that they participated in many activities, workshops and fundraisers. She was honored to represent Georgia Flag Ceremony.

Sharon also reported that Georgia received two recognition awards for our Newsletter and took 2nd place for most $$ in the Turnaround Fund. Service awards for 50 plus years of service was also announced which included Pat Griffin with 50 years and Romanda Talley for 55 years.

1st Vice President Susan McVey reported that the nominating committee is busy coming up with representatives to serve next year.

2nd Vice President Sheryl Gootee stated that membership is in a emergency state. We need new ideas of recruiting new members. We should also think of establishing new chapters.

Vicki Warren, Treasurer, reported that tax facts are due in two days.
Recording Secretary, Theresa McGugan, asked that everyone who makes a verbal report to turn in a paper version of their report.

Corresponding Secretary, Luanne Langmo, read a note she received from last year President Ruth Ann Edge regarding the r the paper weight gift she received and that she was so appreciative to have been given the opportunity to serve.

Parliamentarian, Susan Knudson, stated that our State most likely has more money in our accounts than any other state and we should take steps to protect our accounts. She made a motion to suspend the GSC Bylaws for the duration of this meeting to allow consideration and voting of the proposed Standing Rule changes. This was seconded by 2nd Vice President Sheryl Gootee.

Ruth Ann Edge, Disaster Fund Chair, gave a report concerning the Disaster Fund. She stated that the Disaster Fund is for us members should we have a crisis and she also pointed that more chapters should seriously contribute to the fund.

The next order of business were the reports from the Appointed Board. Susan Garner, our SERC representative encouraged our members to attend the SERC conference that will be held in Florida. The SERC conference will be held October 23-24.

Gennie Gilvin, Auditor, commended Sheryl Gootee 2025-26 Treasurer, for a job well done with convention report. She also thanked Susan Knudson, 2025-26 Disaster Fund Chair for her detail and accurate report regarding the Disaster fund.

Gin West, our Interfaith Chaplain gave an update on Pat Griffin who has been ill. It was mentioned that we should send out cards for other occasions beside illness such as a new grandchild, getting married, etc. Sharon Smoot, President, encouraged that we need to recognized good stuff.

Credentials Chair, Gail Marchant stated that 11 of 13 chapters were represented. We have 17chapter votes and we have a total of 30 votes including the Gavelettes.

Sherry Presley, gave her Foundation Report. She stated our total from April 1st through August 31st 2026 amounted to $14,620. She also gave a quick report on the Pathway Brick. When you send in your money you will receive a certificate with your name and a message.

Sherry then introduced her sister Angie whom is here to speak about her daughter Lily and how appreciative she was to receive a scholarship from the Brenda Wilbar West fund.

Romanda Talley, 2027 Convention Committee member reported that the difficulty with banking started due to the disaster 9-11. She reported that 2026 Convention Fund Raiser is as followed 50/50 raised $267.50, the Chinese Auction raised $195.00, the Baskets raised $211.00, the Signature Page raised $12.00 and the Advertising raised $150.00 this totaled up to $835.50.

Romanda also thanked those that has made early registrations. As of today, she has received 16 registrations.

Next Romanda announced that only four chapters have donated to St. Jude Children Hospital. She commented that some chapters wait until the end of the year to donate and she remarked that St. Jude Children can't wait!

Romanda cautioned us against using the wording of "walk-a-thons" due to the ownership by ALSAC and this applies to all projects not just St. Jude Children Hospital.

Romanda then issued a challenge to all chapters to do a Couch Potato event during the Christmas month as a means to raise money for St. Jude Children Hospital. She stated the idea is to get together and you sit and call

your friends asking for money donations. She encouraged us to send the donations online in our Chapter name. the monies are due by December 15th.

Then Romanda announced February 12-13th is the Grateful Heart project at St. Jude Children's Hospital and is also Cancer month which she also encouraged us to donate.

