

SSWAG COMMITTEE REPORTS

	Due Date	Chair/Person	Committee/Role	Submitted
1.	4/19/2022	Keith Wilkey	District 1	NO
2.	4/19/2022	Latrina Kendrix-Sims	District 2	YES
3.	4/19/2022	Maggie Brown	District 3	NO
4.	4/19/2022	Lois Word	District 4	NO
5.	4/19/2022	Kimberly Chinn	District 5	NO
6.	4/19/2022	Maria Josey	District 6	NO
7.	4/19/2022	Corey Lowe	District 7	NO
8.	4/19/2022	Teri Hendrix	District 8	NO
9.	4/19/2022	Mallory Hollis	District 9	NO
10.	4/19/2022	Stephanie Taylor	District 10	YES
11.	4/19/2022	Chrystal Gillis	Secretary	YES
12.	4/19/2022	Erin Woodcock	Treasurer	YES
13.	4/19/2022	Dr. Tracie Hogan-Simmons	Awards	YES
14.	4/19/2022	Dr. Ursula Harris	Community Relations/Legislative	NO
15.	4/19/2022	Allison Jones	GNETS	NO
16.	4/19/2022	Burine Hill	Historian	NO
17.	4/19/2022	Dr. Cynthia Turner/Lois Word	Journal/Research	YES
18.	4/19/2022	Petrina Fowler/Heather Anderson	Long Range	YES
19.	4/19/2022	Kashera Robminson	Membership	YES
20.	4/19/2022	Kitina McCants/Crystal Williams	Mentor	YES
21.	4/19/2022	Vacant	NASW Affiliate	N/A
22.	4/19/2022	Keith Wilkey	Nominating Chair	NO
23.	4/19/2022	Dr. Lisa Hill	Parliamentarian	NO
24.	4/19/2022	Mary Gail Lindsey	Procedural Guidelines	NO

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25.	4/19/2022	Michelle Blackburn	Professional Development	YES
26.	4/19/2022	Recarlo Williams	Public Relations	YES
27.	4/19/2022	Ida Hadford Brown/Bevelyn Gosby	Retirement	YES
28.	4/19/2022	Dr. Lindsey Oliver	SSWAA/GaDOE	YES
29.	4/19/2022	Julie Hawkins	University Affiliate	YES
30.	4/19/2022	Sonya Cruel	Vendor Consultant	NO
31.	4/19/2022	Jarod Anderson	Webmaster	NO

NOTES

Committee reports to be submitted prior to Executive board meetings

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School Social Workers Association of Georgia Committee Report Form

Date: April 19, 2022

Person(s) Completing Report: Latrina Kendrix-Sims

Committee or Role: District 2 President

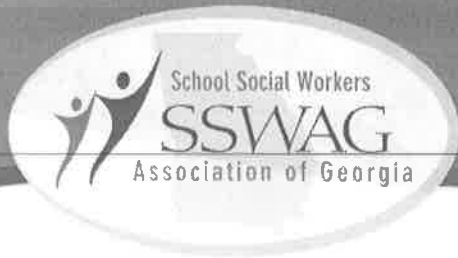
Report Details: Spring Meeting was February 18, 2022.

Speakers: Dr. Lindsey Oliver (School Social Work Specialist) Office of Whole Child Supports

Mrs. India Williams (Southwest Georgia Community Action Council) Emergency Solutions
Grant Case Coordinator

Updates: Presently looking for a Vice President for the 2022-23 school year.

Next Steps: The goal is to increase our number of participants in the district and get more involvement out of the members.



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**School Social Workers Association of Georgia
District 10 Meeting
Virtual meeting
3/30/22**

Attendance:

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| Shirley Gee (Jasper County) | Joslyn Holton (Social Circle City) |
| Stephanie Taylor (McDuffie County) | Ola Scott-Little (Baldwin County) |
| Yolanda Copeland (McDuffie County) | Marcus Shaw (Columbia County) |
| Jennifer Newkirk (Greene County) | LaShaun Coronel (Richmond County) |
| Sheanette Drake (Hancock County) | Jeanette Skinner (Burke County) |
| Pam Benford (Morgan County) | Amy Lowery (Putnam County) |
| Demetria Johnson (Columbia County) | Jessica Lewis (Richmond County) |
| Burine Hill (Jefferson County) | |

The meeting was called to order by the President Stephanie Taylor at 9:02am.

