

**Georgia State Organization  
Executive Board and Membership Meeting  
September 28, 2019**

**Opening Session**

Dr. Kathy Brown (Mu), Georgia State Organization President, welcomed all to the Georgia State Organization Executive Board and Membership Meeting as she called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**National Anthem**

Dr. Kathy Brown (Mu), introduced Ashley Stephens, a Mercer student from Newnan, Georgia, who sang the National Anthem.

**Inspiration**

Sheri Black (Alpha Gamma) gave an inspirational message about her experiences in Delta Kappa Gamma and the “Power of Sisterhood” in DKG.

**Session 2**

Chapter Presidents met with Dr. Kathy Brown (Mu). Presidents requested a redirect from the old DKG site to the new site and a comprehensive checklist with all the paperwork required, including due dates. Dr. Brown (Mu) clarified the content and format of chapter yearbooks and chapter history reports. Dr. Lynn Skinner (Mu) highlighted areas of the GSO website with resources for chapter presidents.

Members heard Dr. Mary Clement (Iota) speak about mentoring.

**Session 3**

District Directors led district meetings. District I, Dr. Joanne Lee (Beta Delta); District II, Gwen White (Gamma Chi); District III, Lynda Woodall (Beta Gamma); District IV, Susan Pope (Alpha Theta); District V, Jan Hattermann (Sigma); District VI, Shelly Foster (Alpha Tau)

**Business Meeting**

Dr. Kathy Brown (Mu) called the business meeting to order. She recognized first-time attendees and those serving at the state level for the first time.

Missy Collins (Alpha Omega) recognized special guests including past presidents Becky Avera (Xi), Dr. Corinne Daniel (Rho), Jo Davis (Alpha Omicron), Gail Ford (Alpha Omega), Gail Springstead (Delta), and Virginia McChesney (Iota). White roses and photos were placed at the Past President's table for Mavis Johnson and Jean Barber.

### **Inspiration**

Gail Ford (Delta) gave an inspirational poem about Past Presidents Mavis Johnson and Jean Barber.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Marie Boatright (Alpha) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Correspondence**

Sid Morrison (Delta Alpha) read thank you notes, in the absence of corresponding secretary Betty Richardson (Beta Kappa). Patti Newman (Beta Theta) thanked members for sending get well cards and Jo Hicks (Zeta) thanked members for birthday cards, as well as a donation to the Boylston Memorial Foundation in her name, from Gail and Bill Ford (Alpha Omega). Dr. Lynn Skinner (Mu) received letters from International reflecting their appreciation for our donations to the Emergency Fund in memory of Jean Gray and the Eunah Temple Holden Leadership fund in honor of Dr. Carolyn Rant.

### **Rules of Order**

Acting Parliamentarian, Gail Springstead (Delta) provided the rules of the day.

### **Minutes Approval**

Cheryl Goff (Alpha Iota) shared that the minutes from the September 22, 2018 Executive Board Meeting and the minutes of the April 27, 2019 GSO State Convention and Executive Board meeting had been approved by the Minutes Approval Committee. A copy of the minutes have been published on the GSO website and filed in the GSO office.

### **Treasurer**

Dr. Lynn Skinner (Mu) shared the treasurer's report:

Dr. Skinner (Mu) thanked the chapter treasurers for their work with the new dues procedures. She reported that 64 of 69 chapters completed form 15, the Annual Report of

Chapter Treasurers, by the deadline. Sixty percent of chapters have already filed their 990 form with the IRS before the November 1 deadline. Our state currently has 2,480 members and we are operating below budget. Dr. Skinner (Mu) explained the negative balance in the Leadership and Building accounts. The emergency fund balance has increased thanks to the generosity of members and chapters.

### **Finance Committee**

Ann Banaszak (Epsilon) shared the role of the Finance Committee and reported that the committee is monitoring the best investment possibilities for available funds. She reminded members to get approval before making purchases and thanked members for donations to help restore the emergency fund.

### **President's Report**

Dr. Kathy Brown (Mu) shared her experiences at the Arts and Humanities Conference in Asheville, North Carolina. Three GSO members held leadership roles at the conference; Gail Ford (Alpha Omega), who led the session for first-time attendees; Dr. Hanna Fowler (Alpha Theta), who introduced the new International leadership program, DKG Ignite; and Virginia McChesney (Iota), who penned a choral reading, "Arts and Humanities." Several members assisted with Georgia Night-Gail Springstead (Delta), Dr. Lynn Skinner (Mu), Dr. Maria Valeria-Gold (Gamma Alpha), and Virginia McChesney (Iota). Dr. Brown (Mu), Gail Springstead (Delta), Virginia McChesney (Iota), and Dr. Lynn Skinner (Mu) also attended the Leadership Conference in Des Moines, Iowa.

The executive committee, district directors and GSO committee chairs met in Macon this summer to plan for the 2019-2021 biennium.

Dr. Brown (Mu) thanked the GSO Finance committee for supporting members and activities this summer.

Dr. Brown (Mu) asked members to invite her and the GSO officers to chapter meetings to share ideas.

Susan Pope (Alpha Theta, District 4) and Shelly Foster (Alpha Tau, District 6) were installed as District Directors by Maggie Oyler (Iota).

Dr. Brown (Mu) presented a wooden bowl to Dr. Lynn Skinner (Mu) for her work in training the treasurers. She also thanked the district directors who helped to organize the training sessions in all six districts including District I, Marie Boatright (Alpha) and Dr. Joanne Lee (Beta Delta); District II, Betsy Barb (Alpha Kappa) and Gwen White

(Gamma Chi); District III, Dianne Sharpe (Epsilon) and Lynda Woodall (Beta Gamma); District IV, Susan Pope (Alpha Theta); and District V, Lisa Gilligan (Alpha Delta) and Jan Hattermann (Sigma); and District VI, Diane Padgett (Beta Theta).

