

Oklahoma State Council of ESA  
State Council Meeting  
June 9, 2012

The Oklahoma State Council meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by State President Joyce Gibson. Joyce led members in the opening ritual. Chaplain Robbin Brown led members in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the devotional for the day "Fathers Are Wonderful People" by Helen Steiner Rice.

President Joyce Gibson welcomed members to the meeting. She then made the following introductions: Rosalie Griffith, ESA Membership Corp. President, Past IC President, Workshop Coordinator and Senior Seniorett; Deb Hughes, IC Senior State President's Chairman, Social Media Chairman and Sooner Seniorett; Ramona Paine, IC Audit Committee, ESA Foundation Counselor and Senior Seniorett; Cathy Holsted, Past IC President, Past ESA Foundation Chairman, ESA Foundation Advisor; 2012 IC Local Convention Chairman; 2013 State Convention Chairman and Sooner Seniorett; Lola Jaegers, Past ESA Foundation Chairman and Sooner Seniorett; Vivian Gibson, Past ESA Foundation Director, Corresponding Secretary and Sooner Seniorett; Dixie Palmer Founders, Joyce Whitewing-Slate and Billie Fritch; and Sooner Senioresses.

President Joyce presented a gift of special cupcakes to the Senior Senioresses.

Roll was taken from the registration. There were 48 in attendance, including 1 DESA and 1 guest and first time attendee Arin.

The members of the committee to read the minutes of this meeting are Deb Hughes, Chairman, Gwen Beasley and Margaret Kramer.

Members of the committee to read the minutes of the 69<sup>th</sup> Oklahoma State Convention are Sylvia Ochs, Chairman, Joyce James and Synovia Lemmings. Synovia Lemmings reported in Sylvia Ochs absence that the minutes were approved as printed and will be placed on file.

President Joyce announced that meetings would be conducted in a slightly different manner this year. Needed business will be conducted at meetings. Officers will be providing information through their presentations rather than making reports. Information including due dates, meeting dates etc. will be available on the tables.

**Educational:** Second Vice President/Educational Director, Linda Southerland gave a presentation on her theme "Oklahoma Indian Culture". The educational was on "Religious Beliefs of the Chickasaws".

**ESA Foundation:** Ramona Paine, State Counselor, requested that foundation members who have not signed their Foundation IC Credentials get with her to do so today. She also asked that a representative of chapters that belong to the foundation make sure that the Chapter President or a representative has signed for the chapter.

**Treasurer:** Treasurer Dr. Billy Peterson presented the proposed 2012-2013 Budget. Upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board, Billy moved the 2012-2013 proposed budget be approved. Coming from a committee, no second is required. Motion carried.

Billy presented the Treasurers Report: Balance transferred from 2011-2012 was \$4,209.84, income \$2,147.85, expenses \$225.11, leaving a balance as of June 9, 2012, of \$6,132.58. Also included is the Speakers Fund \$1,107.33, IC Campaign Fund \$219.36, and Doer's Fund \$172.25. Certificate of Deposit balance is \$4,048.30.

**Convention:** Upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board Cathy Holsted moved that registration for the 2013 Convention be \$90 and \$40 for those attending the banquet only". Coming from a committee, no second is required. Motion carried.

**ESA for St. Jude:** Judi York reminded members that the Dream Home give away in Tulsa is June 17<sup>th</sup> and Oklahoma City is June 24<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are still needed. ESA is celebrating 40 years with St. Jude and she reminded members that as we work at the dream homes and other St. Jude projects to think of the children who need us and the lives we are saving, not the work we are doing.

**State Project:** Jo Ann Rott reported \$1,840.61 is allocated to Oklahoma School for the Blind and \$2,789.38 is allocated to Oklahoma School for the Deaf. Upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board JoAnn made the motion that we send checks to each school in the amounts allotted and allow each school to apply the funds for the best use of the students." Coming from a committee no second is required. Motion carried.

