



South Central Region EGA



Annual Meeting Minutes (draft) June 12, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 2:09 pm by Judith McGraw.

In attendance were:

Denise Hall (Austin)	Cheryl Earp (Brazos)	Jo Ann Jackson (DNTG)
Kathleen Self (Ft. Worth)	Mary Waldsmith (Greater Dallas)	Shannon Shock (HEG)
Pat Lufholm (Permian)	Diane Williams (SANG)	Georgia Peterson (Texas Star)
Valorie Ysmael (Yellow Rose)	Judith McGraw	Carol Wallin
Ava Gerald	Melanie Norton	Ronda Ogden
Sherri Seville	Beth Newton	Valorie Russell
Shawn Miller	Sandy Crow	Joy Cobb
Jan Faubion	Lisa Fronk	Sandra Harwell
Jeanne Maxwell	Joyce McCoig	Candy Cantin
Sally Thomas	Debra Dryburgh	Suha Ahmad
Karen Hamilton		

The secretary confirmed there was a quorum present.

The minutes of the February 2024 Annual Meeting were presented. A motion by Sherri Seville was made to accept the minutes as presented. Jo Ann Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

REPORTS

Region Director, Judith McGraw advised her report stands.

Assistant Region Director, Carol Wallin advised her report stands.

Treasurer, Melanie Norton advised her report stands.

Education Chair, Ronda Ogden advised her report stands.

Assistant Education, Beth Newton advised her report stands.

By-Laws Chair, Michelle Renee advised her report stands.

Communications Chair, Sherri Seville advised her report stands with one correction on P. 8, last paragraph.

Heart and Hand Award Chair, Denise Hall advised her report stands.

Historian, Jo Ann Jackson advised her report stands.

Membership Chair, Sherri Seville advised her report stands. Sherri reminds everyone to use the membership email because there will be a new chair in October.

Outreach, Valorie Russell advised her report stands. She asked that the chapters send her their annual reports, so her reports are up to date.

Parliamentarian, Sandy Crow had no report.

Seminar Mentor, Shawn Miller advised her report stands.

Special Events Coordinator, Gretchen Reilly was absent and had no report.

Ways and Means Chair, Paula Millhollon advised her report stands

Webmaster, Tawney Carter had no report.

Seminar 2025 Chair, Debra Bessent had no report.

National Seminar 2025 Chair, Joy Cobb advised her report stands. She called for everyone to support the seminar by attending and volunteering.

Seminar 2026 Chair, Jan Faubion advised her report stands. Registration will open on 6/13. Class projects will be on display and name tags are available for purchase.

Seminar 2027 Chair, Shawn Miller is seeking volunteers to staff seminar. She explained the profit-sharing and encouraged anyone who wants to participate to email her.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoom issues. The committee is meeting with the new webmaster and treasurer to correct the issues we are having with Zoom accounts.

The Audit Committee (Sandy Crow, Carol Wallin and Valorie Russell) will perform the audit prior to the 10/2025 EC meeting.

Budget. Melanie Norton presented the budget for FY 2026. A motion was made to accept the budget as presented by Jo Ann Jackson and seconded by Beth Newton. The motion passed with no objections.

SCR Seminar 2028 – Looking for a host chapter.

NEW BUSINESS

The region newsletter “Stitches” will get a new name.

Policy Changes.

Section 2 – Seminar Policies:

1. Increase the host unit’s share of Seminar profits from 50% to 60%.
2. If the seminar is not profitable and the host unit did not follow SCR seminar policies and procedures, the host unit will bear 40% of the costs, rather than 50%.
3. If the seminar is not profitable, the region will pay the host unit 60% of the nonrefundable fee of each paid in person registrant, excluding teachers and non-participants.

Rationale: These changes are proposed for the financial benefit of Seminar host units.

A motion to accept these changes as presented was made by Shawn Miller. Jo Ann Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Additional Changes to Seminar Policies:

1. When the region board hosts the seminar, SCR will monetize the seminar committee positions as directed by the SCR Board of Directors.

Rationale: These changes are proposed for the financial benefit of chapters who may have volunteers for seminar committee positions, but the chapter is unable to host a seminar.

A motion to accept the changes to seminar policies as presented was made by Sherri Seville and seconded by Diane Williams. The motion passed.

Section 3 – Expense reimbursements for meetings held in conjunction with seminar:

1. SCR will reimburse voting members from chapters (Region Reps or proxy) for one-half of the contracted room rate for one night for attending the annual meeting at seminar.

Rationale: These changes are proposed for the financial benefit of the chapters.

A motion to accept the changes presented was made by Sherri Seville and seconded by Beth Newton. The motion passed.

2. SCR will pay for the Region Director's hotel room for the night of the executive committee meeting.
3. The seminar will pay for the Region Director's hotel room for the remainder of the seminar beyond the executive committee meeting.

Rationale: to formalize the financial responsibility for the region Director's stay at seminar.

Joy Cobb made a motion to accept the changes as presented. Sherri Seville seconded the motion.

Prior to a vote by the Board there was discussion about effective date. Michelle clarified by stating this goes into effect with this seminar. The motion passed without objection.

Section 3 – Expense reimbursements for national meetings:

1. SCR will pay the Region Director a per diem of \$80 for meals and incidentals for a maximum of six days per year.
 - a. This will be afforded to the Assistant Region Director should she need to attend on behalf of the Region Director.

Rationale: To lessen the financial burden on the Region Director for attending required meetings with EGA National.

A motion was made by Jo Ann Jackson to accept the changes as presented. Pat Lufholm seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Section 3 – Expense Reimbursements – Community Outreach

1. Examples of "outreach" from EGA were added.
2. Other projects may qualify for reimbursement if they are approved by the SCR Outreach Chair or SCR Assistant Director in advance.
3. Receipts for the supplies purchased by the chapter for the project must be dated in either the current or immediate prior year.

Rationale: To clarify the requirements for reimbursement for community outreach activities.

A motion to accept the changes as presented was made by Paula Millhollan and seconded by Diane Williams. The motion passed.

Section 4 – Education

1. The entire Region Sponsored Group Correspondence Course policy was changed. The new policy focuses on EGA Lightning Rounds. Guidance about participation and requirements for how and when to request reimbursement are included in the policy.

A motion was made to accept the changes by Sherri Seville and seconded by Jo Ann Jackson. The motion passed.

Judith McGraw announced that new officers would be installed at the banquet on Friday. Those officers are:

Carol Wallin – RD

Michelle Renee – ARD

Ava Gerald – Secretary

Valerie Ysmael – Treasurer

Ronda Ogden – Education

The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 pm.