

GSA Board of Directors

AGENDA

February 6, 2026
GSA Winter Forum
Hyatt Regency Atlanta Perimeter at Villa Christina

Items in red require motion/vote per by-laws. Items in green, action requested.

Agenda Topic (Support material item number in parenthesis)	Presenter	Discussion	Action Taken	Next Steps
Information Items				
1. Call to Order	Dr. Rachel Steckelberg	5:00 pm scheduled start		
2. Confirmation of Quorum	Dr. Joanna Schindler	Total of nine (9) Officers, Directors or Alternate, Delegates or Alternates must be present and voting.		
3. Logistics	Stephanie Bowen, Executive Director	Food and beverage, facilities, and introduction of guests.		
Discussion Items Society Administration				
4. August 22, 2025 BOD Minutes (attached)	Dr. Steckelberg	Minutes of the 2025 Summer Board Meeting		
5. 2025 End-of-Year Financials, 2026 Budget (attached)	Dr. Schindler	2025 End-of-Year Financials 2026 Proposed Budget		
6. Membership Reports(attached)	Dr. Lindsay Sween	Membership Report must be accepted.		
7. Nominating Committee	Dr. Stephen Anderson	Proposed 2026 Slate of GSA Officers President-Elect Bill Hallowes, MD Vice President Caryl Bailey, MD ASA Director Bob Lane, MD, MBA, FASA		

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		<p>ASA Alternate Director Matt Klopman, MD, MBA, FASA</p> <p>ASA Delegates Steve Sween, MD, FCCP, FASA Mary Arthur, MD, FASA Judi Handley, MD Maurice Gilbert, MD, FASA Korrin Ford, MD, FASA Matt Klopman, MD, MBA, FASA Caryl Bailey, MD Joanna Schindler, MD Ronnie Zeidan, MD, MBA</p> <p>ASA Alternate Delegates Anterpreet Dua, MD Amanda Brown, MD Rachel Steckelberg, MD, MPH Lindsay Sween, MD Bill Hallowes, MD</p> <p>Delegates to MAG Gerry Moody, MD Amanda Brown, MD</p>		
8. Resident Section	Dr. Kelly Taylor, President			
9. GAAA Report (see attached)	Yulanda Greene, CAA, GAAA President			
10. CWL Museum Liaison (see attached report)	Dr. Bill Hallowes Ad Hoc Committee: Dr. Hallowes, Dr. Schindler, Dr. Steve Sween.	Ad Hoc committee on CWL Museum support recommends GSA contribute \$1,200 to fund installation of UV filtering window coverings to protect rare historic documents and photos.		
11. By-Laws Committee	Dr. Hallowes	Committee to review By-Laws to determine appropriate and necessary updates and report to Board on following schedule: Submit amendments to HQ by May 30, 2026. Executive Committee review by June 15. EC recommendations to HQ by June 30. Special Board Meeting review by July 15.		

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		Final amendments submitted to the full membership by July 22. A vote to adopt the revised By-Laws should be conducted at the August 22, 2026 General Business meeting.		
12. CWL Award	Dr. Peggy Duke			
Discussion Items Education and Member Services				
13. Program and Education (see attached)	Dr. Andrea Corujo-Rodriguez Stephanie Bowen, Executive Director	2026 Summer Meeting ends its 3-year run at Legacy Lodge at Lake Lanier Islands August 21-23, 2026. ASA is ending its Joint Provider Program. GSA will seek a CME provider partner.		
14. Vendor Relations Committee (See attached)	Dr. Caryl Bailey			
15. Practice Management	Dr. John Stephenson			
16. Academic Anesthesia (reports attached)	Dr. Susan Smith and Dr. Gaurav Patel (Emory); Dr. Mary Arthur and Dr. Akbar Herekar (MCG)	Reports attached.		
17. Women in Anesthesia (see attached)	Dr. Judi Handley, Dr. Lindsay Sween			
Discussion Items Advocacy				
18. Government Affairs (see attached report)	Dr. Amanda Brown/ Jet Toney Derek Norton Stephanie Bowen	2026 Legislation of Interest: HB 326 Health plan coverage for non-opioids SB 162 Statewide credentialing HB 717 Regulation of Ketamine clinics		

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19. GSA-PAC report (see attached)	Dr. Judi Handley	See report.		
Discussion Items State Medical Relations				
20. MAG HOD	Dr. Gerry Moody	MAG HOD is in the fall. The following GSA members attended the 2025 HOD: Dr. Moody, Dr. Dozier, Dr. Mark Huffman (MAG Secretary), Dr. Florence LeCraw, Dr. Carol Mulligan, and Dr. Steve Walsh. Also, Jet Toney, GSA staff.		
Discussion Items ASA Component Society				
21. ASA Resident House of Delegates				
22. ASA House of Delegates	Mr. Toney	Delegates and Alternates who have agreed to serve in 2026 but know now that they will not be able to attend the 2026 ASA HOD in October should notify 2026 President Anderson and GSA HQ.		
23. ASA Director's Report	Dr. Bob Lane			
24. Other				

Officers: **Rachel Steckelberg, MD**, President, presiding; **Korrin S. Ford, MD**, Immediate Past-President; **Stephen Anderson, MD**, President-Elect; **Bill Hallowes, MD**, Vice-President; **Joanna Schindler, MD**, Secretary-Treasurer.

ASA Director & Alternate Director: **Steve Sween, MD**, Alternate Director, and **Bob Lane, MD**, ASA Director.

ASA Delegates and Alternates: **Judith Handley, MD**, Delegate; **Mary Arthur, MD**, Delegate; **Matt Klopman, MD**, Delegate; **Lindsay Sween, MD**, Alternate, and **Caryl Bailey, MD**, Alternate.

MAG Delegates: **Gerry Moody, MD**, Delegate and **Heather Dozier, MD**.

Committee Chairs: **Andrea Conjo-Rodriguez, MD**, Program and Education Co-Chair; **Amanda Brown, MD**, Government Affairs, Chair;

GAAA Officers: **Toby Lawhon, CAA**, Past-President, and **Jordan Aigner, CAA**, AAAA Director, substituting for **Yulanda Green, CAA**, President.

Resident Section Officers:

Summer Meeting Activity Director: **Varsha Pulijal, MD**.

Staff: **Stephanie Bowen**, GSA Executive Secretary; **James E. "Jet" Toney**, GSA Lead Lobbyist; and **Derek Norton**, GSA Contract Lobbyist (MAG Contract Lobbyist).

Special Guests: **ASA 1st Vice-President Jeff Mueller, MD**, (Eileen), State Rep. **Michelle Au, MD**, (GSA Member) and **Mr. Noah Laurie**, Rep. Au's Chief of Staff.

GSA Board of Directors

Minutes

August 22, 2025
GSA Summer Meeting
Legacy Lodge at Lake Lanier Island, Buford, Georgia

Officers: Rachel Steckelberg, MD, President, presiding; Korrin S. Ford, MD, Immediate Past-President; Stephen Anderson, MD, President-Elect; Bill Hallowes, MD, Vice-President; Joanna Schindler, MD, Secretary-Treasurer.

