

# 18th Biennial South Atlantic Regional Conference Minutes

*Theme: The Completely Unique Gamma Woman*  
Embassy Suites Hotel in Greenville, SC March 30, 2023 – April 2, 2023  
Host: Epsilon Epsilon Chapter

## THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023

Thursday evening was the Felicitation for our Regional Director. The theme was Glitz & Glam and the Sorors had a wonderful time.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023

### Presiding, Soror Almeda Alexander, South Atlantic Regional Director Plenary Session I

- Announcing of the Dais..... Soror Louissteen Cummings, Reg Monitress**
  - Color Guard Presentation..... J.L. High School Band**
  - National Anthems..... Lift Every Voice & Sing/Star Spangled Banner**
  - Invocation..... Soror Beverly Jones, Reg Chaplain**
  - Welcome Addresses..... Soror Almeda Alexander, SA Regional Director**  
**Soror Lenor Reese, National President**  
**Soror Christy Fuller, President, Epsilon Epsilon Chapter**
  - Words of Response..... Soror Althea Jackson, Immediate Past Regional Director**
  - Welcome & Salutations... City Official & Hotel Representative**
  - Ritualistic Opening..... Soror Almeda Alexander, Regional Director**
  - Conference Roll Call..... Soror Nykowanna H. Sloan, Regional Grammateus**
- There was representation of officers from each of the 11 chapters.

**Credentials Report..... Soror Yolanda Amos, Regional Financial Grammateus**

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The credentials consist of 294 Sorors in 11 chapters, 30 Members At Large totaling 324 members in the SAR. Our voting strength for this 2023 SAR Conference.

- 11 Basilei
- 59 Delegates
- 34 Life Members
- 1 Gold Life Member
- 1 Platinum
- 2 National Officers
- 7 Regional Officers
- 6 MALs
- 1 Past Supreme

**TOTAL Voting Strength..... 126**

**Acceptance of 2023 Agenda.....Soror LaTanya Strickland, Regional Anti-Grammateus**

The 2023 SAR Conference Agenda was presented to the body. There were no corrections offered. It was properly moved and seconded to accept the 2023 Regional Conference Agenda as presented  
Motion carried unanimously

**Acceptance of 2021 Minutes.....Soror Nykowanna H. Sloan, Regional Grammateus**

The 2021 SAR Conference Minutes were provided to the body via the conference portal and via email. No corrections were submitted. It was properly moved and seconded to accept the 2021 Regional Conference Minutes as presented  
Motion carried unanimously

**Regional Orders of the Day.....Soror Louissteen Cummings, Regional Monitress**

It was properly moved and seconded to accept the 2023 Regional Conference Agenda as presented  
Motion carried unanimously

**Finance Report.....Soror(s) Yolanda Amos & Emma Sewell, Regional Finance Team**

It was properly moved and seconded to accept the 2023 Regional Conference Agenda as presented  
Motion carried unanimously (Report Attached)

**Sorors were released to participate in the group photo session in the hotel atrium. Instructions were given to reassemble in the Pinehurst Ballroom for the Community Service Luncheon at 12pm.**

**The SAR 2023 Community Service Award was presented to New Foundations Home for Children**

**Plenary Session II**

**Nominating Committee Report.....Soror Erica Francois**

The floor was open for nominations to all elected regional offices. The final ballot was presented (See Attached) It was properly moved and seconded that the ballot be accepted with the additional nominations for vetting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Recommendations Committee Report.....Soror Christy Fuller**

14 recommendations were submitted for voting consideration. (See attached) It was properly moved and seconded that the recommendations be put forth on the ballot for voting. Motion carried unanimously.  
Vote: 71 Yea 1 Nay Motion carried.

