
**Epsilon Sigma Alpha International
Oklahoma State Council
Executive/General Board Meeting
March 19, 2011**

The Executive and General Board Meeting was called to order at 9:40 am by President Jacque Edwards, who requested that all cell phones be turned off or set to vibrate.

A reminder was given to everyone about registration and lunch reservations. Attendance will be taken from the registration sheets.

Recognition was given to Dorothy Drumm, guest from Wichita, KS. Jacque asked that all the Sooner Senioresses please stand. 14 Sooner Senioresses were recognized in attendance.

Correspondence and regrets will be read during the Council Meeting and attached to the copy of the minutes.

It was announced that Kappa Theta members decorated for today and door prizes were provided by District V.

The committee to read the minutes of the March 19th minutes is: Judi York, chairman, Mary Johnson and Mary Adams.

The committee to read the minutes of the November State Council Meeting was Billye Peterson, chairman, Aletha Bolt and Robbin Brown. Billye Peterson reported that the minutes are approved as printed and will be placed on file.

A reminder was given by President Jacque that only Executive and General Board members may vote during this morning's meeting.

Treasurer: Tina Davenport-McKamie gave deadlines for reimbursements and reminders to use voucher forms. She would like to out her books and transfer funds to new treasurer as soon as possible.

Parliamentarian: Peggie Sprinkle proposed the following by law changes be presented to the council for approval at convention:

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.

It was moved by Peggie Sprinkle and seconded by Billye Peterson that Article V, Section 1 be accepted as proposed. MOTION CARRIED.

Parliamentarian Peggie then read the following:

ARTICLE IX - GENERAL BOARD - currently reads:

Section 1. COMPOSITION - The standing committees of this Council shall be: Association of the Arts, Auditor, Awards, Chaplain, Circle of Life, Contest, Convention, Credentials, DIANA, Directory, Easter Seals, ESA Foundation Counselor (2 yr.), Membership, Outstanding Chapter, Outstanding Youth, Philanthropic, Publicity, Scrapbook, and Sooner Seniorette President, International Officer(s), Past International President(s) and past and current E.S.A. Foundation Board Members.

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Reason for change:

With our membership declining, it is getting harder to fill this General Board position. ESA Foundation Chairman should be considered for a (1) year term.

It was moved by Peggie Sprinkle and seconded by Robbin Brown that Article IX, Section 1 be approved as proposed. Discussion followed. President Jacque called for a vote. MOTION FAILED.

Parliamentarian Peggie 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.

It was moved by Peggie Sprinkle and seconded by Mary Johnson that Article IX, Section 2, be accepted as proposed. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED. Call for vote. MOTION FAILED.

It was then moved by Robbin Brown and seconded by Joyce Lacey-Kenney that Article IX, Section 2 be amended to read:

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Peggie stated that the proposed by-law changes will be printed in the April-May issue of the Petticoat Journal and voted on at State Convention.

State Project Director: Robbin Brown read a report supplied by Project Director Charlene Law on the status of the State Project Fund. The report showed donations received to date as \$2,757.67. Robbin stated that we are coming up short and she gave a plea for more donations...

Petticoat Journal Editor: Mary Adams reported that 63 issues of the PJ were mailed this year. She had a beginning balance of \$757.90 with a current balance of \$834.15. A motion was made by Mary and seconded by Gwynn Nell Swanson that the price of the Petticoat Journal, for first class mail, remain the same at \$15.00 per subscription. MOTION CARRIED. Mary then made the following recommendation: Now that the PJ is on line which eliminates having to wait on a printing company to publish the PJ in the form of a book, I suggest that we extend all future due dates to the 10th of the month instead of the 5th especially the issue just after Christmas/New Year's Holidays. This is not in the by-laws, but is reflected in the Blue book guidelines.

Directory Chair: Marie Thomas reported that 109 directories were printed. To date, 97 have been sold at the price of \$8, 1 sold for \$5 and 11 are available for \$4 (1/2 price). Marie made a motion, seconded by Billye Peterson that the State Directory remain at the cost of \$8. MOTION CARRIED.

Webmaster: Aletha Bolt reminded board members to clear their website files and give the password to their successor of that office prior to convention.

Junior Past President: Deb Hughes stated that the Blue Books have been updated.

Association of the Arts: Peggy Pate reminded everyone of the April 1st deadline for the Association of the Arts.

Outstanding Chapter Chair: Robin Brown asked that the service report chairs get their reports to her as soon as possible following the April 1st deadline.

Under new business: Jacque passed handouts to the Executive and General Board members listing some of the duties and what is expected at Convention.

