

71st ANNUAL OKLAHOMA STATE CONVENTION
FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Saturday, April 26, 2014
Doubletree Warren Place Hotel, Tulsa, OK

Opening ceremony, including the Chapter Banner and Flag Presentation was conducted by Sooner Seniorettette, Bunnie Sullins.

President, Tina Davenport McKamie declared the 71st Annual Oklahoma State Convention of Epsilon Sigma Alpha in session at 8:30 a.m. The Opening Ritual was recited. Chaplain Nellrita Barrick gave the devotional about a silversmith based on the scripture, Malachi 3:3. Lori Few sang, "His Eye is on the Sparrow." Nellrita closed in prayer.

June Miller, Convention Chairman, welcomed the membership to the convention and announced the hostess chapters as follows: Alpha Zeta, Pawhuska; Beta Iota, McAlester and Epsilon Kappa, Hominy. June also welcomed everyone to the hotel because the hotel representative, Susan Flatt was unable to be there.

Kenneth Smith, Representative from the Tulsa Convention and Visitors Bureau, welcomed the membership to Tulsa for our convention.

President Tina asked if everybody had received their ballots and reminded the members to turn them in as soon as possible.

President Tina introduced the head table Sooner Seniorettette, Bunnie Sullins; Treasurer, Margaret Kramer; 1st Vice President, Linda Southerland; Corresponding Secretary, Jennifer Stewart; Parliamentarian, Robyn Ryan; Recording Secretary, Nancy Baucom; 2nd Vice President, Billye Peterson; IC Representative, Deb Hughes and Convention Chairman, June Miller.

Other special guests recognized were: Rosalie Griffith, Cathy Holsted, Judi York, Vivian Gibson, Lola Jaegers, Jeanne Meyer, Gwynn Nell Swanson, Dixie Palmer Founders: Priscilla Drummond and Billie Fritch and Dixie Palmer recipients: Cathy Holsted and Vivian Gibson. Tina then introduced the remainder of the Executive and General Board and the Sooner Seniorettettes.

Jennifer Stewart, Correspondence Secretary, read regrets from Jacque Edwards Cantrell, Billie Linville, Patsy Timmons, Ramona Paine and Dorothy Drumm.

She also read a letter from IC Convention Chairman, Sherry Day, congratulating Tina on her hard work for ESA this year and apologizing for not being able to attend.

President Tina asked if everyone had received an attendance sheet and reminded all to only count the members present today and turn them in as soon as possible because attendance will be taken from these forms.

Robyn Ryan, Parliamentarian moved that the Convention Rules be adopted as printed in the Convention Program on page 30. Motion was seconded by Billye Peterson, Gamma Zeta, Edmond. MOTION CARRIED.

June Miller, Convention Chairman, moved that the Convention Program be adopted as printed and distributed to the paid registrants of the convention. Motion seconded by Linda Southerland, Beta Psi, Clinton. MOTION CARRIED.

The committee to read the minutes of the 71st Annual Oklahoma State Convention is Chairman, Lola Jaegers, Mona Quaid Martin and Sue Knight.

The committee to read the minutes of the March State Council Meeting was Chairman, Deb Hughes with Gwen Beasley and Charlene Law. Deb reported that the minutes were approved and will be placed on file.

Dawn Haley, Credentials Chairman, reported that the number of chapters was 38; the number of chapters in attendance was 25 and the number of eligible votes for election was 25. The membership questioned this report. President Tina asked Dawn to double check the figures and to give a report later in the meeting.

Janette Murray, Convention Registration Chairman, reported that there are 136 full registrations; 23 guests attending the banquet and 8 guests for the awards luncheon; no MAL's; no ELAN's and no MESA's. The total registration was 167. Janette introduced 7 new pledges in attendance: Susan Bobb, Stephanie Hamm, Jeanie McCabe, Chantell Moss, Annette Nichols, Carolyn Womack and Brenda Yates; also introduced were 11 first time convention goers in attendance: Karla Applegate, Susan Bobb, Alice Cornwell, Stephanie Hamm, Jeanie McCabe, Chantell Moss, Annette Nichols, Debbie Reed, Eilene Wiley, Carolyn Womack and Brenda Yates.

Linda Southerland, 1st Vice President/Nominating Committee Chairman introduced the slate of officers for the 2014-2015 year:

District II Coordinator – Carrie Willingham

District III Coordinator – Charlene Law

District IV Coordinator – Linda Leveridge

District V Coordinator – Jane Thomas

PJ Editor – Rita Hains

Project Director – Margaret Kramer

Parliamentarian – Lori Few

Recording Secretary – Robyn Ryan

Treasurer – Joyce Lacey Kenney

2nd Vice -President (two candidates) – Nancy Baucom & Peggie Sprinkle

1st Vice-President –Billye Peterson
Corresponding Secretary – Robbin Brown
Sr. Past President – Joyce Gibson
Jr. Past President – Tina Davenport McKamie
President - Linda Southerland

President Tina asked that if anyone that hasn't turned in their ballots to please do so immediately. Once all ballots were turned in, Tina announced the election of the 2014-2015 Oklahoma State Council Executive Board was closed.

