

**Epsilon Sigma Alpha International
Oklahoma State Council
68th Annual Oklahoma State Convention
1st General Assembly
Saturday, April 30, 2011**

The first General Assembly was called to seating at 8:55 am by Ramona Paine, Convention Chairman, who requested that the pages secure the door for the Opening Flag Ceremony.

Rosalie Griffith, Sooner Seniorett; President, ESA Membership Corp and Past IC President conducted the flag ceremony. Following the presentation of the chapter chartering and banner acknowledgement, she gave a moving salute to our Armed Services.

The call to order was given by Jacque Edwards and asked those present to stand and join in the opening ritual.

Thought for the Day, "The Beginning of a New Day" was given by Vivian Gibson, Chaplain.

Ramona Paine, welcomed everyone to the convention and announced the hostess Chapters as follows: Zeta Gamma-Shawnee, Sigma Chi-Inola, Omega Pi-Tulsa, Gamma Zeta-Edmond, Beta Psi-Clinton, Beta Zeta-Oklahoma City, Theta Tau-Kingfisher, and Kappa Theta, Guthrie.

Guest speaker, Jason Murphey-State Representative District 31, relayed some of the problems that arise for budgeting State Funds and congratulated the group on the good works that ESA does. Following his speech, he presented an Oklahoma State Flag that flew over the capitol building on April 7, 2011 to Jacque.

President Jacque then made introductions of the head table and introduced the following: Judi York-IC Representative, IC Parliamentarian and Sooner Seniorett; Deb Hughes-IC Auditing Committee member and Sooner Seniorett; Rosalie Griffith-President, ESA Membership Corp, Past IC President and Sooner Seniorett; Cathy Holsted-Past IC President, Past ESA Foundation Chairman, 2012 IC Convention Chair, 2011 OK State Convention Co-Chair and Sooner Seniorett; Lola Jaegers-Past ESA Foundation Chairman and Sooner Seniorett; Jeanne Meyer and Vivian Gibson-Past ESA Foundation Directors and Sooner Senioresses; Billie Fritch, Joyce Whitewing-Slate, Priscilla Drummond and Vivian Gibson-Dixie Palmer Founders and Sooner Senioresses; and all the wonderful mentors also known as the Sooner Senioresses.

She then introduced special guests from the sister state of Texas, the Texas State President Pat Polk, and her sister known as the Texas Corresponding Secretary and also a Director Candidate for the ESA Foundation Board, Barbara Price.

Peggie Sprinkle, Parliamentarian made a motion, seconded by Maxine Wheelan, Delta Chi that the convention rules on page 22 of the convention program be adopted as printed. MOTION CARRIED.

Cathy Holsted, convention co-chair moved that the convention program be adopted as printed and distributed to the paid registrants of this convention. It was seconded by June Miller, Beta Iota. MOTION PASSED.

The committee to read the minutes of the 68th Oklahoma State Convention is: Linda Voss, Chairman, Robbin Brown and Donna McCandless.

The committee to read the minutes of the March 19, 2011 State Council meeting is: Judi York, chairman, Mary Johnson and Mary Adams. Judi York reported that the minutes were correct as printed and will be placed on file.

Sue Patterson, Credentials Chair, reported that Oklahoma has 39 chapters with 31 chapters in attendance, total votes 70. She then made a motion, seconded by Virginia Taylor, Beta Rho that this report be adopted. MOTION PASSED.

Shelly Labus read regrets and letters of support from Dora Dill, IC President; ESA Executive Director, B. J. Clark; and Ardyce Brigg, past State President.

President Jacque reported that roll will be taken from the attendance sheets distributed to chapters.

Mary Ann Jones, Registration Chair, gave the convention registration report as follows: Women-127; Men-11; DESA's-1; Guests-41; with a total of 180 registrations.

Tina Davenport-McKamie, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report as of April 30, 2011

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| Balance forward | \$ 3,850.52 |
| Income | \$ 8,882.10 |
| Disbursements | \$ 9,308.12 |
| Balance on hand | \$ 3,374.50 |
| Speakers Fund Balance (CD) | \$1,207.33 |
| IC Campaign Fund Balance | \$ 219.36 |
| DOER's Balance | \$ 172.25 |
| Certificate of Deposit | \$4,006.54 |

State Project chair, Charlene Law reported that balance as of April 30, 2011 was \$4,489.00. Allocations for OSB were \$1,877.00 and for OSD was \$2,612.00.

Judi York, IC Representative, reported on the new ESA Website, collegiate chapters and the buddy system. The buddy system can be a fantastic way of creating excitement of mutual support through the sharing of ideas.

