

73rd Annual Oklahoma State Convention
"America the Beautiful"
Saturday, April 30, 2016
First General Assembly Minutes

Tietje German, Corresponding Secretary, called for seating at 7:50 a.m.

Lola Jaegers, Sooner Seniorett, conducted the Opening Flag Ceremony.

Oklahoma State Council President Billye Peterson declared the 73rd Annual OK State Convention of ESA International in session at 8:30 a.m.

Dr. Peterson led the membership in the Opening Ritual.

A devotional was offered by Peggy Hughes, Chaplain.

Robbin Brown, Convention Chair and Sooner Seniorett, welcomed the attendees to the convention. Robbin then introduced Sheraton Hotel Director of Sales, Tammy McDaniel. Ms. McDaniel thanked the membership for coming to the Sheraton for the weekend. Ms. McDaniel informed the group that she and her staff were available to meet the needs of the attendees during their stay and were looking forward to seeing that ESA has a memorable weekend.

INTRODUCTIONS

President Peterson recognized the 9 first-time convention attendees including the 4 new pledges. The Head Table was then introduced:

Corresponding Secretary, Tietje German
IC Representative, Sherry Day, 1st Vice President, President Elect
MARC Representative, Chip Shaffer, MARC Hope for Heroes Chair
Convention Chair, Robbin Brown
Convention Registration Chair, Linda Voss
Parliamentarian, Peggy Campbell
1st Vice President/Nomination Committee Chair, Nancy Baucom
2nd Vice President/Education Director, Peggy Sprinkle
Recording Secretary, Margaret Kramer
Treasurer, Synovia Lemmings
Credentials Chair, Karen Barker

The Sooner Seniorett were introduced and recognized by Billye for their achievements and the proficiencies they bring to OK ESA.

Corresponding Secretary Tietje German read letters from ESA IC President Rickie Brown and ESA Executive Director Charlotte Carloni; followed by regrets.

The Committee to read the minutes of this convention: Maxine Wheelan, Midwest City, Chair, with members Jakki Gatzke, Shawnee and Joyce James, Talihina.

Cathy Holsted, Chair of committee to read the minutes of the March 5, 2016, State Council Meeting, reported that the minutes printed in the April/May Petticoat Journal were correct.

Peggy Campbell, Parliamentarian, moved the Convention rules be adopted as printed in the Convention program on page 22, the motion was seconded. With no discussion, the President called for a vote, all present were in favor, the motion carried.

Robbin Brown, Convention Chair moved that the Convention Program be adopted as printed and distributed to the paid registrants of the convention. The motion was seconded, there was no discussion, a vote was called by the President; all present were in favor. The motion carried.

Karen Barker, Credentials Chair, moved Article III, Section 3. - Contest and Awards and Article XII, Section 3, - Voting of the OK State Council Bylaws that states: Chapter and members' dues must be paid by January 1 for voting and contest awards for this convention be set aside due to the many discrepancies found in reporting. Coming from a committee no second was required. There was no discussion. President Peterson called for a vote; all present were in favor, the motion carried.

Credentials report: There are 37 Oklahoma chapters, 24 chapters were in attendance, total votes 70 with 39 eligible votes for Election. Karen moved the report be adopted, the motion was seconded and with no discussion a vote was called for; all present were in favor, motion carried.

Linda Voss, Convention Registration Chair reported:

Oklahoma Members present	<u>112</u>	MAL's	<u>0</u>
Out of State Members	<u>2</u>	ELAN's	<u>1</u>
Guests	<u>1</u>	MESA	<u>0</u>
DESA	<u>0</u>		
TOTAL REGISTRATION	<u>116</u>		

Rosalie Griffith, Chair ESAMC Corporation, gave an update on headquarters activities and focus. Rosalie informed the membership that there were 2 vacancies on the International Board. The term is three years, it is a working, non-paid position that

meets twice a year and has monthly conference call meetings. Rosalie encouraged members who were interested in the position to apply.

Sherry Day, IC 1st Vice President/President Elect, greeted the assembly and shared her excitement about spending the Convention weekend in Oklahoma.

Chip Shaffer, MARC Hope for Heroes representative to Convention, shared MARC activities, future meeting and board openings. He encouraged OK members to consider filling a Board position.

