

EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA INTERNATIONAL
Oklahoma State Council
74th Annual Convention
“ESA in Candy Land”
Hilton Garden Inn, Lawton, OK

“SNICKERS” FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Call for seating was at 8:25 a.m. An impressive opening flag ceremony was conducted by Judi York, Sooner Seniorette.

The meeting was called to order at 8:55 a.m. by President Nancy Baucom. Attendees stood for the opening ritual. A devotional prayer was given by Peggy Hughes, Chaplain.

President Nancy welcomed Fred Fitch, Mayor of Lawton, who greeted the assembly.

Cathy Holsted, Convention Co-Chair, welcomed everyone to “ESA in Candy Land” and introduced Monica McCleary, Sales Manager of the Hilton Garden Inn. Ms. McCleary welcomed everyone on behalf of Hilton to Lawton.

President Nancy recognized 4 first-time attendees and 4 pledges. She then introduced the head table which included Peggy Hughes, chaplain; Rickie Brown, IC Jr. Past President; Angie Butenschoen, MARC President; Ramona Paine, Convention Co-Chair and Sooner Seniorette; Joyce Gibson, Corresponding Secretary and Sooner Seniorette; Carrie Willingham, Parliamentarian; Peggie Sprinkle, 1st Vice President/Nominating Committee Chair; Margaret Kramer, 2nd Vice President/Educational Director; Liz King, Recording Secretary; Paula Willingham, Credentials Chair; and Dr. Billye Peterson, Jr. Past President/Disaster Fund Chair. Other introductions included Gwynn Nell Swanson, Convention Registration Chair/Sooner Seniorette; Deb Hughes, Oklahoma MARC rep/Sooner Seniorette; Judi York, ESA Foundation Director/Sooner Seniorette; Vivian Gibson, past ESA Foundation Director, Oklahoma ESA Foundation Counselor, Dixie Palmer Founder/Sooner Seniorette; and Billie Fritch, Dixie Palmer Founder/Sooner Seniorette. Nancy also thanked the Sooner Senioresses who have helped her these past years.

Joyce Gibson read regrets from Ardyce Briggs, Janette Murray, and Nadine Moyer-Rader and reminded attendees to turn in attendance sheets to Liz King.

Nancy announced the minutes of this convention will be read by June Miller, Chair, with members Leslie Farabee and Peggy Campbell. Dr. Billye Peterson, Chair to read the March 11 State Council minutes, reported the minutes had one correction and minutes would be filed as corrected.

Carrie Willingham moved the past convention rules be adopted as printed on Page 15 of the convention program. Motion was seconded by Margaret Kramer. Motion carried.

Cathy Holsted, Convention Co-chair, moved the convention program be adopted as printed and distributed to the paid registrants of this convention. Motion was seconded by Darla Barton. Motion carried.

Paula Willingham, Credentials Chair, reported there were 31 Chapters, 22 Chapters in Attendance, 56 Total Votes, and 39 Eligible Votes for Election. Paula moved this report be adopted. It was seconded by Peggy Hughes. Motion carried.

Nancy announced Kay Brader, Tawanna Cathey, and Carrie Willingham were appointed as tellers for this convention. Kay was named Chair.

Gwynn Nell Swanson, Registration Chair, announced there were 89 Oklahoma members in attendance, no out-of-state members, 2 guests, and no DESA's, MAL's, Elans or MESA's, total registration was 91.

Greetings from International Council was given by IC Representative Rickie Brown. She stated that IC was listening to members and changes are being made regarding the length and cost of the IC convention. There will be small changes this year and a new look by 2019. The highlights and agenda are available on the ESA website, and she encouraged everyone to attend IC convention in July in St. Louis.

Angie Butenschoen, MARC President, gave a greeting from MARC. She invited everyone to come to MARC's "Motown in Motion" on October 13 and 14, in Detroit, Michigan. Registration is \$150, and the hotel will be \$119. The convention will not have a silent auction this year, but instead will have a dance marathon as the money raiser.

