

MINUTES  
SILVER JACKETS  
Georgia Tech Retirees Association  
Thursday, October 08, 2009, 11:00 a.m.

President Sandra Thornton called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. She welcomed everyone and introduced Bill Black who took the place of Steve Dickerson in introducing President G. P. Peterson (Bud), the 11<sup>th</sup> President of Georgia Tech. Bill Black gave a brief academic background of Dr. Peterson.

Dr. Peterson gave an interesting speech on the Strategic Plan at Georgia Tech, which is to define the technological vision of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We are preparing to embark on a strategic planning process to envision what Georgia Tech should be like in 20-25 years. On October 13, 2009, Georgia Tech's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the new Strategic Plan will be presented.

Dr. Peterson suggested several ways GT could advance in technology in the future, including: enhancements for teaching; a lifetime guarantee to alumni of free courses on a space available basis; helping international students obtain green cards and jobs; creation of virtual classrooms; and devising a data test site for healthcare excellence. He opened the floor for questions at the end of his speech. Dr. Peterson closed by thanking us for the services we have rendered to GT and for the commitments we have made to the Institute.

Sandra Thornton invited the group to partake of the refreshments and take a 10 minute break.

Next on the Agenda, Bill Green chair of the nominating committee reported that he and his committee (Pat Davis and Frank Roper) have made the following nominations:

President: Steve Dickerson (ME)  
Vice President: Jo McIver (Registrar)

The committee had no nominations for Secretary. Nominations may be sent to Bill Green <[green@math.gatech.edu](mailto:green@math.gatech.edu)>. Election will be held at the November meeting, with other nominations made from the floor.

Mary Anne Salter and Candy Carson reported on the Holiday Lunch plans. It was decided to hold the gathering at The Old Spaghetti Factory on December 4<sup>th</sup> with other information forthcoming.

Maureen Glass asked for volunteers for help with the GT/Red Cross Blood Drive and also for collections of used prescription eyeglasses, reading glasses, sunglasses, cell phones and hearing aids to benefit the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation.

Sandra Thornton asked for contributions for refreshments and thanked Mary Anne

Salter for providing name badges along with Sara Dryden for continuing her work on the Silver Jackets website.

The next meeting will be held on November 10, 2009 with Sharon Ray from OHR as the speaker.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Ann Salter for  
Evelyn Webb, Secretary