Announcements were made concerning the Silent Auction items, Quilt Raffle, 2011 Convention sales, grocery raffle, 50/50 jar, convention registration, and convention ads. Cathy Holsted reminded those present that 2012 convention dress articles are still for sale. She passed around sheets to sign up for duties at the 2012 convention. Lots of workers are needed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:27 am.

Linda Southerland
State Recording Secretary
2010-2011

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March 19, 2011**

The Oklahoma State Council Meeting was called to order at 10:46 am by State President Jacque Edwards. She requested that all cell phones be silenced and welcomed everyone to Stillwater for the last State Council meeting for 2010-2011.

The President requested that everyone stand and join in the Opening Ritual.

A mini educational covering the history of the Pledge of Allegiance was given by chaplain Vivian Gibson prior to leading those present in the Flag Salute. Chaplain Vivian Gibson then gave the devotional for the day.

Hostesses for the day are Kappa Theta, Guthrie and the door prizes are supplied by District V.

Welcome was given to Dorothy Drumm, guest from Wichita, KS.

President Jacque made the following introductions:

ESA Membership Corporation President, Past IC President & Sooner Seniorette, Rosalie Griffith; Past IC President, Past Foundation Counselor, 2012 IC Convention Chair & Sooner Seniorette, Cathy Holsted; IC Parliamentarian & Sooner Seniorette, Judi York; IC Audit Committee Member & Sooner Seniorette, Deb Hughes; Past ESA Foundation Chairman & Sooner Seniorette, Lola Jaegers; and Past ESA Foundation Director & Sooner Seniorette, Vivian Gibson.

She then asked the Sooner Seniorettes to stand. There were 19 Sooner Seniorettes present.

President Jacque introduced her 2010-2011 Executive and General Board and asked them to stand.

Jacque again reminded everyone to be sure to register and pay for their lunch as roll will be taken from the registration

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Corresponding Secretary, Shelly Labus, read a list of regrets to the Council meeting as follows:

Rosemary Benning	Louise Maloy	Lora Thompson
Wanda Lucas	Priscilla Drummond	Amber Alexander
Mary Toole	Sherry Green	Nadine Moyer
Jeanne Meyer	Janette Murray	Charlene Law
Hali Hughes		

She then read a Thank You letter from Nancy Buck for all the love and support she has been shown during this time of illness with her husband, Wayne and her mother.

1st Vice President/Nominating Committee: Gwynn Nell Swanson presented the nominations for 2010-2011 slate of officers. Gwynn Nell introduced her new slate by the nominees favorite candy bar. The slate are as follows:

PJ Editor	Rita Hains
Project Director	Margaret Kramer
Parliamentarian	Connie Johnson-Charlene Law
Treasurer	Linda Southerland
Recording Secretary	Billye Peterson
Corresponding Secretary	Sue Knight
2 nd Vice President	Tina Davenport-McKamie
1 st Vice President	Joyce Gibson
President	Gwynn Nell Swanson

2nd Vice President/Educational Chairman: Joyce Gibson gave a mini educational on "Utilize Emergency Care". She listed the difference between an emergency and a non-emergency and what you should do in each instance.

Treasurer, Tina Davenport-McKamie, presented the Treasurer's Report as of March 19, 2011

Balance forward	\$ 5,254.62
Income	\$ 1,847.53
Disbursements	\$ 1,259.07
Balance on hand	\$ 5843.08
Speakers Fund Balance (CD)	\$1,207.33
IC Campaign Fund Balance	\$ 219.36
DOER's Balance	\$ 172.25
Certificate of Deposit	\$4,000.00

Tina announced that there were 57 in attendance at today's meeting.

Parliamentarian: Peggie Sprinkle announced that there are proposed by-law changes that will be published in the April/May issue of the Petticoat Journal and reminded everyone to bring that issue of the PJ to State Convention.

State Project Director: Robbin Brown read a report supplied by Project Director Charlene Law on the status of the State Project Fund. The report showed donations received to date as \$2,757.67. Robbin stated that we are coming up short and she gave a plea for more donations...

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Jr. Past President/Disaster Fund Chair: Deb Hughes reported that donations have been submitted in the amount of \$3,499 but claims submitted and approved total \$3,684. This shows that claims have exceeded donations this year. She is selling a mini cookbook for \$5. Hopefully that will generate some more income.

Gwynn Nell Swanson and Joyce Gibson gave a report on the Leadership conference in Denver Co. They both enjoyed the experience and thank the council for approving that they attend.