Gwynn Nell Swanson, 1st vice president/nominating committee reported the slate of officers for 2011-2012. They are as follows:

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| PJ Editor | Rita Haines, Eta Mu, Owasso |
| Project Director | Margaret Kramer, Gamma Kappa, Checotah |
| Parliamentarian | Connie Johnson, Kappa Theta, Guthrie |
| Treasurer | Linda Southerland, Beta Psi, Clinton |
| Recording Secretary | Billye Peterson, Gamma Zeta, Edmond |

Corresponding Secretary
2nd Vice President
1st Vice President
President

Sue Knight, Sigma Chi, Inola
Tina Davenport-McKamie, Beta Iota, McAlester
Joyce Gibson, Delta Kappa, Norman
Gwynn Nell Swanson, Delta Kappa, Norman

A motion was made by Rosalie Griffith that these candidates be elected by acclamation. Seconded by Peggy Hughes-MOTION CARRIED.

President Jacque announced that Joyce Gibson, 1st vice president would be chair of the 2011-2012 nominating committee and that we need to elect four (4) other members. Nominees were: Lola Jaegers, District IV; Nellrita Barrick, District II; Peggie Sprinkle, District III; and Peggy Pate, District V. Joyce Gibson made a motion, seconded by Lora Thompson, Zeta Gamma that the nominations cease and these nominees be accepted by acclamation. MOTION PASSED.

Charlene Law, Project Director, made the following statement:
“Upon recommendation of the Board, I move that we re-adopt the Oklahoma School for the Deaf and the Oklahoma School for the Blind as our State Projects for 2011-2014”. Coming from a committee, no second is required. MOTION PASSED.

Peggie Sprinkle, Parliamentarian presented the following by law changes :
ARTICLE V - QUALIFICATIONS OF ELECTED OFFICERS - currently reads:
Section 1. An active chapter may nominate any member for an elected office, except Corresponding Secretary. She must be an active member of her chapter in good standing and have been an ESA member for at least two years. A candidate for elected office must have held the office of Chapter or City Area Council President and give her consent in writing. She must have attended at least one (1) previous State, convention. Consent of the candidate and her qualifications shall be sent to the Nominating Committee by March 1.

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Reason for change:

It has become harder and harder to fill these elected offices. By allowing the Recording Secretary, Project Director and Petticoat Journal Editor to run for an elected office without having to serve as Chapter President will open the possibility of new members on the board and help fill those positions.

Peggie Sprinkle stated, "Upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board, I move that Article V, Section 1 be accepted as changed." Coming from a committee, no second is required. MOTION CARRIED.

She then read the following proposed change:

ARTICLE IX - GENERAL BOARD - currently reads:

Section 2. DUTIES OF CHAIRPERSONS - The standing committees shall be appointed by the President except Budget, Convention, Nominating and Sooner Seniorette President. Chairpersons may not serve more than one (1) consecutive term as chairperson of the same committee nor serve as chairperson of more than one (1) committee at the same time. Chairpersons shall attend Board meetings or submit a written report. Shall submit any contest changes to for presentation and vote at the June State Council meeting.

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Reason for change:

With our membership declining, it is getting harder to fill the General Board positions. If a member would like to continue as chairperson for the same committee the following year, it would be up to the incoming President to decide if they should continue for another year, but not to serve for more than 2 consecutive years.

Peggie then stated, "Upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board I move that Article IX, Section 2 be accepted as changed." Coming from a committee, no second is required. MOTION CARRIED.

Gwynn Nell, 1st Vice President, presented the information on the 2012 convention. It will be April 27, 28, 29, 2012, at the Holiday Inn in Norman. The theme will be "ESA in the Country. Janice Shockley will be convention chair.

Special recognition was given to 1st time convention attendees and new pledges.

Carrie Willingham, Outstanding Youth chairman presented the Jr. and Sr. High Youth and Chapter Recognition awards to Chandler Lindsey, Jr. High Youth, nominated by Beta Psi-Clinton and Sr. High Youth, Kenneth Patrick Ramsey, nominated by Beta Iota-McAlester.

The State DIANA award was presented by Joy Agan, Nellrita Barrick and Joyce Lacey to Betty Finnell, nominated by Beta Psi-Clinton.

Door prizes were presented and closing thoughts were given by Vivian Gibson, Chaplain.

Announcements were made by President, Jacque Edwards.

There being no other business to come before this assembly, the 1st general assembly is now recessed at 11:26 am to be reconvened on Sunday morning, May 1, 2011 at 9:20 am.

**Linda Southerland
State Recording Secretary
2010-2011**