Minutes

Yolanda Copeland, Acting Secretary

The minutes were distributed to all of the members via email prior to the meeting. The minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Yolanda Copeland to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Jennifer Newkirk. The vote was carried.

Treasurer's Report

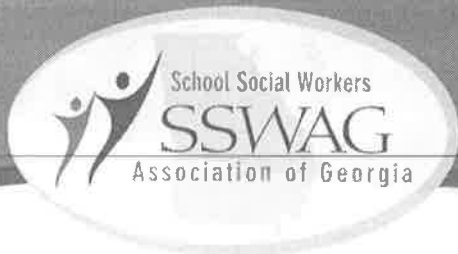
Sheanette Drake, Treasurer

Beginning Balance	\$429.22
Total withdrawals	\$63.31
Total Deposits	\$215.00
Ending Balance	\$580.91

Withdrawal

- Debit card Purchase of the gift basket/Gift Card for SSWAG 2021 Spring Conference
\$43.31
- Monthly Service fee 10/7/21 **\$10.00**
- Monthly Service fee 11/5/21 **\$10.00**

A motion was made by Joslyn Holton to accept the Treasurer's Report and it was seconded by Ola Scott-Little. The Vote carried.



- Demetria Johnson stated that she is a member of SSWAA and she plans to attend the SSWAA National conference in Chicago. Ola Scott-Little talked about her experience of attending the SSWAA National conference when she was a member during her term as State President for the organization.
- President Taylor stated that SSWAA is looking for ten Social Workers to write a curriculum on grief for publication. She stated that you must submit your resume and application to SSWAA for consideration.
- President Taylor announced that the SSWAA membership dues are \$125.00 a year and \$150.00 for premium membership.

Social Work Month

- President Taylor wished everyone a happy Social Work Month and encouraged us to appreciate the work that we do.
- President Taylor announced that Ola Scott-Little held an excellent interview with her local TV news station about how she handled grief in her school system following two recent deaths of students. She stated that she will share the link of her TV interview so that the members can witness how she is representing School Social Workers.
- Demetria Johnson stated that Grief will be a good topic for our District to add to the agenda at our next District 10 meeting.
- Shirley Gee thanked President Taylor for reaching out to her as President while she was grieving the loss of her grandchild.

Updates

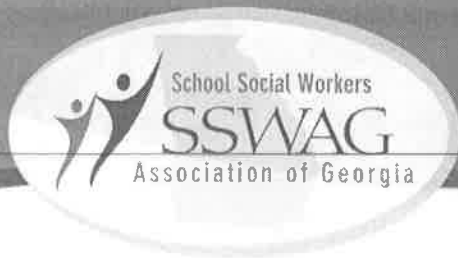
Retirement Recognition for Pam Benford

- President Taylor formally announced the retirement of Pam Benford from Morgan County after 29 years of service.
- Several District 10 SSWAG members sang praises of her accomplishments and leadership in SSWAG and provided well wishes.
- Pam Benford stated that she will remain active in SSWAG under the retiree membership and she will encourage other retirees to remain active under the retiree membership.

