



**SAIA Summer Meeting  
Business Meeting Agenda  
Savannah, Georgia  
June 19-21, 2018**

**Chairman – Rusty Wannamaker, South Carolina**  
**Vice Chairman – Wes Lee, Mississippi**  
**Secretary – Robert Thornton, Kentucky**

**Minutes of Business Session**

- *The Southern Area Instructors Association (SAIA) Summer Meeting was held at the Savannah Marriott Riverfront Hotel in Savannah, GA. The meeting was hosted by Georgia EMC.*
- **Call to Order**
  - The meeting was called to order by Mr. Chairman Rusty Wannamaker (SC) at 8:01 AM on June 19, 2018.
- **Invocation**
  - John Durden (GA) led the group in our opening prayer.
- **Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem**
  - The Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem were presented by members of GEMC.
- **Welcome and Introductions**
  - Harry Reeves (GA) welcomed the group to the host state of Georgia.

- **Approval of the 2017 Fall Meeting Minutes**

- Kenny Guffey (OK) made a motion to approve the minutes of the Fall 2017 Meeting in New Orleans, LA with a second by Mike Bergeaux (LA). Voice vote approved the motion.

- **New Members**

- The following applications were presented by Vice Chairman Wes Lee (MS) for membership into SAIA. Motion to accept was made by Darren Maddox (AL) and seconded by James Thomas (GA). Voice vote approved the motion.
  - Justin Tedder (Electric Coops of South Carolina)
  - Bo McGuffey (Intercounty Energy)
  - Harry Reeves (Georgia EMC)
  - Jamie Kitchens (Georgia EMC)
  - John Durden (Georgia EMC)
  - Mike Benton (Georgia EMC)
  - Ronald Culver (Georgia EMC)
  - Andy Croft (Georgia EMC)
  - Ryan Spears (Oklahoma Statewide Association)
  - Ivy Knight (Baldwin EMC)
  - Thomas Nichols (Jackson Energy Cooperative)
  - Shane Johnson (Irwin EMC)

- **Ray Pantel Award**

- Greg McCoy (GA) presented the 2018 Ray Pantel Award to Wes Lee (MS).

- **Business Meeting Suspended**

- Chairman Wannamaker (SC) entertained a motion to suspend the business meeting until Thursday, June 21 at 10:15 a.m. made by Mike Simmons (TN), seconded by Todd Carter (SC). Voice vote approved the motion.

- **Business Session II Thursday June 23**

- The meeting was called to order by Mr. Chairman Rusty Wannamaker (SC) at 9:10 AM.

- **Web Site Update**

- The Electric Cooperatives of Mississippi have maintained the SAIA website for several years. However, after the end of the year, they will no longer be able to do so. Volunteers to maintain the website are needed. Those interested should contact Chairman Wannamaker (SC).

- **Directory Update**

- Members were reminded to review and update the SAIA directory.

- **New Business**

- Chairman Wannamaker (SC) reminded the group to keep SAIA informed of any members that have retired or are planning to retire. The group would like to show recognition to these individuals. At this request, Tim Swept (GA), Roger Larkin (IL), and Kenny Guffey (OK) were announce as individuals who have already retired or will soon do so.
- Chairman Wannamaker (SC) recognized the nominating committee. They are Wade Hurst (OK), Aarron Graham (LA), and Jason Saunders (AL). The committee will announce their nominations at the Fall Meeting in Louisville.

- **Upcoming Meeting Sites**

- 2018 Fall Meeting – Louisville, Kentucky
- 2019 Summer Meeting – Kansas City, Kansas
- 2020 Summer Meeting – Daytona, Florida
- Volunteers are still needed for future meetings.

- **Adjourn**

- Motion made by Mike Simmons (TN), seconded by Todd Carter (SC) was made to adjourn. A voice vote approved the vote.