Jo Ann Rott told of the little houses at OSD that will be used as curriculum for the younger students. There will be Police Station, Fire Station, Grocery Store and Hospital. One of the houses was donated by ESA.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Vivian Gibson gave a presentation outlining the many duties of the corresponding secretary which includes the placement of the flags at each meeting. She outlined the correct display of the flags. The U S Flag should be placed to the right of the podium and be by itself. All other flags are placed to the left of the podium.

Robbin Brown gave the blessing and members broke for lunch.

**Social Media Chairman:** Deb Hughes presentation was on email signatures. She explained how to set up an email signature and pointed out that we could also use that short space as a brief message line to the public promoting ESA, a Bunco or Bingo party etc.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Vivian Gibson reminded members that she has to have our LUNCH reservations 72 hours before the State Council Meetings. If we make a reservation and don't attend we have to pay for the lunch. There is no charge for the meeting room when we have lunch at the hotel.

**Contest:** Joyce Whitewing-Slate presented contest changes for approval of the council as follows:

***Service Report Form:*** Change Circle of Life to ESA for St. Jude. Add two separate line items under ESA for St. Jude: ALSAC Events (Radiothons, Dream Homes, etc.) and Special Events (Saddle Ups, Walkathons, Bunco's etc.). Upon recommendation of the Executive/General Board, Joyce moved that we accept the proposed contest changes as listed. Motion carried.

***DIANA:*** Omit the following pages: Sample Thank You letter to judges/Sample letter to nominee finalists/DIANA Publicity suggestions/DIANA award – Plan for Success – suggested timeline. Upon recommendation of the Executive/General Board, Joyce moved that we accept the proposed contest changes as listed. Motion carried.

***Publicity:*** Omit Publicity as a contest. Upon recommendation of the Executive/General Board, Joyce moved that we accept the proposed contest change as listed. Motion carried.

***Outstanding Chapter:*** Joyce moved that item (j) in the Participation category of the Outstanding Chapter form be changed to read: Submit at least one proof of publicity material to be placed in State Publicity Book and points will be awarded toward the outstanding chapter award. Upon recommendation of the Executive/General Board, Joyce moved that we accept the proposed contest change as listed. Motion carried.

The contest chairmen then presented all the contest chairs in a contest style show. Each chair made a presentation for their contest which was informative and entertaining.

**Hope for Heroes/Care Connection:** Mary Johnson made a presentation on ESA Care Connection and “Folds of Honor”. Mary will personally donate \$100 to the District Project Fund, of the chapter that shows the most care support participation. She also presented information on Hope for Heroes.

**District II Coordinator:** Joy Agan reminded members of District II Leadership in Clinton on August 25<sup>th</sup> at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Her theme this year is “Enthusiasm in ESA”.

**Jewel Award:** President Joyce presented the Jewel Award to Jo Ann Rott. This award is for a member who goes above and beyond to help other members.

**Make Me Pay:** The color this meeting was red and 33 members in attendance were dressed in predominantly red. Joyce will divide her donation between Oklahoma School for the Blind and Oklahoma School for the Deaf for each person wearing red. Anyone else who wants to donate may also do so. The total amount to be divided between OSB and OSD including member donations was \$260.00.

**Announcements:**

- President Joyce announced that we will have “ESA Shopping on the Mall” at State Leadership August 18<sup>th</sup>.
- PJ Editor Donna Shook requested Convention pictures and articles for the PJ.
- Billye Peterson reminded members that the Hugs Project is sponsoring the Blazing Sun Run at Stars and Stripes Park on July 7<sup>th</sup> and volunteers are needed.
- Nellrita Barrick reported that Lea at OSB got her guide dog, a female black lab which she named Blue.

**Reminders:**

- There will be a meeting with Cathy Holsted immediately following for those attending the IC Convention.
- Don’t forget to order your Directory from Peggy Sprinkle (filling in for Charlene Law) for \$8.00
- Convention and Presidents Charms are available for \$5.00 each
- Subscriptions for mailed PJ’s are available from Donna Shook for \$15.00
- 2013 Convention 50/50 money jar.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. and members recited the closing ritual.

Submitted by:  
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