### **Bylaws and Standing Rules**

Dr. Brown (Mu) thanked Dr. Hanna Fowler (Alpha Theta) and her committee for their work in updating and revising the Georgia State Organization Bylaws. The bylaws were reviewed in April 2019 and are in full compliance with the Constitution and International Standing Rules.

### **Old Business**

No old business was brought before the group.

### **New Business**

Missy Collins (Alpha Omega) announced that Gamma Omega chapter requested to be dissolved.

Motion: Missy Collins (Alpha Omega) moved that Gamma Omega be dissolved. Virginia McChesney (Iota) seconded the motion.

Voting cards - carried.

### **Bylaws and Standing Rules**

An ad hoc committee has been appointed to streamline GSO Bylaws and Standing Rules, and to create a policy manual for standard procedures. The committee will include Gail Springstead (Delta), Dr. Corrine Daniel (Rho), and Judy Scarborough (Beta Theta).

### **Adjournment**

The business meeting concluded at 12:01 pm.

### **Announcements**

Dressed as Rosie the Riveter, the **Convention Committee** led a cheer and announced that the GSO State Convention will take place April 16-18, 2021 in Columbus, Georgia. A video highlighting Columbus was presented.

The **Personal Development Committee** introduced mini-hostels. Three mini-hostels will be offered, with the first on October 25-26, in Dahlonga. Betty Richardson (Beta Kappa) will send an email with details.

The **Leadership Development Committee** promoted Leadership Seminar I, to be held June 5-7, 2020 and announced that Leadership Seminar III will be offered in 2021. The deadline for applications for Leadership I is May 1, 2020.

### **Inspiration**

After reconvening from lunch, Virginia McChesney (Iota) gave an inspirational message about her leadership experiences and the “Power of Sisterhood” through Delta Kappa Gamma.

### **Announcements by Vitalitrees**

#### **Chapter Vitality:**

#### **Vice President/District Directors**

Missy Collins (Alpha Omega) announced that Spring Leadership Training would be held at Warner Robins Middle School on April 17-18, 2020. An International Guest has been requested for Friday evening and there will be an Executive Board meeting on Saturday. Chapters are being asked, by the Leadership Committee, to donate baskets for a silent auction. A collection will be taken for the Emergency Fund. The Achievement Award will be announced and a scholarship will be awarded. The Chapter Excellence Award will be given at state convention. Please contact District Directors for information and invite them to attend chapter meetings.

### **Membership**

Virginia McChesney (Iota) requested that individuals in the Membership committee be invited to chapter meetings

#### **Program and Project Vitality:**

#### **Professional Development**

Lola Bell (Alpha Theta) highlighted the book “What Successful Teachers Do”, written by our guest speaker, Dr. Mary Clement (Iota).

### **Scrapbook**

Michelle Bergozza (Xi) recruited members for her committee and explained changes to the scrapbook. Send 1-2 slides for this past year should be submitted by April 30, 2020 to [shelb74@gmail.com](mailto:shelb74@gmail.com).

## **GSO Vitality:**

### **Editor**

Kathy Brown (Mu) is currently working as the editor of the GSO newsletter, but needs assistance.

### **Webmaster**

Lynn Skinner (Mu) shared important pages on the new GSO website. She has designated Wednesday evening as her time to work on the site, so check for updates on Thursdays.

## **Communication and Marketing**

Syd Morrison (Delta Alpha) shared a message from Betty Richardson (Beta Kappa). Betty encouraged members to submit copies of their chapter newsletters as well as newspaper articles submitted and/or printed in their local newspaper to [bettyjrichardson@comcast.net](mailto:bettyjrichardson@comcast.net).

## **Achievement Award**

Betsy Barb (Alpha Kappa) encouraged members to nominate those deserving for the Achievement, Legacy, and Rosebud Awards. Criteria and forms are available on the GSO website and are due on January 31, 2020.

## **Scholarship**

Becky Avera (Xi) informed members that a \$2000 scholarship is available for active members pursuing graduate degrees and a \$1000 scholarship for members earning an add-on certificate. Up to \$8000 is awarded annually and applications are due by February 1, 2020.

## **Nominations**

Maggie Oyler (Iota) stated that the revised application and rubric for leadership positions will be available on the GSO website.

## **Boylston Foundation**

Gail Ford (Alpha Omega) reminded members to complete the application for Boylston grants by January 15, 2020. She introduced the trustees and presented Becky Avera (Xi) with a donation to the foundation in her honor, for her work on the committee from 2011-2019.

### **Attendance Awards**

Cheryl Goff (Alpha Iota) presented the Attendance Awards by district: 1, Iota; 2, Alpha Kappa; 3, Gamma Alpha; 4, Rho; 5, Xi; 6, Alpha Omega.

### **Adjournment**

Dr. Brown (Mu) thanked the ladies who handled registration and lunch. She recognized the group who sold the items from dissolved chapters and the Leadership committee, which raised \$348 from sales of kettle corn and DKG items. She thanked Gail Springstead (Delta) for her guidance and Sondra Hinson (Forest Hills United Methodist Church) for handling technology during the meeting. After singing the DKG Song, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Cheryl Goff, Georgia State Organization Recording Secretary

Minutes approved by: Minutes Approval Committee