Sherrie Bordeaux, our Philanthropic Chair explained that the forms have changed from last year. We are not allowed to do double dipping when it comes to forms. It was agreed that we continue with the forms we have online.

Sharon Smoot, President, moved on to Unfinish Business, Sheryl Gootee gave a report of 2026 Convention. She expressed hopefully all in attendance had a good time. She stated Gamma Omega admitted that hosting a convention requires a lot of work but that it was fun working together and wearing the costume dresses. At the convention, we made a profit of $582.00.

Next, Susan McVey made the announcement that the Gavelettes has made the commitment to host the 2028-2029 Convention. The location hasn't been decided yet.

Another Lost and Found item was shown.

Sharon Smoot, then moved on to New Business. Susan McVey asked if anyone had decided on whether they want to be nominated for office next year.

Susan Knudson, Parliamentarian and Bylaw Committee Chair stated that the Standing Rule changes are on page 8 of our agenda. Standing Rule #1 now reads: The Convention Fund will pay for two (2) nights lodging and registration fee of the Official IC representative and SERC Representative for GSC Convention. The State President's lodging will be paid beginning on Thursday the week of the convention.

The Change: Delete first sentence and change to read The State President's lodging will be paid from the Convention Fund beginning on Thursday the week of convention since we no longer will request an IC or SERC representative attend GSC Conventions.

Sharon Smoot, President stated a motion has been made and coming from a committee it does not require a second. Please raise your voting card. The motion was approved.

Susan Knudson then read Standing Rule 16 as it now reads. The Georgia State Council budget shall include a line -item covering courtesies' which shall be used for International Council and Southeastern Regional Council Representative gifts to be given at the Sunday morning General Assembly: duty of the State President.

Susan stated to delete Standing Rule #16since we will no longer have them in person at our Conventions.

Sharon Smoot, President, stated a motion has been made to delete Standing Rule #16. Motion was approved

Next, Luanne Langmo, Corresponding Secretary, then went over the propose ballot for the 2026-2027 SERC elected officers as followed:

President – Kelli Thornberry. KY
1st Vice President – Jennifer Gailey. TN
2nd Vice President – Sandra Edwards. Fl
Recording Secretary – Susan Garner. GA
Melissa Finch. SC
Parliamentarian – Jackie Anonie. SC
Anita Hilburn. LA
Treasurer – Casey Hoffman. MS
Joy Lehnert. FL

Corresponding Secretary – Vicky Jones. KY
Past President – Lauren Ryan. NC

Sharon Smoot, President, then encouraged our membership to support our Geogia Candidate by going to SERC in Florida.

Sharon then made the following announcements:

Items about SERC and the upcoming Conference;
Each chapter is requested to make a dues donation. Mail it to SERC Treasurer, Susan Garner
If planning on attending SERC "Tropical State of Mind" in Orlando, Fl please raise your hand for a count (7)
Registration forms can be found on our website under events
Registration is $160 and is due by October 15th.
Convention is Oct. 23-24, 2026
Room rates $109.00

Sharon Smoot then gave a big thank you to Delta Nu and Sigma Chi sisters for hosting our GSC Leadership/Fall Board meetings for second year in a row. In addition, the Low Country Boil dinner was another bonus thanks go out to (Vicki Warren's spouse) Jim Warren and his buddies.

Tax Facts forms are due from each Chapter by September 15

The next Jaw-Jo needs articles from Chapters, Executive Board & Appointed Board Members. Delta Omega and Alpha Beta are highlighted and are due by October 9th.

IC Chapter dues of $40.00 must be received by April 20, 2027

Our Mid-Year meeting is February 20 in Forsyth, Ga

The Executive Board will meet in Forsyth Friday Afternoon the location will be announced in the Jaw-Ja Jonquil,.

Lost and Found came next.

Closing thoughts were given by Gin West. She decided she would end on a light note as she told a joke about an rooster on a cereal box.

The GSC 2026 Fall Board Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 followed by the Closing Ritual.

Submitted: Theresa McGugan, GSC Recording Secretary 10-23-2026