

Note: The minutes of the Annual Business Meeting, held October 8, 2019 at Unicoi Lodge are now available for review. The GSRA Board has reviewed and approved them and they have been approved by the membership, as required by the Bylaws, at the 2020 Business Meeting. (Also provided is a summary of GSRA's accomplishments for 2019.)

If you have questions or comments, please let us know.

Georgia State Retirees' Association Annual Business Meeting October 8-8, 2019 Unicoi Lodge Helen, Georgia

President Jim Sommerville called the business meeting to order on Tuesday, October 8, 2020 at 2:30 P.M. Members received notice of the business meeting via email correspondence and the Association's newsletter throughout August and September of 2019.

Opening Remarks: Sommerville reviewed GSRA's legislative achievements of the past year, with particular acknowledgement of the significant contributions made by Chuck Freedman, Joseph Drolet and Chuck Clay. Legislative Overview i - Chuck Clay, Legislative Consultant: Clay, lobbyist for GSRA, commended the organization for its commitment to achieving its legislative goals over the long term, primary among them, establishing equity among state retirement plans. Specifically, reinstatement of COLAs for ERS members remains GSRA's top priority Clay encouraged members statewide to find opportunities to engage with their legislators all year long to communicate concerns face-to-face whenever possible and to thank them for their support. Among other legislative issues we are following: Tax reform, as it impacts retirees; "surprise" medical billing.

Presentation of Local Chapters – Kip Mann, Chair, Membership and Marketing Committee: Mann introduced Bob Pollock as committee co-chair and announced the formation of a new chapter in the greater Macon/Bibb County area; the Rome area; and the reactivation of the ABC Douglas chapter. Plans for 2020 include possible reactivation of the Lake Oconee chapter and an expansion of the current Athens group to draw in membership from more of the Northeast Georgia area. Mann encouraged local chapters to promote members' purchase and wearing of GSRA logo polo shirts to promote visibility and market the organization statewide.

Presentation of 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes – Beverly Littlefield, GSRA Secretary: Littlefield thanked Connie Smith for recording the minutes for the October 16, 2018 meeting. The minutes were provided for member review in the 2019 meeting materials. Motion to approve: BJ Bennett; 2nd: Harold Grindle. Motion carried.

Presentation of GSRA Financial Report and Legal Fund Report – Harold Grindle, GSRA Treasurer: The meeting materials included a three-year "Statement of Receipts and Expenditures" for members' review. The materials also included a balance sheet and statement of income and expense for the separate legal fund. Grindle encouraged members to support the fund by donating by check or credit card via the GSRA website. The policy governing the establishment and use of the fund is also available through the website. Motion to approve: Bob Pollock; 2nd: Tom Hill. Motion carried.