ASA Director & Alternate Director: Steve Sween, MD, Alternate Director, and Bob Lane, MD, ASA Director.

ASA Delegates and Alternates: Judith Handley, MD, Delegate; Mary Arthur, MD, Delegate; Matt Klopman, MD, Delegate; Lindsay Sween, MD, Alternate, and Caryl Bailey, MD, Alternate.

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Special Guests: ASA 1st Vice-President Jeff Mueller, MD, (Eileen). State Rep. Michelle Au, MD, (GSA Member) and Mr. Noah Laurie, Rep. Au's Chief of Staff.

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Information Items				
1. Call to Order	Dr. Rachel Steckelberg	5:15 pm Call to Order by Dr. Steckelberg.		

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2. Confirmation of Quorum	Dr. Joanna Schindler	Nine (9) Officers, Directors and Alternate, Delegates and Alternates must be present and voting. 10 Board members present.	Quorum confirmed.	
3. Guests Invited/Logistics	Jet Toney, staff	ASA First VP Jeff Mueller MD, Phoenix, AZ GSA member State Rep. Michelle Au, MD 6:00 pm Guests: Susan K. Blank, MD, Medical Director, Georgia PHP Robin McCown, Executive Director, Georgia PHP	Dr. Blank and Ms. McCown informed Board and guests about the Professionals (physicians) Health Program which guides recovering professionals to better health and to licensure renewal.	GSA provided a complimentary exhibit table to GA PHP for the weekend.
Discussion Items Society Administration				
4. February 7, 2025 BOD Minutes (attached)	Dr. Steckelberg	Minutes of the 2025 Winter Board Meeting were presented and reviewed.	Dr. Klopman moved approval, Dr. Ford seconded. Motion adopted.	Minutes posted on GSAhq.org
5. 2025 Mid-Year Financials (attached)	Dr. Schindler	Dr. Schindler presented mid-year financials noting income and expenditures were tracking budget markers.	Dr. Lane moved approval, Dr. Handley seconded. Motion to accept passed.	
6. Membership Reports(attached)	Dr. Lindsay Sween	Dr. Sween reported increased membership due to intentional contact with former and prospective members.	Dr. Steve Sween moved acceptance of the report. Dr. Lane seconded. Motion passed.	
7. Nominating Committee	Dr. Stephen Anderson	Dr. Anderson and Dr. Steckelberg have recently added members to committees at the request of the members. The Nominating Committee should submit a report (slate) for officer, director, alternate director, delegate, alternate delegates, and MAG delegates and alternates by November 30, 2025.		

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8. Ad Hoc Committee on Member Reimbursement	Dr. Steve Sween	Dr. Sween presented the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on Member Reimbursement for expenses incurred for approved attendance and participation in GSA, ASA, and affiliated organization activities. (recommendations attached)	Dr. Lane moved adoption of the report, Dr. Handley seconded. Motion passed. The motion included approval to immediately implement new reimbursement guidelines.	Guidelines implemented effective immediately.
9. Resident Section	Dr. Jonathan Heyman, Dr. Jacky Chen			
10. GAAA Report (see attached)	Yulanda Greene, CAA, GAAA President	GAAA President Green presented the GAAA report.		
11. CWL Museum Liaison (see attached report)	Dr. Bill Hallowes	Requested a \$ 2120 donation from the GSA towards the installation of an internal PA system throughout the museum display areas. This system would be used to stream background period music through the museum enhancing the museum visitation experience. It would also provide a means of broadcasting historical display item information during group tours as well as announcements.		Dr. Steckelberg to appoint a committee to consider the request.
12. By-Laws Committee	Dr. Hallowes	The VP has traditionally served as By-Laws Committee Chair. The length of time since By-Laws were last reviewed warrant a full examination to assure consistency with ASA By-Laws and procedures and to update foundational processes.		
13. CWL Award	Dr. Peggy Duke			

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15. Vendor Relations Committee (See attached)	Dr. Caryl Bailey	Noted strong vendor support for the meeting. An exhibitor visitation “scorecard game” was implemented to encourage vendor/attendee interaction. Prizes for top participation.		
16. Practice Management	Dr. John Stephenson			
17. Academic Anesthesia (reports attached)	Dr. Susan Smith and Dr. Gaurav Patel (Emory); Dr. Mary Arthur and Dr. Akbar Herekar (MCG)	Reports attached.		
18. Women in Anesthesia (see attached)	Dr. Judi Handley, Dr. Lindsay Sween			
Discussion Items Advocacy				
19. Government Affairs (see attached report)	Dr. Amanda Brown/ Jet Toney Derek Norton Stephanie Bowen	Dr. Brown presented a summary of state legislative activity during the 2025 Georgia General Assembly. Jet Toney noted that the GSA Board’s decision to use \$50 of the 2025		

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		\$100 dues increase for GSA-PAC favorably influenced ASA's decision to award GSA \$30K in state assistance grants to battle nurse scope expansion legislation.		
20. GSA-PAC report (see attached)	Dr. Judi Handley	See report.		
Discussion Items State Medical Relations				
21. MAG HOD	Dr. Gerry Moody	The Medical Association of Georgia's HOD is October 17-19 in Savannah.	Dr. Moody and Dr. Heather Dozier are confirmed to attend as GSA's delegates.	
Discussion Items ASA Component Society				
22. ASA Resident House of Delegates	Stephanie Bowen, Executive Director	Headquarters needs confirmation of the residents attending.		
23. ASA House of Delegates	Mr. Toney	Delegates and Alternate Delegates noted commitments or deferrals for attendance at the ASA HOD in October.		GSA HQ will secure sufficient alternates to fill seats.
24. ASA Director's Report	Dr. Bob Lane	Dr. Lane noted Dr. Steve Sween has been re-appointed chair of the ASA Charitable Foundation.		
25. Other	Dr. Jeff Mueller, ASA 1 st Vice-President	Dr. Mueller stated new ethics guidelines may affect organ donations. Stated ASA Centers are being formed to provide more specific information on important practice issues. He		

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		encouraged members to review the new Statement on Physician-Led Care. He announced a new publication, <i>Anesthesia Open</i> , a magazine to allow more voices in the anesthesia community in addition to <i>The Monitor</i> .		