Next Steps:

End of Year Celebration Options

- It was suggested that we should recognize our School Social Worker of the Year, Retiree and Officers during a face to face meeting. It was suggested that we should hold the celebration during the post planning at the end of this school year.
- Several dates and locations were suggested:



Awards / School Social Workers Association of Georgia Committee Report Form

Date: April 19, 2022

Person(s) Completing Report: Dr. Tracie Simmons

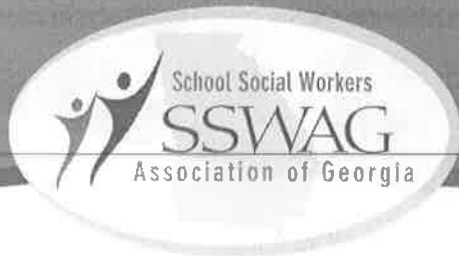
Committee or Role: Awards / SSWOY Committee Chair

Report Details: 2020 SSWOY recognition was placed on hold due to the March 2020 national COVID shutdowns and since reopening various school systems operating virtually and SSWAG not having face-to-face meetings. The 2020 State School Social Worker of the Year and District Winners were not publically recognized until March 18, 2022 at the SSWAG 75th Spring Conference Banquet at Jekyll Island, GA. To avoid any confusion, SSWAG Executive Board has chosen to recognize the 10 District recipients as the 2022, district and state school social workers of the year.

District Winners : District 2 – Tracy Colbert
District 4– Sandra Jones
District 5 – Mandy Goodwin
District 6 – Kimberly Pointer
District 7 – Miguel Garcia
District 8 - Regina Short
District 9 – Shannon Derrick
District 10– Jan Scarbary

2022 State School Social Worker of the Year: Dr. Jacqueline Brown-Pinkney, District 1

Thank you to Valarie Kahiah (2019 SSWOY), Kshera Robinson (Membership Chair), Chrystal Gillis (State Secretary) & Dr. Terriyln Rivers Cannon (Past State President) for reading & scoring the SSWOY District Winner packets.



School Social Workers Association of Georgia Committee Report Form

Journal/Research Committee Spring Report 2022

Date: 4/11/22

Person(s) Completing Report: Dr. Cynthia Turner

Committee or Role: The Journal/Research Committee Chair

Report Details: I sent email request to the following universities requesting research articles on January 14, 2022, and March 1, 2022.

Clark Atlanta University - Dr. Darrin Wright, Dr. Joi Showell, Dr. Kimberlee Woods, and Dr. Vickie Hale

Savannah State University - Dr. Gayle

University of GA - Zoe M Johnson

Albany State University Dr. Barbara Nowak

Valdosta State University - Dr. Miah

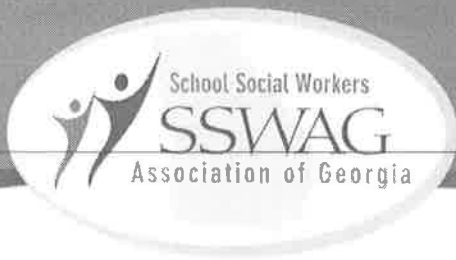
Subject: Invite for Article/Abstract Submissions: School Social Work Association (SSWAG) of Georgia Research Journal

Greetings,

The School Social Work Association of Georgia (SSWAG) is inviting students to submit a research article for our Spring 2022 edition of the SSWAG Research Journal, which is dedicated to the interests of school social workers. Articles for the SSWAG Research Journal are exclusive to social work practice in schools and include but not limited to topics related to home and school communication, family, child abuse, LGBTQ, discipline, and attendance.

Manuscript Preparation:

The authors must adhere to the 2009 or 2019 APA Manual for citations and references. Papers should include 10-12 pages (Note: The SSWAG Research Committee may extend the number of pages), double-spaced with a 1 inch to 1.5-inch margin on all sides and 12-inch Times New Roman font. By 3/4 articles must be emailed as a WORD attachment to: cynthia_s_turner@dekalbschoolsga.org.



School Social Workers Association of Georgia Committee Report Form

Date: 4/18/22

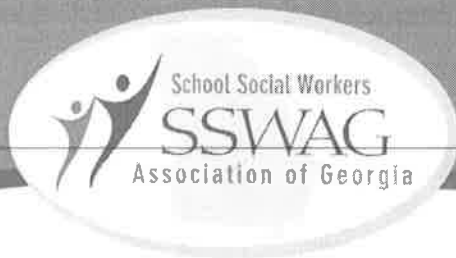
Person(s) Completing Report: Heather Anderson and Petrina Fowler

Committee or Role: Long Range Conference Planners

Report Details: We are currently looking into hotels for our executive board retreat that will be June 14-15th in Macon. We will keep you updated.

