



GEORGIA PRESS ASSOCIATION
139TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
JUNE 11-13, 2026



JEKYLL ISLAND CLUB HOTEL

Georgia Press Association 2026 Convention

Wednesday, June 10

6 p.m. **Board Reception**
Rooftop, Jekyll Ocean Club Hotel

7 p.m. **Board Dinner**
Astor Room, Jekyll Ocean Club Hotel

Thursday, June 11

9 a.m. **Capitol Beat Golf Fundraiser**
Great Dunes Golf Course, 100 Great Dunes Lane, Jekyll Island
* Chick-fil-A biscuits to be served

4-6 p.m. **GPA/GNS Board Meeting**
Federal Reserve Room, Jekyll Island Club Hotel

4-6 p.m. **Registration**
Aspinwall Room, Jekyll Island Club Hotel

6:30 p.m. **Beer Garden Social**
Founders Social, 9 Pier Road, Jekyll Island
Enjoy a beer and visit with GPA Convention attendees.
(Attendees will cover cocktails individually.)

8 p.m. **Dinner on your own**
See local dining options at back of this program.

Friday, June 12

8-9 a.m. **Registration**
Club Ballroom Parlor, Jekyll Island Club Hotel

9 a.m. **Legal Update**
Brooks Hudson and David Hudson, Hull Barrett Law
Ward Evans, First Amendment Clinic, UGA School of Law
Club Ballroom, Jekyll Island Club Hotel

10 a.m. **Getting People to Pick Up Your Paper**
Kevin Slimp
Club Ballroom, Jekyll Island Club Hotel

- Noon **Opening Luncheon: Georgia at the Crossroads: the 2026 Landscape from a Republican and Democrat perspective**
Two of the best from Fox 5's "The Georgia Gang," Phil Kent and Tharon Johnson, provide an overview of Georgia politics with a Q-and-A session.
Presentation of Emerging Journalist Award Winners
Presentation of David Hudson Freedom of Information Award
Morgan Center, Jekyll Island Club Hotel
- 2 p.m. **Practical practices for Local News Publishers: Content, Audience and Subscriptions**
Phil Schroder, Vice President of Digital Assets and Matthew Wolfe, Digital Subscription Manager, Times Journal Inc.
Produce more local content, grow audience and engagement and convert readers into subscribers.
Club Ballroom, Jekyll Island Club Hotel
- 6 p.m. **Past Presidents Reception** (Invitation only)
Morgan Center Mezzanine, Jekyll Island Club Resort
- 7 p.m. **Better Newspaper Contest and Ad Awards Reception**
Morgan Center, Jekyll Island Club Resort
- 7:30 p.m. **Better Newspaper Contest and Ad Awards Banquet**
Morgan Center, Jekyll Island Club Resort
- Saturday, June 13**
- 9 a.m. **GPA Annual Meeting**
Federal Reserve Room, Jekyll Island Club Resort
Come to the meeting to hear updates and recognize the new officers and board appointments.