



Attendance: Meghann Adams, Samantha Bishop, Jilda Garton, Sue Mastrario, Ryan Braid, Neka Beckwith, Toni Dixon, Betsy Minor; **via WebEx:** Shelley Wales, Melissa Hodge-Penn, Audrey Williams, Jill Malool, Brielle Shinall, Kerri Gober, Catherine Bridgers, Pat Sheppard, Shavonn Richardson

Welcome and Introductions:

Samantha Bishop introduced the guest speaker, Ms. Jilda Garton, VP for Research & General Manager at the Georgia Tech Research Corporation.

Guest Speaker: Ms. Garton provided an overview of what the Georgia Tech Research Corporation (GTRC) and the Georgia Tech Allied Research Corporation (GTARC) do for the Georgia Institute of Technology. The GTRC is an extension of Georgia Tech and the staff work with faculty in the development of ideas that come from the faculty. This includes proposal, budget, assurances, just to name a few. Some of the core research brought to the GTRC from the faculty include robotics, bioengineering, manufacturing, data engineering, public service, and energy. In 2017, the GTRC had over \$824 million in expenditures. 49% of their funding comes from the Department of Defense.

Chapter Business:

September Minutes Review and Approval:

- Meghann asked if there were any changes that needed to be made to the October minutes, none were needed and the minutes were approved.

President's Report:

- Peach State Scholarships for the Southern Regional Grants Conference just closed and awardees will be notified by Feb. 1.
- Two more scholarships will be available; one for GPC and one for the GPA National Conference. For both scholarships, you must be a GGPA member in good standing.
- Board positions will be voted on in April. Samantha Bishop and Pat Duboise are staying on, while Meghann Adams will be stepping down as president.
- Speaker Request: Ms. Williamson at South University is looking for a grant professional to speak to her Thursday night class on March 8th at 6:00 pm. South University is located in Savannah, so if you or someone you know in that area might be interested, please email Ms. Williamson at slswill@bellsouth.net.
- GPA National Conference will be held in Chicago, IL on November 7-10. Registration opens up on May 1, 2018. Speakers are still needed and if you volunteer as a speaker, you get 30% off your registration.
- New Member Benefits: GPA offers a mentor program. Mentors and mentees are always needed; this requires a 1hour a month commitment. Grant Zone is an online community of grant

professionals in your area and around the country. A resource library is also available to members.

Treasurer's Report:

- Kerri Gober provided the Treasurer's Report and as of December 30, 2017, the current balance for the GGPA is \$16,996.05. This includes \$125.00 in Chapter dues.

Committee Reports:

- **Program Committee:** Ryan Braid announced that the speaker for the GGPA meeting in February will be Lynne Moyer, Founder & CEO at Luminare Marketing, and will discuss the art of storytelling. No presenter has been set for March, please email Meghann (madams@zoatlanta.org) or Ryan (ryan.braid@acfb.org) if you have any suggestions.
- **Membership Committee:** No updates. We currently have 84 members, which makes GGPA one of the larger Chapters.
- **Communications Committee:** If you are not getting the invite to the meetings, please let Meghann know. Also, the newsletter and the website provide information of dates and times of the next meeting.
- **Every Chapter Challenge:** No updates.
- **Southern Regional Grants Conference:** The conference dates are Thursday, April 18-Friday, April 19. Early bird pricing is currently at \$199 until Feb. 14, then the price goes up to \$250 for GPA members and \$275 for non-members.
 - A preconference workshop is being held on Wednesday, April 17 and will be hosted by Gail Widner. This session will feature instruction, review, and practice on writing and editing grant proposals (both government and foundation). The cost is \$50 and is available to the first 24 paid participants.
 - Presenters are still needed! If you are interested in presenting, please email Amanda Day at amandadaygpc@gmail.com.

Meeting adjourned and the next meeting will be on February 27, 2018.