Updates: Spring conference was a huge success. We have already received a quote from the Westin Jekyll Island for our conference for next year.

Next Steps: Finalize the hotel information and dates for our Spring 2023 conference.



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Date: 4/18/22

Person(s) Completing Report: Kitina McCants

Committee or Role: Mentor

Report Details: We completed an assessment form for past participants to complete for direction with the mentoring program. We only had 2 participants to complete the assessment form. We created a form for SSWs desiring a mentor to complete and for SSWs who want to become a mentor to complete. We are hoping with the influx of new SSWs positions being created we will see an increase for both mentees and mentors.

Updates: The mentee request form will be added to the SSWAG page

Next Steps: We are in need of email addresses of former participants. The email addresses used may have been incorrect for the survey. We will use summer retreat to expand the program according to the guidelines provided by Dr. Brown-Pinkney.



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Date: Monday, April 11, 2022

Person Completing Report: Kasheria Guy Robinson

Committee or Role: Membership

Report Details:

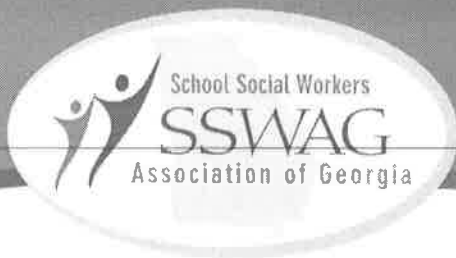
-As of Monday, April 11, 2022, we have on record a total of **286** paid members for the 2021-22 school year, 25 more members than the year before!

-We ended the 2020-21 academic year with a total of **261** members.

-We ended the 2020-19 school year with a total of **292** members, and that was due to COVID-19, because we lost **10 members** that year due to the cancellation of the conference.

Updates: We were only **6** members short of our 2019-20 roster this school year! We already have **4** members who have paid their dues for the 2022-23 academic year! Please continue to encourage your friends, colleagues, and interns to join SSWAG!

Next Steps: Continue to recruit for SSWAG. Find out if presidents have any creative things that we can all do statewide to increase membership.



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Date: April 17, 2022

Person(s) Completing Report: Michelle Blackburn

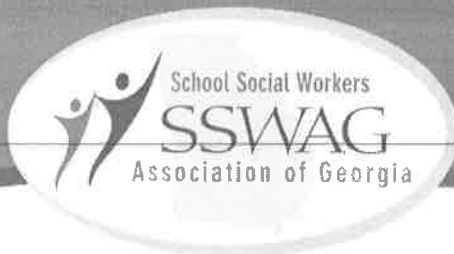
Committee or Role: Professional Learning Chair

Report Details:

The SSWAG 2022 Spring Conference was held March 16 – 18, 2022. The conference offered 10 core hours and 2 Ethics hours. 120 participants received CE certificates. All certificates were emailed on Friday, April 8th.

Updates:

Next Steps:



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Date: 4-19-22

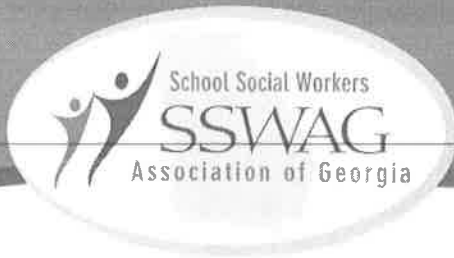
Person(s) Completing Report: Recarlo Williams

Committee or Role: Public Relations

Report Details:

Updates: no updates at this time

Next Steps: Will begin working on newsletter. Will be reaching out to all District Presidents.



