

Epsilon Sigma Alpha International
Oklahoma State Council
69th Annual Oklahoma State Convention
First General Assembly
Saturday, April 28, 2012

The First General Assembly was called to seating at 2:05 p.m. by Convention Chair Janice Shockley, who requested the pages secure the door for the Opening Flag Ceremony.

ESA Foundation Counselor and Sooner Seniorettte Ramona Paine-Means conducted the flag ceremony. Following the parade of the Chapter banners, she gave a moving presentation.

The call to order was given by President Gwynn Nell Swanson, and she asked those present to stand and join in the opening ritual.

Thought for the Day, "Today is Unique," was given by Chaplain Linda Leveridge.

Janice Shockley welcomed everyone to the convention and introduced the hostess chapters: Delta Kappa, Norman; Sigma Chi, Inola; Zeta Gamma, Shawnee; Beta Mu, Lawton; and Mary Adams, Inola.

President Gwynn Nell introduced the head table as follows: Sue Knight, Corresponding Secretary; Joyce Gibson, 1st Vice President/President elect; Vicky Jones, IC Representative from Kentucky; Connie Johnson, Parliamentarian; Dr. Billye Peterson, Recording Secretary; Tina McKamie, 2nd Vice President; Linda Southerland, Treasurer; Ramona Paine-Means, Flag Ceremony Coordinator and Sooner Seniorettte; and Linda Leveridge, Chaplain.

She then introduced Rosalie Griffith, President of the ESA Membership Corporation, Past IC President, and Sooner Seniorettte; Deb Hughes, IC Jr. State President's Chair and Sooner Seniorettte; Cathy Holsted, Past IC President, Past Foundation Chair, 2012 IC Convention Chair, and Sooner Seniorettte; Lola Jaegers, Past ESA Foundation Chair and Sooner Seniorettte; Jeanne Meyer and Vivian Gibson, Past ESA Foundation Directors and Sooner Senioretttes; Billie Fritch and Joyce Whitewing-Slate, Dixie Palmer Founders and Sooner Senioretttes, and all the other Sooner Seniorettte mentors.

Corresponding Secretary Sue Knight read regrets from ESA Executive Director, BJ Clark; a letter from Jacque Edwards, Jr. Past President/Disaster Fund Chair, resigning from the board effective the end of this convention and becoming a MAL; regrets from Bunnie Sullins, Sooner Seniorettte; and a phone message from Ardyce Briggs, Sooner Seniorettte.

Gwynn Nell reported roll will be taken from the attendance sheets distributed to chapters and turned into Recording Secretary Billye Peterson.

Parliamentarian Connie Johnson made a motion, seconded by Virginia Taylor, Beta Rho, that the convention rules be adopted as printed on page 18 of the convention program. Motion carried.

Convention Chair Janice Shockley made a motion seconded by Charlene Law, Gamma Delta, the convention program be adopted as printed and distributed to the paid registrants of this convention. Motion carried.

Credentials Chair Joyce Lacey-Kenney reported that Oklahoma has 37 chapters with 29 chapters in attendance, with 25 eligible votes for election. She then made a motion, seconded by Maxine Wheelan, Delta Chi, that the Credentials Report be adopted. Motion carried.

Convention Registration Chair Robbin Brown reported there were 123 women, 13 men, 34 guests, 2 DESAs, 0 ELANS, 0 MALs, 0 MESA, for a total of 173 registrations.

The committee to read the minutes of the 69th Oklahoma State Convention is: Sylvia Ochs, Chair, Joyce James and Synovia Lemmings.

The committee to read the minutes of the March 17, 2012, State Council meeting was Vivian Gibson, Chair, Glenda Petty and Judy Montgomery. Vivian reported the minutes were correct as printed and will be placed on file.

Linda Southerland, Treasurer, presented the following Treasurer's Report as of April 30, 2012:

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| Balance transferred from 2010-2011 | \$3,374.50 |
| Receipts | \$8,292.62 |
| Disbursements | \$7,457.28 |
| Balance on Hand | \$4,209.84 |
| Speakers Fund Balance | \$1,107.33 |
| IC Campaign Fund Balance | \$ 219.36 |
| Doer's Fund Balance | \$ 172.25 |
| Certificate of Deposit as of 4-3-12 | \$4,044.25 |

Project Chair Margaret Kramer reported 21 chapters had sent reports, 26 chapters donated to the State Project Fund, 30 chapters and chapter members sponsored children at OSB or OSD or both, and total monies to be disbursed between the schools is \$4,630. There were 97 students at OSB, 147 at OSD for a total of 244 students, giving \$18.95 per student; OSD will be allocated \$2,789.38 and OSB will be allocated \$1,840.61. Margaret then recognized Jo Rott, Gamma Zeta, for donating \$500 twice to the fund this year.