Georgia Society of Anesthesiologists
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison
January through December

	2025	2024	% Change
Income			
Exhibit Fees	26,250.00	23,570.00	11.4%
Extraordinary Vendor Support	2,000.00	1,000.00	100.0%
Interest Income	9,110.93	9,848.46	-7.5%
Meeting Registration	37,430.40	38,960.00	-3.9%
Membership Dues			
AA Dues	32,466.67	13,008.33	149.6%
Membership Dues	404,300.00	359,403.00	12.5%
Total Membership Dues	436,766.67	372,411.33	17.3%
Cash Back Rewards	1,692.25	0.00	100.0%
State Advocacy Grant	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.0%
Total Income	543,250.25	475,789.79	14.2%
Expense			
Advertising and Promotion	41,368.30	36,000.00	14.9%
Association Management	146,975.04	146,975.04	0.0%
Awards	402.15	372.76	7.9%
Bank Service Charges	23.90	35.00	-31.7%
CME	2,550.00	2,500.00	2.0%
Contributions	2,000.00	10,000.00	-80.0%
Gov. Affairs Consulting	95,400.00	95,400.00	0.0%
Insurance			
D&O	2,736.00	2,672.00	2.4%
Total Insurance	2,736.00	2,672.00	2.4%
Interest Expense	0.00	40.00	-100.0%
Legislative Entertainment	8,088.18	8,938.55	-9.5%
Licenses and Permits	35.00	1,550.00	-97.7%
Meeting Expense			
A/V & Room Rental	17,557.77	20,262.12	-13.3%
Banquets & Catering	36,696.94	54,891.98	-33.1%
Equipment	1,944.47	0.00	100.0%
Liability Insurance	1,055.00	0.00	100.0%
Speaker Honoraria	1,500.00	500.00	200.0%
Meeting Expense - Misc	104.54	0.00	100.0%
Total Meeting Expense	58,858.72	75,654.10	-22.2%
Merchant CC Fees	13,826.48	13,970.90	-1.0%
Office Supplies	833.24	384.70	116.6%
Outside Consultants	300.00	898.23	-66.6%
Postage and Delivery	1,819.63	891.35	104.1%
Printing and Reproduction	469.60	446.35	5.2%

Georgia Society of Anesthesiologists
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison
January through December

	2025	2024	% Change
Professional Fees			
CPA	1,250.00	1,250.00	0.0%
Total Professional Fees	1,250.00	1,250.00	0.0%
Registrations & Reimbursements	6,946.00	8,715.00	-20.3%
Subscriptions & Dues			
Melio Fees (ACH)	15.00	0.00	100.0%
Subscriptions & Dues	643.92	56,977.15	-98.9%
Total Subscriptions & Dues	658.92	56,977.15	-98.8%
Telephone	825.00	975.00	-15.4%
Travel & Ent			
Airfare	12,530.40	11,366.86	10.2%
Lodging	36,366.17	32,302.14	12.6%
Meals	4,713.59	5,197.92	-9.3%
Mileage	3,124.27	3,306.56	-5.5%
Parking, Tips, Cabs, etc.	3,925.92	2,607.08	50.6%
Per Diem	66.09	0.00	100.0%
Total Travel & Ent	60,726.44	54,780.56	10.9%
Website	7,298.56	7,486.23	-2.5%
Total Expense	453,391.16	526,912.92	-14.0%
Net Income	89,859.09	-51,123.13	275.8%

Georgia Society of Anesthesiologists
Statement of Financial Position
As of December 31, 2025

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Truist 4208	204,341.72
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Other Current Assets

Investments

Federated Hermes Ultrashort	87,711.09
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Vanguard Index Funds	80,570.68
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Total Investments	<u>168,281.77</u>
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Undeposited Funds	23,360.00
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Total Other Current Assets	<u>191,641.77</u>
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Total Current Assets	395,983.49
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Other Assets

Truist Investment Services

Money Market

Dreyfus Treasury Sec	91,438.21
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Money Market Cash Deposits	<u>10,040.40</u>
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Total Money Market	<u>101,478.61</u>
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Total Truist Investment Services	<u>101,478.61</u>
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Total Other Assets	<u>101,478.61</u>
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u>497,462.10</u>
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable

Accounts Payable	<u>-20,330.37</u>
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Total Accounts Payable	<u>-20,330.37</u>
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Credit Cards

0065 - Jet	138.55
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1554 - Stephanie	<u>21,842.19</u>
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Total Credit Cards	<u>21,980.74</u>
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Other Current Liabilities

Deferred Revenue	<u>68,610.00</u>
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Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>68,610.00</u>
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Total Current Liabilities	<u>70,260.37</u>
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Total Liabilities	70,260.37
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Equity

Fund Balance

Fund Balance	337,342.64
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Net Income

Net Income	89,859.09
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Total Equity	<u>427,201.73</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>497,462.10</u>
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Georgia Society of Anesthesiologists
Budget vs. Actual
Fiscal Year 2025

	Actual	Budget	% of Budget
Income			
Exhibit Fees	26,250.00	20,000.00	131.3%
Extraordinary Vendor Support	2,000.00	1,000.00	200.0%
Interest Income	9,110.93	10,000.00	91.1%
Meeting Registration	37,430.40	40,000.00	93.6%
Membership Dues			
AA Dues	32,466.67	20,000.00	162.3%
Membership Dues	404,300.00	400,000.00	101.1%
Total Membership Dues	<u>436,766.67</u>	<u>420,000.00</u>	<u>104.0%</u>
Cash Back Rewards	1,692.25		
State Advocacy Grant	30,000.00	30,000.00	100.0%
Total Income	<u>543,250.25</u>	<u>521,000.00</u>	<u>104.3%</u>
Expense			
Advertising and Promotion	41,368.30	75,000.00	55.2%
Association Management	146,975.04	146,975.00	100.0%
Awards	402.15	1,000.00	40.2%
Bank Service Charges	23.90	100.00	23.9%
CME	2,550.00	3,000.00	85.0%
Contributions	2,000.00	10,000.00	20.0%
Gov. Affairs Consulting	95,400.00	95,400.00	100.0%
Insurance			
D&O	<u>2,736.00</u>	<u>2,675.00</u>	<u>102.3%</u>
Total Insurance	<u>2,736.00</u>	<u>2,675.00</u>	<u>102.3%</u>
Interest Expense	0.00	50.00	0.0%
Legislative Entertainment	8,088.18	10,000.00	80.9%
Licenses and Permits	35.00	1,500.00	2.3%
Meeting Expense			
A/V & Room Rental	17,557.77	20,000.00	87.8%
Banquets & Catering	36,696.94	55,000.00	66.7%
Equipment	1,944.47	500.00	388.9%
Liability Insurance	1,055.00	900.00	117.2%
Speaker Honoraria	1,500.00	1,000.00	150.0%
Meeting Expense - Misc	<u>104.54</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Total Meeting Expense	<u>58,858.72</u>	<u>77,400.00</u>	<u>76.0%</u>
Merchant CC Fees	13,826.48	15,000.00	92.2%
Office Supplies	833.24	500.00	166.6%
Outside Consultants	300.00	1,000.00	30.0%
Postage and Delivery	1,819.63	1,000.00	182.0%
Printing and Reproduction	469.60	500.00	93.9%

