

**Georgia Coroner's Association  
Spring Meeting, April 26<sup>th</sup> 2017  
Jekyll Island**

**Opened by:** Hon. Chris Stephens at 1700hrs

**Presidents Report:** Hon Chris Stephens reported that he was very proud to be serving as President. He has been trying to attend every in-service as possible. One of the Athens classes has been moved to Augusta. They are trying to get a class in Northeast Georgia in the Helen area. Sam Brown will be a lifelong honorary member of the GCA. Trauma Cleanup bill is in the Senate and hopefully will be passed. This bill will regulate scene cleanup businesses.

**Treasures Report:** Hon. Gary McElhenney reported that there is \$86,773.36 in the bank. Hon. Danny Galpin made the motion to accept the treasures report Hon. Mark Bowen 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried

**Secretary Report:** Hon Becky Callihan read the secretary report. No changes.

**Legislative Report:** Hon Ted Bearden reported that there was a bill that passed but it was for hospice and does not concern the Coroner's.

**By Laws:** Hon. LW Bruce had nothing to report.

**Training Council:** Hon. Gary McElhenney reported that there were around 50 Coroner's and Deputy Coroner's that had to be decertified because they did not go to training. One Coroner received a waiver because of health problems. The training council is looking in the Northeast Georgia area around Helen for another class. He encourages everyone to come to the training council meetings. Call GPSTC for dates and times.

**Old Business:** Hon. David Exley talked about the problems with GAVERS and he has been talking with the director of GAVERS trying to resolve these problems. Someone from GAVERS will be at the fall meeting to talk with us about GAVERS.

**Website:** Hon. Mike Adams reported that Bill Leisey is now maintaining the website with Hon. Mike Adams as overseer.

**Emergency response team:** Hon. Mike Fowler is now the chair over the emergency response team.

**New Business:** No new business.

**Vendors/Sponsors:** Please thank all the vendors/sponsors for everything they do for the association. We could not do all this without them. Take their information back to your counties and use them as much as possible.

**Fall meeting** will be September 22-23 2017 in Macon at the Macon Marriott. We will be there for the next 6 years.

Motion was made by Hon. LW Bruce to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hon. Mark Bowen, motion carried.