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Date: April 18, 2022

Person(s) Completing Report: Idea Hafford-Brown/Bev Gosby

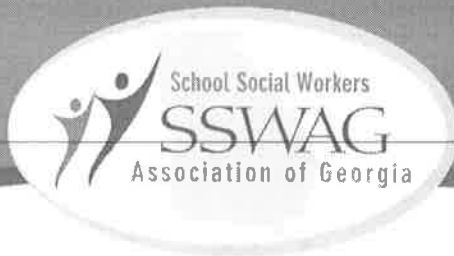
Committee or Role: Retirement Committee Co-Chair

Report Details: The Retirement Committee's primary role will be to engage in outreach activities to recruit and engage all available retirees to support the SSWAG organization's

Updates: Steps are being reviewed to determine the best starting position for the recruitment efforts. The committee would like to recruit/identify retirees from various parts of the state to assist with the outreach efforts in each area. Those individuals could play a pivotal role in reaching those retirees who have left the organization completely or been less active in recent years.

Next Steps: The committee intends to utilize information from the Membership, Awards and Districts representatives for establishing contact with current and past SSWAG Retired Members who wish to support the organization. These activities could involve e-mails, text messages, phone calls and use of a SSWAG PostCard and word of mouth activities to reach individuals.

The committee would like to see our efforts reach back as far as 20 years of retirees.



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Date: 4/18/2022

Person(s) Completing Report: Dr. Lindsey Oliver

Committee or Role: SSWAA/GaDOE

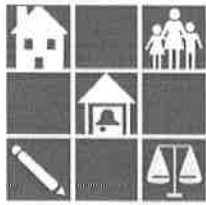
Report Details:

SSWAA: National Conference overview; summary from the Southern Region meeting

GaDOE: Webinar Information, Safety Conference in June

Updates: SSWAA: summary from the Southern Region meeting

Next Steps:



School Social Work Association of America

National Conference
April 9, 2022
Southern Region Specialty Session

What is one success you have seen/had in your state?

Branding success in Corpus Christi, TX

Master level pay with license level in NC

More SSW positions in many states (AL) with ESSR funds

More mental health awareness, seeing SSW as mental health professionals

What is one struggle that you would like the SSWAA Board to know about and try to address?

SSWAA have presentation/position papers with the state superintendents of DOE

We need to lobby and advocate for more resources (mental health, transportation and more SSW)

We need a school social worker supervisor and guidance. Everyone does everything differently depending on school.

Medicaid billing

SSW known as truancy officers

Support and buy in from school level staff

Understanding of SSW roles, referring when they want to do it on their own

What is one thing SSWAA could do to better support your work as a SSWer?

Quarterly regional meetings for Southern States

Help WV organize a SSWAA

Legislation and lobbyist for social workers in Texas



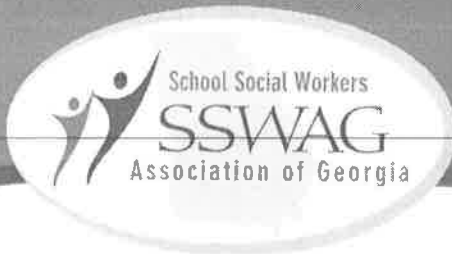
School Social Work Specialist FAQs

Concern: School Social Workers were omitted from FAQ sent out from GaDoe referencing the job codes that are to receive the one-time \$2000 salary supplement.

Resolution: School Social Workers (code 407) were included in the count, and funding was calculated for them. Details for School Social Workers were included in the Excel spreadsheet provided to the districts showing how funds were earned. \$1,503,489 will be going out to 741 School Social Workers statewide.

Concern: I missed the Office of Whole Child Support webinar. Are webinars recorded for later viewing?

Resolution: Yes, all webinars are uploaded to <https://community.gadoe.org/> under Professional Learning a few weeks after the event.



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Person(s) Completing Report: Julie Hawkins

Committee or Role: University Liaison

Report Details: I have been reviewing procedural guidelines on my position. Also, I have emailed Dr. Summer Woodside who is the SSWAA University Representative, to get more details on what her duties and responsibilities are on the SSWAA board.

Updates: N/A

Next Steps: Continue to research duties and responsibilities. Reach out to the Universities with SW programs to introduce myself.