

## **Get Ready for the 2020 Virtual Annual Meeting**

Just like every other major organization, this year GSRA will hold its Annual Meeting virtually. The GSRA Board of Directors will pre-record the annual business meeting via ZOOM at which time it will present the following:

- The minutes of the 2019 Business Meeting;
- The 2020 Treasurer's report;
- Report from the Nominating Committee;
- Report from the President.

We have requested, and hope to have, a video update on their respective areas of expertise from the following:

- Jim Potvin, Executive Director of the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia;
- Frank Berry, Commissioner of the Department of Community Health;
- Terry England, Chair of the House Appropriations Committee;
- Blake Tillery, Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee; and
- Kelly Farr, Director of the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.

On September 1, 2020, we will send all GSRA members the list of nominees for Officers and Board members for 2021, as well as a request for any nominations from the "floor" which must be received by September 15<sup>th</sup>. On October 20, 2020, the recorded Annual Meeting and all related videos will be posted on the GSRA Website. Ballots to vote on the Nominees, as well as to approve the 2019 minutes and the 2020 Treasury report, will be mailed to all members. All ballots must be returned by October 27. Look for more specific details in the coming weeks.

Although a statewide virtual meeting is a new experience for the Association, we have tried to consider everything needed for a successful and smooth meeting. In order for it to be a true success, however, we need members to watch the video on October 20 or as soon thereafter as possible, and then vote. Obviously, we are all going to miss the camaraderie, the renewing of friendships, the workshops and exhibits, and the good time of the evening reception that we would have at an in-person Annual Meeting. We are, however, already planning for the 2021 Annual Meeting, hopefully to be held actually rather than virtually. See you next year!