Georgia Society of Anesthesiologists
Budget vs. Actual
Fiscal Year 2025

	Actual	Budget	% of Budget
Professional Fees			
CPA	1,250.00	1,500.00	83.3%
Legal Fees	0.00	<u>5,000.00</u>	0.0%
Total Professional Fees	1,250.00	6,500.00	19.2%
Registrations & Reimbursements	6,946.00	8,000.00	86.8%
Subscriptions & Dues			
Melio Fees (ACH)	15.00		
Subscriptions & Dues	685.92	2,000.00	34.3%
Total Subscriptions & Dues	700.92	2,000.00	35.0%
Telephone	825.00	1,000.00	82.5%
Travel & Ent			
Airfare	12,530.40	12,000.00	104.4%
Lodging	36,366.17	32,000.00	113.6%
Meals	4,713.59	6,000.00	78.6%
Mileage	3,124.27	4,000.00	78.1%
Parking, Tips, Cabs, etc.	3,925.92	4,000.00	98.1%
Per Diem	66.09	500.00	13.2%
Total Travel & Ent	60,726.44	58,500.00	103.8%
Website	7,298.56	8,000.00	91.2%
Total Expense	453,433.16	525,100.00	86.4%
Net Income	<u>89,817.09</u>	<u>-4,100.00</u>	<u>-2,190.7%</u>

**Georgia Society of Anesthesiologists
Profit & Loss
Winter 2025 Meeting**

Income

Exhibit Fees	7,000.00
Meeting Registration	9,655.00
Total Income	16,655.00

Expense

CME	875.00
Meeting Expense	
A/V & Room Rental	5,944.42
Banquets & Catering	18,654.11
Liability Insurance	430.00
Speaker Honoraria	1,000.00
Total Meeting Expense	26,028.53
Office Supplies	49.99
Travel & Ent	
Lodging	736.32
Meals	260.19
Mileage	439.60
Parking, Tips, Cabs, etc.	145.80
Per Diem	66.09
Total Travel & Ent	1,648.00
Total Expense	28,601.52
Net Loss	<u>-11,946.52</u>

**Georgia Society of Anesthesiologists
Profit & Loss
Summer 2025 Meeting**

Income

Exhibit Fees	18,250.00
Extraordinary Vendor Support	2,000.00
Meeting Registration	<u>27,295.40</u>
Total Income	<u>47,545.40</u>

Expense

CME	1,675.00
Meeting Expense	
A/V & Room Rental	11,613.35
Banquets & Catering	16,120.94
Equipment	1,944.47
Liability Insurance	190.00
Speaker Honoraria	500.00
Total Meeting Expense	<u>30,368.76</u>
Office Supplies	234.79
Outside Consultants	300.00
Postage and Delivery	1,420.16
Printing and Reproduction	425.00
Travel & Ent	
Airfare	628.96
Lodging	7,975.57
Meals	-27.40
Mileage	875.73
Parking, Tips, Cabs, etc.	436.60
Total Travel & Ent	<u>9,889.46</u>
Total Expense	<u>44,313.17</u>
Net Income	<u>3,232.23</u>

Georgia Society of Anesthesiologists
Profit & Loss 2026 Budget Proposal

Income

Exhibit Fees	25,000.00
Extraordinary Vendor Support	1,000.00
Interest Income	10,000.00
Meeting Registration	40,000.00
Membership Dues	400,000.00
AA Dues	<u>30,000.00</u>
Total Membership Dues	430,000.00
State Advocacy Grant	<u>15,000.00</u>
Total Income	521,000.00

Expense

Advertising and Promotion	75,000.00
Association Management	146,975.00
Awards	1,000.00
Bank Service Charges	100.00
CME	3,000.00
Contributions	10,000.00
Gov. Affairs Consulting	95,400.00
Insurance:D&O	3,000.00
Legislative Entertainment	10,000.00
Licenses and Permits	1,500.00
Meeting Expense	
A/V & Room Rental	20,000.00
Banquets & Catering	40,000.00
Equipment	2,000.00
Liability Insurance	1,000.00
Speaker Honoraria	2,000.00
Meeting Expense - Misc	<u>500.00</u>
Total Meeting Expense	65,500.00
Merchant CC Fees	15,000.00
Office Supplies	1,000.00
Outside Consultants	500.00
Postage and Delivery	2,000.00
Printing and Reproduction	500.00
Professional Fees	
CPA	1,500.00
Legal Fees	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total Professional Fees	6,500.00
Registrations & Reimbursements	8,000.00
Subscriptions & Dues	1,000.00
Telephone	1,000.00
Travel & Ent	
Airfare	15,000.00
Lodging	35,000.00

**Georgia Society of Anesthesiologists
Profit & Loss 2026 Budget Proposal**

Meals	6,000.00
Mileage	4,000.00
Parking, Tips, Cabs, etc.	4,000.00
Per Diem	500.00
Total Travel & Ent	<u>64,500.00</u>
Website	8,000.00
Total Expense	<u>519,475.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>1,525.00</u>
Net Income	<u>1,525.00</u>

Membership Committee
Lindsay Sween, MD, MPH – Chair
2/6/26

Overview:

Priority Items:

1. Maintain Active Membership
2. Grow Membership

Informational Items:

1. Tips for residency program faculty recent graduate outreach

Priority Items:

1. Maintain Active Membership
 - Current Members

	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Active	864	863	859	865	822
Affiliate	15	10	11	11	9
AA	436	390	290	337	283
Resident	133	122	133	116	137
Retired	194	190	175	175	142
Medical Student	140	107	105	117	63
AA Student	81	117	114	78	45
Total	1,863	1,780	1,557	1,560	1,547

- The GSA physician member renewal rate is currently lower than at this time last year, but according to the ASA, this is a national trend
 - The ASA has some important upcoming invoicing that should encourage renewals
- 2. Grow Membership
 - Ideas from ASA
 - I have pulled the ASA Paid/Unpaid Component Member Report and would welcome help contacting every lapsed member from last year encouraging them to renew their ASA and GSA memberships
 - Identify anesthesia faculty members from each residency program in Georgia who would be willing to reach out to recent graduates in the first five years of their practice who are non-members of GSA and ASA to encourage them to join
 - Toby is trying to recruit 40 Emory AAs who are not currently GSA members
 - Ask GAAA to reach out to VCOM
 - VCOM paid for their 2025 class but have not yet paid for their 2026 class, explaining part of the 36-person decrease in AA Student membership

Informational Items:

1. Tips for residency program faculty recent graduate outreach
 - a. Anesthesiologists in their first three years of practice qualify for the ASA Early Career Membership Program
 - i. Three years of membership for a one-time reduced fee
 - ii. ACE, Summaries of Emerging Evidence, and other ASA courses to earn CME cost-free
 - iii. One cost-free registration for the Anesthesiology Annual Meeting any time during the three-year membership term
 - iv. One cost-free registration for ASA Advance Meeting any time during the three-year membership term to help develop business and leadership skills
 - v. Delivery of targeted clinical, career, personal finance, and wellness resources