While waiting for lunch to arrive, Jacque called on her music entertainment chair. Nancy Buck divided the room into 3 sections and then played charades using songs from the 1950's. It was very entertaining and everyone got into the spirit of it.

Auditor: Margaret Kramer reported that she did a pre-audit on the books of the State Treasurer, State Project Fund, Petticoat Journal, Directory and 2011 Convention and found all books to be in good order.

Awards: Judy Cravens reminded everyone to get in the years of service and the pallas athene degrees so those persons can be recognized at convention. She also reminded everyone of the "What ESA Means To Me" entries. Deadline is April 1st.

Credentials: Sue Patterson had no report.

Chaplain Vivian Gibson gave a report on those members in need of prayers and reminded everyone remember everyone on the chaplain list. She then gave the blessing prior to lunch and the meeting recessed to eat and work on the hands on project for this meeting. We will be painting wooden cars. Kappa Theta Guthrie will finish the base painting and all the cars will be completed at the Make n' Donate Workshop on Saturday afternoon at the OK State Convention in April. Members will receive philanthropic hours for this project.

After lunch the meeting continued with additional information from our Chaplain Vivian Gibson.

President Jacque then asked that Ramona Paine give a report on the 2010-2011 convention. Following her report, a convention skit was presented by Billye Peterson, "Rock Around the Clock" assisted by Connie Johnson, Libby Zaage, Joyce Lacey-Kenney, Linda Southerland and Kathy Shurigar. Reminders were given concerning Registration to Mary Ann Jones by April 15th, Convention ads to Lola Jaegers by April 1st and room reservations by April 1st. Rosalie Griffith gave an update on the Flag Ceremony at convention and how it will be conducted.

Directory Chair: Marie Thomas reported that 109 directories were printed. To date, 97 have been sold at the price of \$8, 1 sold for \$5 and 11 are available for \$4 (1/2 price). Marie made a motion that the State Directory remain at the cost of \$8. Coming from a committee, no second is required. MOTION CARRIED.

Easter Seal Chairman: Marcie Lucas Ellington reported the chapters who have donated as of this time. Total monies from donations and fundraisers total \$2,784.20 to date. She reminded chapters of the deadline for service reports and she is checking daily for the reports.

ESA Foundation Counselor: Rita Hains announced that she received 287 scholarship applications. This number is down from previous years most likely because of the snow storms and the deadline date of February 1st.

Contest Chair: Billye Peterson reminded everyone of contest deadlines. Outstanding Youth and DIANA contests have already been received and are being judged. Other contests deadline is April 1st.

Membership Chairman: Mary Johnson reported that we have 32 new pledges this year but we still need to work on membership. If everyone present today brought in one new member, we would be on our way to a great increase. She passed out a printout about the great seedling exchange. Let's celebrate spring and "spring into membership growth". Remember, "WE ARE ESA PROUD".

President Jacque passed the Spirit Awards bucket. Last chance to pay if you feel you have been mean spirited. She then presented the spirit award to Mary Johnson, Rita Hains, Gwynn Nell Swanson, Joyce Gibson, Joyce Whitewing-Slate and Patsy Timmons. It was decided that the money from the bucket be donated to the State Project Fund. There was \$72.98 in the bucket and Tina donated \$2.02 for a grand total of \$75 going to the project fund.

Scrapbook Chair: Kay Brader expressed thanks for all who have sent pictures from their chapters for the scrapbook.

Sooner Senioresses president: Sue Knight reported that the Sooner Senioresses are still working.

Webmaster: Aletha Bolt apologized for the problem with the website, but stated she is working on it and it should be fixed soon.

District II Coordinator: Nellrita Barrick passed out an invitation to the March 26th District II Meeting and Installation of Officers at the R & R Depot in Guthrie with registration beginning at 9:30 a.m.

IC Representative: Judi York stated she is really looking forward to being the IC Representative for the Oklahoma Convention.

Judi York and Billye Peterson gave a short report on the Dream Homes in Oklahoma.

Cathy Holsted reminded everyone of the many, many duties covering hosting a convention and reminded everyone to sign up to help with the 2012 IC Convention.

President Jacque announced that the door prizes were furnished by District V and the door prizes were passed out. Drawings were held and prizes awarded. She reminded everyone this was her last Council meeting and that she hopes everyone enjoyed "Cruisin in the 50's" with her and her board.

Gwynn Nell Swanson announced that she will continue with the new program that Jacque started to participate in Secret Sister or choose to sponsor OSD, OSB or Easter Seals. She needs to know who wants to participate in what so let her know so it can be ready for convention.

The meeting was adjourned with the closing ritual at 2:17 pm.

Linda Southerland
State Recording Secretary
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