Vicky Jones, IC 2nd Vice President, gave the keynote speech on transformation and Celebrating ESA, 40 years of service to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Joyce Gibson, 1st Vice President/Nominating Committee Chair, reported the slate of officers for 2012-2013 as follows:

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| PJ Editor | Donna Shook, Theta Tau, Kingfisher |
| State Project Director | Jo Rott, Gamma Zeta, Edmond |
| Parliamentarian | Nancy Baucom, Beta Mu, Lawton |
| Treasurer | Billye Peterson, Gamma Zeta, Edmond |
| Corresponding Secretary | Vivian Gibson, Delta Kappa, Norman |
| Recording Secretary | Mary Adams, Gamma Pi, Inola |
| 2 nd Vice President | Linda Southerland, Beta Psi, Clinton |
| 1 st Vice President | Tina McKamie, Beta Iota, McAlester |
| President | Joyce Gibson, Delta Kappa, Norman |

Sylvia Ochs, Kappa Theta, made a motion seconded by Peggy Hughes, Beta Gamma, that these candidates be elected by acclamation. Motion carried.

President Gwynn Nell announced Tina McKamie, 1st Vice President, would chair the 2012-2013 Nominating Committee, and four other members needed to be elected. Nominees were: Deb Hughes, District III; Joyce Whitewing-Slate, District III; Synovia Lemmings, District II; Gwen Beasley, District IV; Margaret Kramer, District V. Sue Knight, Sigma Chi, made a motion seconded by Nancy Buck, Delta Kappa, that nominations cease. Motion carried.

While ballots were being prepared, Cathy Holsted, 2013 Convention Chair, presented information for the 2013 convention as follows: Dates: April 26-28; Theme: ESA Treasures of the Sea; Location: Holiday Inn Express, Norman.

There was no unfinished business.

Connie Johnson, Parliamentarian, presented the following Bylaw changes as published on page 37 of the PJ:

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP and CLASSIFICATION – currently reads:
Section 2. The membership of this Council shall be composed of active chapters. Annual dues per chapter shall be due and payable to the Oklahoma State Council on or before May 1. Dues must be paid by January 1 to qualify for contests, awards, and voting privileges. A chapter shall become inactive upon non-payment of dues for three (3) consecutive years. An inactive chapter shall become an active chapter by payment of the current year's dues.

Section 3. FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of this Council shall be from close of convention, to the close of

the following convention. State Council books shall be closed no later than May 1 in the event a convention is not held.

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Section 3. CONTESTS AND AWARDS

State chapter and member dues must be paid by January 1 to qualify for contests and awards. Per chapter member count for the member dues portion of state dues shall be determined as of the April 1 membership report from Headquarters immediately preceding the start of the fiscal year.

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Reason for Amending: This amendment clarifies the deadline for dues that must be paid in order to qualify for contests, A new Section 3 has been added and the old Section 3 changed to Section 4.

Connie moved Article III, Membership and Classification—Section 2 be accepted as recommended by the Executive and General Board. Motion carried.

ARTICLE XII – VOTING currently reads:

Section 3. State chapter and individual state member dues shall be paid by January 1 and International chapter and individual member dues shall reflect paid as of April 1 printout from Headquarters in order for chapter delegates to vote at State Convention.

CHANGE TO READ:

ARTICLE XII – VOTING

Section 3. State chapter and member dues shall be paid by January 1 and International chapter dues shall reflect paid as of April 1 printout from **the International Council Treasurer** in order for chapter delegates to vote at State Convention. **Per chapter member count for the member dues portion of state dues shall be determined as of the April 1 membership report from Headquarters immediately preceding the start of the fiscal year.**

Reason for Change:

Clarification: The International Council dues must be paid current for voting privileges at both the state and International levels. Voting should not have anything to do with qualifying for contests, awards, etc.

Connie moved that Article XII – Voting, Section 3 be accepted as recommended by the Executive and General Board. Motion carried. Amendments will be corrected in the Bylaws and posted on the website.

Gwynn Nell recognized the following first-time convention attendees: Laurie Baker, Beta Mu; Jesslyn Perrin, Delta Kappa; and Robertine Martins, Gamma Pi. Jesslyn was also recognized as being a new pledge.

Tellers for the nominating committee election are Carrie Willingham, Beta Psi, and Judy Montgomery, Zeta Epsilon, assisted by Aletha Bolt, Beta Zeta. Ballots were passed out and collected by the tellers. Mozelle Smith, messenger, accompanied the tellers to Room 518 for ballot tallying.

Janice announced the centerpieces were being sold.

Easter Seals Chair Jo Rott announced the results of the Friday night auction: Silent auction \$626, Live auction \$930, Dottie \$105, Stephanie \$138, Donations \$67. St Jude, ESA Foundation, and Easter Seals will equally share \$1,866.

There being no other business to come before this assembly, the 1st General Assembly was recessed at 3:42 p.m. to be reconvened on Sunday morning, April 29, 2012, at 9:40 a.m.

s/Dr. Billye Peterson
State Recording Secretary

Minutes Approved by Committee May 1, 2012

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