Nominating Committee
Stephen Anderson, MD – Chair
February 6, 2026

Overview:

Priority Items:

1. Electing 2026 GSA Officers

Priority Items:

1. Electing 2026 GSA Officers

The GSA Nominating Committee has proposed the following people to serve as GSA officers for the 2026 term:

President

Dr Stephen Anderson

President-Elect

Dr Bill Hallowes

Vice President

Dr Caryl Bailey

GSA Director

Dr Bob Lane

GSA Alternate Director

Dr Matthew Klopman

ASA Alternate Delegates

Dr Anterpreet Dua

Dr Amanda Brown

Dr Rachel Steckelberg

Dr Lindsay Sween

Dr Bill Hallowes

MAG Delegates

Dr Amanda Brown

Dr Gerald Moody

ASA Delegates

Dr Korin Ford

Dr Matthew Klopman

Dr Caryl Bailey

Dr Joanna Schindler

Dr Ronnie Zeidan

Dr Maurice Gilbert

Dr Mary Arthur

Dr Judith Handley

Dr Steve Sween

The Nominating Committee RECOMMENDS approval of the above nominees.

Georgia Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants (GAAA)
Ashleigh Schroder, CAA – GAAA President, 2026
February 6, 2026

Overview:

Priority Items:

1. GAAA Membership

Informational Items:

1. CAA Advocacy Day at the Capitol
2. MAG Legislative Conference
3. Prospective Student Membership
4. CRNA Independence Practice

Reference Items:

1. N/A

Priority Items:

1. GAAA Membership

Increasing membership numbers remains a top priority for GAAA leadership. This year, we have experienced unprecedented success with group renewals through Emory, with 180 anesthetists enrolled in automatic membership renewal. This initiative significantly strengthens our membership numbers and enhances long-term sustainability. We also continue to benefit from group renewals with the Albany, Athens, and Gainesville practice groups. One area of concern is the absence of student memberships from VCOM. This issue will be addressed at our board meeting tomorrow, and I anticipate full participation from their program.

Informational Items:

1. CAA Advocacy Day at the Capitol

CAA Advocacy Day at the Capitol is this coming Monday, February 9th. Students and faculty from the Emory, South, and VCOM programs will be in attendance to learn about the importance of professional advocacy. We have twelve key legislators, including Dr. Michelle Au and Senator Chuck Hufstetler, that will be in attendance to speak with our group. We look forward to productive discussions with our state representatives. We welcome any and all GSA/GAAA members to join us.

2. MAG Legislative Conference

GAAA will be represented at the MAG legislative conference this year. The board will discuss contributions to key attendees.

3. Prospective Student Membership

Last year, we successfully created a new Prospective AA Student membership with a one-time membership fee of \$50. We also created a new Prospective Student Committee within our leadership team that is committed to providing these individuals with opportunities for shadowing, mentorship, and volunteering.

4. CRNA Independence Practice

Our lobbyists with PGR have stated that there is no CRNA independent practice legislation pending at this time. We will continue to monitor legislative developments throughout this session. Our leadership team is prepared to activate grassroots network to oppose any such legislation, as well as to stand in at committee hearings as needed.

Crawford Long Museum Committee
GSA BOD report
 Bill Hallowes, MD (Liaison)
 February 6, 2026

Overview:

Priority Items :

1. Install UV blocking filters on CW Long Library windows - est. \$1200 -
 UV filters are necessary for the continued protection and preservation of displayed artifacts and historical papers. Will seek GSA financial partnership in installation.
2. Repaint and restore outside of the Pendergrass Store
3. Install Eugenia Long's (Dr. Long's daughter, 1857-1940) headstone
4. Host Blue Field/VCOM AA students for tour of museum each quarter - incoming AA students to their first clinical rotation at NGMC will come for a private education tour of the museum and history of Dr. Crawford W. Long's historic contribution to medicine.

Informational Items :

Museum Activities: August 2025 - December 2025

Attended the Georgia Society of Anesthesiologists (GSA) as an exhibitor at Lake Lanier Islands.

- Welcomed a new intern from UGA who is acquiring a museum studies certification.
- Hosted the Christian Homes and Educators Homeschool Group for a special tour and scavenger hunt.
- Held G. Richard Hoard Author Event on location at the Jefferson Public Library with 42 attendees.
- Hosted the Jefferson City Schools Film classes for multiple guided tours; Will partner with them for a film project that will produce a video for the museum to use on our website.
- Held "Dressing for the Times: Fashion in the 1890s" which included a "getting dressed" demonstration for 10 attendees.
- Hosted 23 Scottish Exchange students for a tour of the museum.
- Planned Dr. Long's 210th Birthday Bash which included vintage birthday party craft, decorations, and cake – this program was a project for our current Museum Studies intern from UGA.
- The Museum was used as a stop on the Porch Tales tour with Mr. Andy Garrison playing Dr. Long.
- We were invited to give a presentation to the Georgia Power Retirement Group at the Carriage House. Spoke about the history of Dr. Long and what visitors will see during a museum visit.
- The Michael Carr Realty Group sponsored Old-Fashioned Pictures with Santa which included a hot chocolate bar and one extra hour of Santa's time for pictures; almost 200 attendees.
- Restocked our gift shop with new t-shirts and Victorian inspired merchandise.
- Participated in Jefferson's Shop by Candlelight with hot tea, cookies, and storytime.
- Hosted the East Hall Allied Health Tour Group for a guided tour; received a visit from Johnson High School students for a self-guided tour/scavenger hunt.

Attached : CWL Museum Summer 2025 newsletter noting GSA contribution to restoration of Dr. Long portrait

Museum attendance :

	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
DECEMBER				
Attendance:	83	244	159	114
Admission Revenue	\$191	\$361.30	\$183	\$192
Special Events	\$-0-	\$40	\$-0-	\$45
Gift Shop	\$84.53	\$62.60	\$357.37	\$170.05
Memberships	\$100	\$100	\$35	\$-0-
Donations	\$100	\$1,098	\$10	\$1,100
Fundraisers	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-



Crawford W. Long

M U S E U M

A Recap for the Friends of the Museum

Spring Frolic: Doctors' Day 2025



Our portrait returned! We held a special recognition of Doctors' Day and celebrated the return of our newly restored portrait of Dr. Long, painted by Lewis Gregg in 1926. Our Frolic included live music, snacks & treats, and a flower bar.



Thank you to the donors that funded our portrait restoration project: The Georgia Civil War Commission, the Georgia Society of Anesthesiologists, the Colonial Dames of Georgia (Chapter 33), and the Watson Brown Foundation Junior Board.



Upcoming events:

- Tea Party & Victorian etiquette & history, January 24.
- Ken Johnston - The role of Georgia in the American Revolutionary Era, March 2026.
- Doctors' Day, March 30.
- Mulberry Day – Living History, May 2026.
- History Camp, June 2026.