**Scholarship Committee Report.....Soror Wilhemenia Johnson**

The scholarship committee presented 4 scholarships to the following recipients:  
Taina Petitfrere, Hannah Taylor, Yu Wei, and Robin Young  
It was properly moved and seconded that the report of the Scholarship Committee be accepted as presented.  
Vote: 73 Yea and 0 Nay Motion carried

**Time and Place Report.....Soror Nykowanna H. Sloan**

The times and places for the next three Regional Conferences were provided. Hearing no objections, the report was accepted (Report Attached)

2025	Delta Delta	Tampa, FL
2027	Epsilon Zeta	Macon, GA
2029	Epsilon Nu	Charlotte, NC

It was properly moved and seconded to accept the report of the Time and Place Committee.

Vote 77 Yea and 0 Nay Motion Carried

**Nomination Committee**

The committee presented the candidates for office. The verified candidates for the election were given the opportunity to share their platforms with the body. The following were the candidates for the 2023 SAR Ballot were presented by the Nomination Committee and are as follows:

- Regional Director
  - Soror Angela Bowman
- Assistant Regional Director
  - Soror Nykowanna “Nikki” Sloan
- Grammateus
  - Soror LaTanya Strickland
- Financial Grammateus
  - Soror Ann-Marie Hammond
  - Soror Vanessa Rush MaGhee
- Tamias
  - Soror Gloria Sapp Watson
- Anti Grammateus
  - Soror Allana Rollerson
  - Soror Marilyn King-Lewis
  - Soror Cindy Richardson
- Editor
  - Soror Rochelle Washington
- Youth Advisor
  - Soror Rojina Durant

**Candidates Forum**

Each candidate was given an opportunity to share their platform with the voting body.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 02, 2023**  
**Plenary Session III**

**Elections were held at the start of the day followed by our biennial Memorial Service and other Sorors led empowerment sessions.**

**Audit Committee Report**

The Audit Committee shared the results of their internal audit of the SAR finances. Discussions for clarity were had. It was properly moved and seconded to accept the report of the Audit Committee. Votes 68 Yea and 0 Nay Motion carried.

**Election Results Report**

A motion was made and properly seconded to accept the results of the election from the Nomination Committee. Votes 78 Yea and 0 Nay The motion carries.

The results were as follows:

- Regional Director - Soror Angela Bowman
- Assistant Regional Director - Soror Nykowanna “Nikki” Sloan
- Grammateus - Soror LaTanya Strickland
- Financial Grammateus - Soror Ann-Marie Hammond
- Tamias - Soror Gloria Sapp Watson
- Anti Grammateus - Soror Allana Rollerson
- Editor - Soror Rochelle Washington
- Youth Advisor - Soror Rojina Durant

**Membership Luncheon Presiding Officer, Soror Angela Bowman, ARDO & Chapter 1<sup>st</sup> Anti Basilei**

**Plenary Session IV**

**Our afternoon continued with more Soror led empowerment sessions.**

**2025 Regional Conference Invitation by the Delta Delta Chapter for Tampa, FL**

**Installation of Officers**

### **Ways & Means Committee Report**

The regional fundraiser was a raffle for a \$500 gas card. The effort raised \$ for our regional scholarships. The committee did the drawing and a winner was selected. Congratulations to Soror Marilyn King Lewis of the Alpha Beta Chapter in Greensboro, NC.

It was properly moved and seconded to accept the report of the Ways & Means Committee  
Vote 68 Yea and 0 Nay Motion carries.

### **Monitress Committee Report**

The committee thanked the Sorors for cooperating with the orders of the day throughout the full conference weekend. Total fund collected from violations was \$115

It was properly moved and seconded to accept the report of the Ways & Means Committee

### **Ritualistic Closing**

### **Final VIP Banquet was held by Presiding Officer Soror Rochelle Washington**

During the banquet, the first time Ms. SAR Pageant was conducted. One Soror from each chapter was submitted and the overall winner was Soror Evelyn Hollis of the Alpha Upsilon Chapter in Winston Salem, NC.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 03, 2023**

Current and newly elected officers participated in a transition meeting.

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING OUR  
*18th Biennial South Atlantic Regional  
Conference. Safe travels, Sorors!*

The minutes were taken by Regional Grammateus, Soror Nykowanna H. Sloan  
The minutes were reviewed and approved by Regional Director, Almeda Alexander