Peggie Sprinkle, 1st Vice President/Nominating Committee Chair presented the 2017-2018 Slate of Officers and introduced the following:

District II Coordinator	Synovia Lemmings, Beta Psi#0498, Clinton
District III Coordinator	Byrdie Emanuel, Gamma Delta#0702, Tulsa
District IV Coordinator	Gwen Beasley, Zeta Gamma#4253, Shawnee
District V Coordinator	Sandy Lackey, Alpha Theta#1038, Muskogee
Sr Past President	Billye Peterson, Gamma Zeta#3464, Edmond
Jr Past President	Nancy Baucom, Beta Mu#0606, Lawton
Petticoat Journal Editor	Linda Jones, Alpha Rho#4550, Broken Arrow
State Project Director	Peggy Hughes, Beta Gamma#0391, Tulsa
Parliamentarian	Sylvia Ochs, Kappa Theta#5414, Guthrie
Treasurer	Mona Quaid, Beta Iota#4283, McAlester
Corresponding Secretary	Leslie Farabee, Eta Mu#2877, Owasso
Recording Secretary	Elise Jimison, Alpha Theta#1038, Muskogee
2 nd Vice President	Linda Leveridge, Delta Kappa #3538, Norman

1st Vice President
President

Margaret Kramer, Beta Iota #4283, McAlester
Peggie Sprinkle, Beta Gamma #0391, Tulsa

President Nancy stated according to the bylaws notice of intent to nominate from the floor must have been submitted to Peggie 10 days prior to this Convention. None were received so nominations were closed. Judi York moved the slate of officers be elected by acclamation. Motion was seconded by Maxine Wheelan. Motion carried.

Judi York, 2018 State Convention Chair invited everyone to attend “Diamonds in the Garden of ESA” on April 27, 28, and 29, 2018, at the Crowne Plaza Tulsa Southern Hills. Room rates will be \$99 a night.

Cathy Holsted invited everyone to come by the Hospitality Room for specialty drinks and snacks.

President Nancy asked for nominations for the 2017-2018 Nominating Committee which will be chaired by 1st Vice President Margaret Kramer. As Jr Past President, she will be a member. Tawanna Cathey, District V; Darlene Cushenberry, District III; Glenda Petty, District IV; and Carrie Willingham, District II were nominated. Gwynn Nell Swanson moved nominations cease. Synovia Lemmings seconded the motion. Motion carried.

In Jenny Lizama’s absence, Lola Jaegers gave the Treasurer’s Report. Balance forward from 2016-2017 was \$9,419.47. Receipts were \$6,053.80. There were disbursements of \$6,437.09. The balance as of April 26, 2017 is \$9,036.18. Of that total, \$2,609.64 is in the General Fund, \$792.04 in the Speaker’s Fund, \$219.36 in the IC Campaign Fund, and \$5,415.14 in the 2012 IC Convention Fund. The Certificate of Deposit has \$4,000 in it. Lola stated the treasurer’s report was filed for audit.

Auditor Lola Jaegers, reported all books from the State Treasurer were audited and in order as were books from the Project Director, PJ, and Directory Chair. State Convention books will be audited by next year’s auditor when the books are closed.

State Project Director Linda Leveridge, reported the balance forward from 2015-2016 was \$5,325.01. She had receipts of \$4,055.01 and disbursements of \$5,325.00. Funds were allocated as follows: Oklahoma School for the Deaf \$2,964.16 and Oklahoma School for the Blind \$2,360.84. The balance as of April 26, 2017, is \$4,055.01.

Aletha Bolt, Webmaster, reminded each chapter that both the chapter and state officers have an email account, and she talked about the benefits of this email access. After some discussion, Aletha stated a workshop would be presented at the June state council meeting, and she encouraged everyone to think of questions they may have about the process and send to her.

There was no unfinished business. There was no new business; however, Lora Thompson announced the DAA would not be at the luncheon but that she had a report along with a picture that would be shared.

Members were reminded to attend the 11:15 to 11:50 a.m. workshop on “ESA – Leadership/Membership” conducted by IC Rep Rickie Brown and Peggie Sprinkle in Bison A. The meeting was recessed at 10:25 a.m. until Sunday.

s/Liz King
Recording Secretary

Date approved by committee ___May 18, 2017_____
Date placed on file_____