Tellers for the election of the 2014-2015 Oklahoma State Council Board are: Nancy Buck, Head Teller; Maggie Sellers and Judy Cravens. Tina asked Jennifer Stewart to please escort the tellers to her room for the tally. Tina instructed the tellers that upon completion of the tally, to please seal all ballots in the brown envelope. Give the envelope to Jennifer to return to her. She also instructed them to enclose and secure the name of the winning candidates in the white envelope for Jennifer to also return to her and asked them not to reveal the winners name or tally count to anyone. Tina then excused the tellers and asked the candidates to go to their hotel room before 4:30 as she will call them in their room beginning at 4:30 to give the results.

Linda Southerland, 1st Vice-President, President-Elect presented the 2015 State Convention: Date – April 24-26th, 2015 at the Biltmore Hotel in Oklahoma City. Theme is "Love Comes in All Colors"; Convention Chairmen are Nancy Buck and Gwynn Nell Swanson.

President Tina called for the election of the 2014-2015 Nominating Committee. The nominations were: Synovia Lemmings; Marla Tyndall; Brenda Beed and Mary Johnson. Aletha Bolt moved that the nominations for the Nominating Committee cease and be accepted by acclamation. Judi York, Beta Gamma, Tulsa seconded the motion.
MOTION CARRIED.

Margaret Kramer, Treasurer reported: Balance Forward from 2012-2013 was \$11,938.70; Receipts were \$11,036.34; Disbursements were \$13,289.53; Balance as of 4/23/2014 is \$9,685.51. The breakdown of the ending balance is as follows: General Fund Balance-\$2,840.79; Speaker's Fund \$937.97; IC Campaign Fund-\$219.36; Doer's Fund-\$172.25; 2011 IC Convention Deposit-\$5,515.14. Certificate of Deposit balance is \$4,002.07.

President Tina reported that our Oklahoma State Project recipients are voted on every 3 years. Upon recommendation of the General Board, it has been moved that the Oklahoma School for the Blind in Muskogee and the Oklahoma School for the Deaf in Sulphur remain our State Project recipients. Coming from a committee no second is required. MOTION CARRIED.

There was a 10 minute break.

Dawn Haley, Credentials Chairman double checked the figures and reported the following: Number of Chapters Eligible to Vote – 38; Number of Eligible Votes - 61; Chapters in Attendance – 25; Total Eligible Votes for Election – 51. She moved that the Credentials report be adopted. It was seconded by Marge Stevens, Sigma Chi, Inola. MOTION CARRIED.

Darlene Cushenberry, State Project Director reported that the Balance Forward from 2012-2013 was \$3,790.00; Receipts-\$3,580.00; Disbursements-\$3,005.00; Ending Balance is \$4,515.01. The allocations for the Oklahoma School for the Deaf are \$2,644.50 with 210 students and for the Oklahoma School for the Blind - \$1,870.50.

Rita Hains, Membership Chairman reported that membership grew by 8% this last year (as of February 28, 2014). She presented the 7 new members in attendance with a welcome gift basket.

Deb Hughes brought greetings from the International Council Executive Board. She asked how many were going to IC Convention in Portland and reminded that registration rates go up May 1st. She spoke about the different workshops that will be at IC Convention in July and talked about BOGO - Be One Get One membership promotion. It's important to remain active and engaged. Our organization is only as strong as it's membership. "Please make the commitment to yourself as well to ESA."

Deb stated that she will have a workshop this afternoon called Heart to Heart Connection which is mainly sharing about Hope for Heroes ideas.

Billye Peterson spoke about Santa Hugs which are scarves with mittens on each end that the kids can put their hands in and place them around their necks to give themselves a hug from Santa and asked the membership to get cutting and sewing because we are to make 4,000 of the Santa Hugs this year.

President Tina announced 3 Crystal Slipper Awards winners: Tammy Bowman from Gamma Zeta, Edmond; Delta Kappa, Norman and Beta Iota, McAlester. Tina will have to present the certificates at a later time.

Tina announced that from 11:00 to 12:00 charm sales, directory sales and etc. will be in the foyer; the Awards luncheon will begin at 12:00; Billye Peterson's workshop will be from 11:15 to 11:50 and there will be two other workshops this afternoon.

Janette Murray announced that when she introduced the first time convention attendees earlier that she missed a very special lady that has moved from Ohio and that this convention wasn't her first but it was her first Oklahoma convention -Sandy Lackey, Alpha Theta, Muskogee.

Linda Leveridge announced that any member that had an entry in the Association of the Arts could pick it up after the meeting.

Billye Peterson asked that those that had an Educational that was entered in the Gold Seal to please leave those because the judging sheet will not be put in the notebook until after lunch.

Unfinished Business – none.

New Business – none.

The 1st General Assembly of the 71st Annual Oklahoma State Convention recessed at 10:48am to reconvene on Sunday morning.

Submitted by:
Nancy Baucom
State Recording Secretary
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