Programs and Education Committee
Andrea Corujo Rodriguez, MD, FASA
2/2026

Overview:

Priority Items:

1. Discussion of the annual meeting from 2027 onward, including the results of the survey sent to GSA members

Informational Items:

2. Summer meeting Activity Directors: Dr. Devin Weinberg and Dr. Austin DeBeaux

Priority Items

Several considerations:

1. Consider one annual meeting per year, due to the increasing number of ways to obtain CME credits (e.g., grand rounds at academic centers, ASA-related CME on their website),
Alternate between Emory and MCG.
Benefit-Still provides opportunities to build CVs. Medical students can still present posters.
2. Consider a combined annual meeting with another Georgia society to allow for a more popular location (still one per year)
Benefit-Higher likelihood of securing better rates at Lake Oconee
Con- Potential limited space for our activities
3. Instead of an annual GSA meeting, consider joining the Carolinas and Tennessee meeting in September. Alternatively, consider electing district leaders advocating for the GSA/district meetings.

Vendor Relations Committee Report

Chair: Caryl Bailey MD

Date: February 6, 2026

Overview

Priority Items:

- Vendor Retention and Recruitment Strategies (RECOMMEND)

Informational Items:

- GSA 2026 Winter Forum Vendor Participation
- Raffle Pilot and Proposed Expansion

Reference Items:

- New Vendors

Priority Items

➤ Vendor Retention and Recruitment Strategies

As consolidation among healthcare groups continues, **local decision-making power has decreased**, impacting the value proposition of GSA meetings for vendors. The loss of long-standing participants such as Merck, which has suspended national exhibiting activity due to a patent expiration, underscores this shift.

While we experienced a decline in vendor participation from 2024 to 2025, we are pleased to report that **the number of vendors increased by one for the 2026 Winter Forum**, fully **filling the available exhibit space**. This was made possible in part by welcoming **four new vendors**, which signals that GSA remains an attractive platform for new industry partners.

To build on this progress, the committee recommends a **proactive engagement model** to support retention and recruitment by:

- **Offering tiered sponsorship levels** with clear value-added benefits
- **Coordinating more interactive exhibit hall events** to drive foot traffic and vendor visibility

We propose refining and piloting this approach during the **GSA 2026 Summer Meeting**.

Informational Items

➤ GSA 2026 Winter Forum Vendors

The following **10 vendors** participated in the GSA 2026 Winter Forum:

1. **Octapharma**
2. **PPM (New)**
3. **Que Technologies (New)**
4. **Georgia PHP (New – Complimentary Booth)**
5. **Pacira BioSciences, Inc.**
6. **Fisher & Paykel Healthcare**
7. **Pajunk Medical Systems**
8. **Medical Association of Georgia**
9. **Karl Storz Endoscopy – United States**
10. **Mindray**
11. **Halo MD**

Two vendors who participated in prior years, Merck and US Navy, did not register this year. Merck has confirmed that its absence is due to a national strategic pause in exhibiting.

➤ Raffle Pilot and Proposed Expansion

A raffle offering discounted registration to a future GSA meeting was piloted at the 2025 Summer Meeting; while there was clear interest, overall participation was modest. The committee recommends continuing this initiative with the following improvements:

- **Streamlining entry requirements** to improve accessibility
- **Scheduling the drawing on Saturday evening** to maximize participation
- **Promoting the raffle in pre-meeting communications**
- **Engaging vendors earlier** in planning to explore the possibility of **vendor-sponsored prizes**

These adjustments are expected to boost participation and align vendor branding with high-visibility activities.

Reference Items

➤ **New Vendors and Complimentary Booths**

This year welcomed three new exhibitors:

- **Halo MD**
- **PPM**
- **Que Technologies**
- **Georgia PHP** (*Complimentary booth for member education*)

A full list of current and past exhibitors has been archived for reference and future outreach efforts.

➤ **Engagement strategies**

In addition to structural and logistical enhancements, it is critical that **GSA meeting moderators (activity directors) intentionally remind attendees to engage with exhibitors** throughout the meeting. Verbal announcements, signage in registration materials, and messaging in event emails should consistently emphasize the importance of visiting vendor booths. These reminders should be framed as both a professional courtesy and a way to support the continued success of GSA-sponsored events.

Committee on Academic Anesthesia
Mary E. Arthur, MD, FASE, FASA/Akbar Herekar, MD
Augusta University Liaison
Resident Section
Kellie Moon, MD (CA2) – President (Resident Component)
02/03/2026

Overview:

Priority Items:

Residents

- Encourage resident involvement in ASAPAC
- Promote resident attendance at conferences

Informational Items:

Residents

- GSA Resident Leaders
- GMEC approval of residency expansion at WellStar MCG Health
- ASA Resident Distinction Award
- ASA Committee membership
- ASA Committee on Professional Diversity Mentoring Grants
- ACGME Leadership Training Program
- Leadership Certificate Course
- Induction into Honor Society
- ABA Basic Exams
- Fellowship
- New training sites: Columbia County and SCCC Health Park ASC

Faculty

- Group billing for all Faculty and Residents
- Multiple faculty members serving on ASA Committees

ASA 2025 Meeting Update

Reference Items: None

Priority Items:

Resident participation in ASAPAC

- The plan is to encourage all eligible anesthesia residents in Georgia to contribute, aiming for 100% participation.
- To achieve this goal, the following strategies will be used:
 - Simplify the enrollment process by providing direct links for quick sign-up
 - Emphasize relevance by outlining issues that directly affect residents
 - Promote participation through peer-to-peer outreach
- **Promote resident attendance at conferences by providing information on the GSA website**
Attending conferences improves resident education and professional growth by helping trainees to stay updated on anesthesiology advances, offering chances to present scholarly

work, and encouraging networking and mentorship that support career, fellowship, and leadership development.

To meet this objective, residents are asking the GSA to consider publishing meeting details, abstract deadlines, and trainee funding opportunities on its website. This will give residents easy access to online resources with information on conference schedules, abstract submission guidelines, registration procedures, and available funding or travel support. Providing these resources will reduce logistical challenges and promote resident involvement in professional conferences.

Informational Items:

Residents:

- 47 residents, 6 fellows (2 Critical Care, 2 Pain, 1 Pediatric Anesthesia and 1 Clinical-Educator)
- **GSA Resident Leaders**
 - Kellie Moon – President
 - Linda Sghayyer – Secretary
 - Nikolas Holloway - Treasurer
 - Ammar Toubasi – ASA Delegate
 - Jacky Chen – ASA Delegate
 - Rudresh Patel – GA State Representative

GMEC approval of residency expansion at WellStar MCG Health

- The graduate medical education committee at WellStar MCG has approved the expansion of the anesthesiology residency by two residents per class, effective July 2027.