Nancy Baucom, 1st Vice President/Nominating Committee Chair, introduced Slate of Officers for 2016-2017:

District II Coordinator	Libby Zaage, Kappa Theta # 5414, Guthrie
District III Coordinator	Linda Jones, Alpha Rho #4350, Broken Arrow
District IV Coordinator	Linda Voss, Zeta Gamma #4253. Shawnee
District V Coordinator	Sandy Lackey, Alpha Theta #1038, Muskogee
Sr. Past President	Linda Southerland, Beta Psi #0498, Clinton
Jr. Past President	Billye Peterson, Gamma Zeta #3464, Edmond
Petticoat Journal Editor	Lori Few, Beta Iota #4283, McAlester
State Project Director	Linda Leveridge, Delta Kappa #3538. Norman
Parliamentarian	Carrie Willingham, Beta Psi #0498. Clinton
Treasurer	Jenny Lizama, Gamma Delta #0702, Tulsa
Corresponding Secretary	Joyce Gibson, Delta Kappa #3538, Norman
Recording Secretary	Synovia Lemmings, Beta Psi #0498, Clinton
2 nd Vice President	Margaret Kramer, Beta Iota #4283, McAlester
1 st Vice President	Peggie Sprinkle, Beta Gamma #0391, Tulsa
President	Nancy Baucom, Beta Mu #0606, Lawton

Nancy moved that the Slate of Officers be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded. There were no objections, and the Slate of Officers was approved as presented.

Nancy Baucom, 1st Vice President/President Elect announced 2017 State Convention will be held April 28, 29, 30, 2017 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Lawton. "ESA in Candyland" is the theme. Convention Co-Chairs are Cathy Holsted and Ramona Paine.

President Billye opened the floor for nominations for the 2017-2018 Nominating Committee. As 1st Vice President, Peggie Sprinkle will chair the committee and Jr. Past President Billye Peterson will be a member. It has been past practice to have a member from each District serve on the committee. Nominations were as follows:

District II Sylvia Ochs, Kappa Theta, Guthrie

District III Deb Hughes, Beta Gamma, Tulsa
District IV Gwynn Nell Swanson, Delta Kappa, Norman
District V Tina McKamie, Beta Iota, McAlester

Sue Knight moved the nominations cease and the slate be accepted by acclamation. There was a second; there were no objections; and the Nominating Committee was approved as presented.

Synovia Lemmings, Treasurer reported:

Balance Forward from 2014-2015	<u>\$ 757.07</u>
Receipts	<u>\$10,347.45</u>
Disbursements	<u>\$ 8,098.48</u>
General Fund Balance as of 4/30/2016	<u>\$ 3,006.04</u>
Speaker's Fund	<u>\$ 923.93</u>
IC Campaign Fund	<u>\$ 219.36</u>
2012 IC Convention Fund	<u>\$ 5,515.14</u>
Certificate of Deposit	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>

The Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

State Project Director, Tawanna Cathey thanked the members for their generosity in monies donated to the Project Fund as well as sponsoring of the children at both Oklahoma Schools for the Blind and Deaf. Tawanna reported:

Balance Forward from 2014-2015	\$ 4,250.01
Disbursements	\$ 4,250.00
Receipts	\$ 5,325.00
Balance as of April 30, 2016	\$ 5,325.01
Allocations for 2015-2016	
\$5325.01/203= 26.2315 per student	
Oklahoma School for Deaf: 113 students	\$ 2,964.16
Oklahoma School for Blind: 90	\$ 2,360.84
Total Students	203

The State Project report will be filed for audit.

Peggy Campbell, Parliamentarian, presented By-Law Changes that were printed in the April/May issue of the P.J. Copies were available for those who requested. Peggy moved Article XI Meetings, Section 1, Regular Meetings be accepted as proposed. Coming from a committee no second was required. Hearing no discussion, a vote was called; all were in favor, the motion carried.

Peggy further moved that Article XI Meetings, Section 2 be accepted as proposed. Coming from a committee no second was required. Hearing no discussion, a vote was called, all present were in favor, motion carried.

Peggy further moved that Article XI Meetings, Section 3 be accepted as proposed. Coming from a committee no second was required. Hearing no discussion, a vote was called, all present were in favor, motion carried.

Peggy moved that Article XV Executive and General Board Meetings, Section 2 Regular Meeting be accepted as proposed. Coming from a committee no second was required. There was no discussion. A vote was called, all present were in favor, the motion carried.

The by-laws will be revised and posted on the Oklahoma website.

There was no Unfinished Business.
There was no New Business.
Announcements were made.

The First General Assembly of the 73rd Annual Oklahoma State Conventions was recessed at 10:55 a.m. by Dr. Billye Peterson, to reconvene Sunday, May 1, 2016 at 9:00 a. m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Margaret Kramer
OK State Council
Recording Secretary 2015-2016