ASA Resident Distinction Award Recipients:

- Ammar Toubasi
- Jacob Boudreaux

ASA Committee membership

- **Dr. Jacob Boudreaux**, CA3 Resident, has fulfilled the requirements to become an ASA Residency Advocacy Champion. The program was developed to supplement residency education in advocacy.
- **Dr. Naema Daino**, CA1 Resident, has been appointed to serve a 2-year term on the ASA Committee on Cardiovascular and Thoracic Anesthesia and the Committee on Environmental Health.

ASA Committee on Professional Diversity Mentoring Grants

- Building Foundations: Developing Future Anesthesiologists Among Underrepresented Undergraduate Students: Bryant Bolds, Dr Arthur
- A Patient Focused Comparative Analysis of Large Language Models In Cardiac Surgery and Anesthesia Education: Jacky Chen, Dr Bailey

ACGME Leadership Training Program

- Drs. Tyler Cook, Ammar Toubasi, and Ali Mroue attended the ACGME Leadership Skills Training Program in Chicago, IL.

Leadership Certificate Course

- The intern class takes part in a Leadership Certificate Course designed to prepare them as leaders in their careers, education, and community service. The course is based on experiential learning, providing exposure to both leadership theory and practical application. Earning the Certificate of Leadership will help guide their growth as leaders and offer valuable opportunities to gain real-world leadership experience.

Induction into Honor Society

- **Ammar Toubasi**, Chief Resident, was inducted in the Alpha Omega Honor Medical Society in November 2025

ABA Basic Exams

- We achieved a 100% board pass rate on the ABA Basic Exam, with three residents scoring in the top 10 percentile.

Fellowship Bound

- Seven of our CA3 residents have matched into fellowship programs: 6 pediatrics and 1 cardiothoracic.

Residents who stayed in/returned to Georgia to practice

- Class of 2025: 6
- Class of 2026: 2

New training sites

- WellStar MCG will be opening 2 training sites in Grovetown
 - Level 2 Trauma center in Grovetown
 - The Surgery Center of Columbia County (SCCC) and the Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Health Park

Faculty

- We continue our group billing for all faculty and residents
- Multiple faculty members are serving on ASA Committees

ASA 2025 Meeting Update:

- 17 residents and 29 medical students attended ASA 2025.
- 5 medical students were sponsored by the GSA and MCG
- 5 featured abstracts
- 2 QI projects
- 43 case presentations

Susan A Smith, M.D. – Emory University Liaison
Susan.a.amith@emory.edu
Mary E. Arthur, MD, FASE – Augusta University Liaison
February 7, 2025

Overview

Informational Items (Emory):

1. Residents and fellows
2. Changes to Emory residency and Fellowships
3. Departmental Education Priorities

Informational Items:

1. Residents and fellows:
 - Change to our residency
 - i. Expansion approval of 4 R1 spots
 - ii. To begin July 2026
 - iii. Currently recruiting through the Match
 - Conferences
 - We had a great showing at the ASA with 8 residents and 11 students presenting various work
 - We had two residents attend ASA Advance last month
 - We have 2 residents presenting at SCA (1 who is applying for the Resident HEPAC Rising Star Scholarship)
 - Dr. Benjamin Taylor (CA2) will be serving as the ASA Delegate for the GSA resident counsel while Dr. Aksal Vashi (CA1) will be serving as the Vice President for the GSA resident counsel
 - Dr. Laura Merlano (CA1) has applied for a resident spot on the RRC
 - Dr. Benoit Niclou is applying for the Georgia CTSA TLI Grant with Dr. Anna Woodbury as his mentor. This is a two-year bprogram for Clinical and Translational Research Training. He will begin the work as a CA2.
 - Graduating CA-3 class (June 2026): 2 Pain at Emory, 1 ACTA at Emory, 1 OB Fellowship at Emory. 1 PP at Myrtle Beach, 3 Piedmont, 1 PP North Jersey, 1 PP Denver, 1 U of Fl General, 1 UNC General
 - Changes to Fellowships:
 - This year, several of the Fellowships are moving to in-person interviews
 - New non-ACGME accredited Neuroanesthesiology Fellowship
 - New non-ACGME accredited Trauma Anesthesiology Fellowship
 - American Board of Anesthesia changes
 - Change to the ACTA Board Certification
2. Residency Recruitment
 - Dr. Bailey led us through an excellent session for medical students applying to Anesthesiology in the state of Georgia last year. It was well attended and we are looking to repeat this virtual event this year
 - A very competitive recruitment season again

- i. 13 Emory M4s this year
 - ii. 15 Emory M3s this year
 - iii. Third season with gold and silver signals
- The total number of applicants from the state of Georgia remains very high.
- With the initiation of signals, applicants continue to apply to a high number of programs; however, this ERAS data from last season finally shows a much-needed downward trend
- Emory 1600/150/300. 1600 total applications, 150 gold signals and 300 silver signals 23-24. 1100/130/210 (24-25) and this year 700/166/227
- Many programs around the country are interviewed exclusively from gold signals
- Here is a Podcast link that is a great discussion of signaling and some of the first data. https://accrac.com/?post_type=post&p=2508
- Please encourage the following:
 - i. If medical students want to attend the program, give them a signal!
 - ii. If you are unsure how to answer questions surrounding signals, please refer to anyone on the education teams.

3. Departmental Education Priorities

- Global health
 - i. The Office of Global Health at Emory has paused many of these activities due to compromised Federal funding to the university. This has halted the multidisciplinary work in Ethiopia.
 - ii. We have two other missions that we are exploring for our trainees in Rwanda and Guatemala.
 - iii. We are exploring additional funding opportunities including the ASA Resident International Anesthesia Scholarship Program
 - iv. We have a new Director of Global Health, Dr. James Barger that will be taking over from Dr. Cinnamon Sullivan.

Committee on Women in Anesthesia
Judi Handley, MD and Lindsay Sween, MD, MPH – Co-chairs
July 14, 2023

Overview:

Informational Items:

1. September Women in Medicine Month
2. Event at Summer 2026 Meeting

Informational Items:

1. During Women in Medicine Month, Sep 2025 via GSA e-news we highlighted five outstanding women anesthesiologists in the state.
 - a. Jordon Beil and Tajah Damm both MS 4 students worked on the project.
 - b. Highlighted individuals
 - i. Dr. Michele Au
 - ii. Dr. Mary Arthur
 - iii. Dr. Caryl Bailey
 - iv. Dr. Racheal Steckelberg
 - v. Dr. Susan Smith
 - c. We will continue this in 2026 and have a medical student to assist with this project identified.
 - d. Submit any names to Drs Handley or Sween that you would like to see recognized.
2. Propose that a specified time in the summer schedule be made for a women's networking session. Possible ideas:
 - a. Dinner Friday night after the reception for interested individuals
 - b. Afternoon tea Saturday afternoon

Governmental Affairs Report

Chair: Amanda Brown MD

Report Date February 6, 2026

Legislative Overview

The 2026 Georgia legislative session is underway, and the GSA Government Affairs Committee extends gratitude to our legislative staff for vigilant monitoring of health policy developments.

The committee recognizes the extraordinary efforts of our physicians, GAAA colleagues, and executive team to defeat HB 251 in the House Regulated Industries committee in the 2025 legislative session. HB 251 sought to remove physician “direction and responsibility” of CRNA practice as established in Georgia code. The House Regulated Industries committee voted to block HB 251 10-6. The GSA Government Affairs Committee thanks Dr. Steve Sween (GSA Past President), Dr. David Reehl (GSA Resident Section Past President), Jordan Aiger, CAA, (GAAA Past President), and medical students Herjot Cheema and Hunter McWilliams for their respective testimonies and grassroots efforts, work which was instrumental in the GSA furthering patient safety at the capitol.

This vote marked the third defeat of similarly proposed legislation presented in the 2023 and 2024 sessions. Our executive team does not anticipate a renewed push of HB 251 in this legislative cycle. However, given independent practice has been a GANA top priority in the last three sessions, the bill may still see activity.

Priority Items

The Government Affairs Committee seeks formal GSA support for three bills proposed in the current 2026 session.

· HB 326 (Rep. Michelle Au) State Health Benefit Plan Nonopioid Coverage Parity Act. This bill aims to require the state health benefit plan to provide coverage for eligible nonopioid pain management drugs that is equivalent to the coverage for opioid pain management drugs. Legislative Action: This bill was heard in the House Health Committee on February 2, with testimony given by Dr. Bob Lane on the benefits of opioid alternatives.

· SB 162 (Senator Chuck Hufstetler) This bill requires the Georgia Composite Medical Board to establish an automated credentialing system for healthcare providers in the state. The new system will organize, verify, and store healthcare providers' licenses, enabling a single verification process that results in statewide authorization. This improvement aims to reduce credentialing wait times for healthcare providers looking to work in different hospitals or for new providers entering the field.

Legislative Action: This bill was heard in the House Public Health Committee and successfully passed out of committee on February 3, 2026.

· HB 717 (Representative Sharon Cooper) Medical Practice Act: Regulation of the Administration of Psychedelic-Assisted Treatment and Therapy (Ketamine Clinics) This bill aims to regulate the

administration of psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy and to establish licensure requirements for clinics by the Georgia Composite Medical Board.

Legislative Action: The bill was voted out of the House Public Health Committee on February 3 with amendments. These amendments include grandfathering ownership structures of existing ketamine clinics which may currently have majority CRNA ownership. The bill requires collaborative clinic ownership between a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) and a physician. Additionally, the bill excludes drugs currently in clinical trials.

GSA PAC Report
Judi Handley, MD - Chair
Feb 6th, 2026

Overview:

Informational Items:

1. GSA-PAC Activity 2025-2026 Election Cycle
2. ASA Day of Contribution
3. Ideas to increase participation

Informational Items:

1. A total of 37 contributions totaling \$49,500 were made to legislators and caucuses in 2025.

A. Republicans

a. Representative Rick Williams	\$1,000
b. Representative Butch Parrish	\$1,000
c. Representative Stan Gunter	\$1,000
d. Representative Rick Jasperse	\$1,000
e. Representative Eddie Lumsden	\$1,000
f. Representative Darlene Taylor	\$1,000
g. Representative Mark Newton, MD	\$2,000
h. Representative Houston Gaines	\$1,000
i. Representative Bruce Williamson	\$1,000
j. Representative Sharon Cooper	\$1,000
k. Representative Deborah Silcox	\$500
l. Representative Scott Hilton	\$500
m. Representative Katie Dempsey	\$500
n. Representative Derrick McCollum	\$1,500
o. Representative Chuck Efstration	\$2,000
p. Representative Bruce Williamson	\$1,000
q. Representative Lee Hawkins	\$1,000
r. Representative Jesse Petrea	\$1,000
s. Senator John F. Kennedy	\$1,000
t. Senator Steve Gooch	\$1,000
u. Senator Ben Watson, MD	\$1,000
v. Senator Kay Kirkpatrick, MD	\$1,000
w. Senator Shawn Still	\$500

B. Democrats

a. Representative Sheila Jones	\$500
b. Representative Viola Davis	\$500
c. Representative Kim Schofield	\$500
d. * Representative Michelle Au, MD	\$1,000
e. Representative Teddy Reese	\$500
f. Representative Mack Jackson	\$500
g. Representative Patty Stinson	\$500
h. Senator Sally Harrell	\$500
i. Senator RaShaun Kemp	\$500
j. Senator Nan Orrock	\$500
k. Senator Nikki Merritt	\$500

C. Caucuses

a. House Republican Trust (House Republicans)	\$12,500
b. Impact Georgia PAC, Inc. (House Democrats)	\$5,000

D. Statewide

JFK for Georgia, Inc. (Lieutenant Governor)	\$2,500
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* An in-kind contribution of \$833.33 was made to Dr. Au's campaign to cover expenses for the GSA fundraiser we hosted on her behalf. Since we did not reach the maximum contribution limit for Dr. Au during this event, we can contribute more to her campaign after the session ends.

2. ASA-PAC Day of Contribution

A. 2025

- a. Top 10 in one of the areas of competition
- b. Room for improvement

B. 2026 is scheduled for March 18th

- a. Goal of Top 10 in at least two of the three areas of competition.
- b. 100% resident member contribution

3. Ideas for increasing participation

- a. Peer-to-peer works
- b. Highlighting top groups within the state

GSA – PAC Contributions
November 1, 2025 – February 5, 2026

Super Donors

John Moss, MD	\$1,500
D. Shantha, MBBS	\$750
Gregory Foster, MD	\$500
Maurice Gilbert, MD	\$500

Physician Members

Melissa Darlington, MD	\$300
Steve Sween, MD	\$250

Anesthesiologist Assistant Members

Bill Buntin, CAA	\$250
Yulanda Greene, CAA	\$250
Katherine Hunt, CAA	\$100
Rebecca Reach, CAA	\$100

Total Contributions: \$4,480

GSA PAC Report as of 12/31/2025**

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Contributions to PAC	\$44,750	\$54,185	\$31,262	\$39,942	\$38,243	\$60,192	\$50,004	\$55,825	\$61,401	\$51,893	\$54,101	\$53,608	\$66,851
Number of Contributors	238	282	158	147	173	196	178	236	232	172	164	116	835
Political Contributions	\$27,850	\$52,200	\$23,500	\$59,400	\$32,900	\$77,700	\$34,300	\$52,400	\$34,500	\$86,850	\$73,550	\$23,600	\$52,800
Number of Contributions*	39	62	25	61	50	91	56	71	42	64	71	31	39
Fund Balance Year End	\$26,072	\$19,307	\$32,911	\$14,811	\$18,821	\$1,313	\$16,964	\$20,889	\$46,990	\$3,658	\$-10,516	\$18,256	\$37,707

*Please note legislators may be given more than one PAC check in the same election cycle

**Based on calendar year activity