

**Oklahoma State Council of ESA
State Leadership Seminar
August 24, 2013**

The Oklahoma State Council of ESA Leadership Seminar was called to order by President Tina Davenport McKamie at 9:00am on Saturday, August 24, 2013, at the DoubleTree Hotel at Warren Place, Tulsa Oklahoma.

President Tina welcomed everyone. Members stood for the opening ritual led by President Tina. Shoe Police Mona Quaid led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

In the absence of Chaplain Nellrita Barrick, First Vice President Linda Southerland presented a devotional entitled "The Secret of Success is to Start From Scratch and Keep on Scratching" taken from the book *God's Little Devotional Book*.

Attendance: 62 members and 4 guests.

President Tina introduced the fabulously adorable Sooner Seniorettes and noted that board members would be introduced throughout the day.

President Tina asked each member to take a page from their "High Hopes Pad" and write a special message to ESA Executive Director BJ Clark. The messages were placed in a jar to be mailed to BJ with the goal of warming her heart and lifting her spirits as she has done some many times for all of us.

Business Meeting

President Tina announced that Recording Secretary Nancy Baucom was unable to attend the State Leadership Seminar. Webmaster and Sooner Seniorette Aletha Bolt was appointed to record the minutes of the day's activities.

The members of the committee to read the minutes of today's seminar/meeting are Chairman Nancy Buck, Louise Maloy and Billie Fritch.

The members of the committee to read the minutes of the June State Council meeting were Chairman Cathy Holsted, Linda Voss and Linda Leveridge. Cathy reported that the minutes were correct as printed.

Treasurer Margaret Kramer presented the financial report. General Fund balance as of June 8, 2013 was \$6,869.70. With income of \$850.00 and expenses of \$2,497.92, the balance as of August 24, 2013 was \$5,221.78. Other fund balances were reported as follows: Speaker's Fund \$1,171.96, IC Campaign Fund \$219.36, Doer's Fund \$172.25, 2012 IC Convention Deposit \$5,515.14 and Certificate of Deposit \$4,002.07. The treasurer's report was placed on file for audit.

In the absence of Sooner Seniorette President Nadine Moyer-Rader, the Sooner Seniorette report was given by Sooner Seniorette Joyce Whitewing-Slate. Joyce reported that Nadine was in St. John's in Owasso undergoing tests.

Upon recommendation of the Sooner Senioresses, Joyce moved that the Oklahoma State Council nominate Deb Hughes for the 2014-2015 International Council office of her choice. Coming from a committee, no second was required. Motion carried.

Upon recommendation of the Sooner Senioresses, Joyce moved that the Oklahoma State Council nominate Judi York for the ESA Foundation Board of Directors. Coming from a committee, no second was required. Motion carried.

Corresponding Secretary Jennifer Stewart read regrets from Social Media Chairman and Sooner Senioress Deb Hughes who is in Portland, OR for the 2014 IC Convention Planning Meeting.

President Tina thanked the State Council for giving her the honor of representing Oklahoma at the International Council Convention in Norfolk, VA this past July. She reported that 13 Oklahoma members attended the convention.

President Tina announced that Deb Hughes was elected to the 2013-2014 IC Executive Board as Workshop Coordinator.

Awards presented during IC Convention were as follows:

- ESA Foundation "Fantasy Event" Award – First Place for the 5th year in a row with \$1,830.00 (Ramona Paine)
- ESA Foundation Scholarship Award – Second Place with \$24,567.34 (Ramona Paine)
- ESA Foundation State Award – Second Place with \$27,297.34 (Ramona Paine)
- Easter Seals Award – Most State Hours – First Place with 1,495 hours (Linda Leveridge)
- ESA for St Jude Top Ten State with \$566,987.00 (Judi York)
- ESA Philanthropic Award – Most State Hours – Third Place with 25,871 hours (Darla Barton)
- ESA Top Ten Educational Award – Kay Brader, Beta Rho – Del City
- ESA Top Ten Educational Award – Peggie Sprinkle, Beta Gamma – Tulsa
- What ESA Means to Me Essay – Member over One Year First Place – Lori Few, Beta Iota – McAlester
- What ESA Means to Me Essay – Member under One Year Second Place – Amanda Dunn, Beta Iota – McAlester

The business meeting was adjourned and we continued with the Leadership Seminar.

Second Vice President Dr. Billye Peterson, presented a hands-on educational program on spoon necklaces. Members were encouraged to create their own spoon necklaces during the presentation using spoons, beads and old jewelry provided by Billye. During the presentation Billye explained that the spoon could be run through a scarf, some pearls or other beads to have a fashionable conversation piece. She also noted that these are great Ways & Means money-earners.

President Tina announced that members would have the opportunity to shop at “ESA on the Mall” during breaks as well as purchase State Directories, PJ subscriptions, and the President/Convention charm.

A 10-minute break followed.

The Shoe Police, Bunnie Sullins and Mona Quaid, roamed the room looking for the best shoes. They determined the best shoes belonged to Margaret Kramer and proceeded to auction the shoes. Margaret was the high-bidder at \$10.

Sooner Seniorettte Joyce Whitewing-Slate presented the “Scope of ESA” as a courtroom themed skit. Her cast of characters included:

- Joyce Whitewing-Slate – Court Clerk
- Judi York – Judge
- Lawyer 1 – Robyn Ryan
- Lawyer 2 – Bunnie Sullins
- Miss ESA (Witness) – June Miller

At the conclusion of her presentation Joyce stated that she would provide copies of the script for the skit to chapters if requested.

Membership Chairman Rita Hains presented “Sock it to You” Membership Recruitment. Rita recognized members present who hadn’t attended Leadership in a long time with a chocolate treat. She also discussed the Choctober Program, details of which are available on the ESA website. Rita then presided over a crazy sock contest. Winners were:

- Favorite – Cathy Holsted
- Most Creative – Margaret Kramer
- Ugliest – Barbara Childers

Sooner Seniorettte Bunnie Sullins presented “New Member Like a Butterfly.” She compared the life cycle of a butterfly to new members. Her presentation included several hand-outs and a Find-A-Word ESA Butterfly worksheet.

Sooner Seniorettte Lola Jaegers presented “What Shoe are You”? Lola was assisted by Sooner Senioretttes Robbin Brown, Linda Voss and Lora Thompson. Lola administered a shoe test to all members present consisting of lists of strengths and weaknesses to determine what type of shoe we each are – Clown Shoe, Combat Boot, All Business Shoe or House Shoe.

First Vice President Linda Southerland gave a blessing and the seminar recessed for lunch and “Shopping on the ESA Mall”.

The meeting reconvened at 1:00pm.

Guest Speaker Deanna Ferguson was introduced by President Tina. Deanna is from Cleveland, OK and spoke at the recent District III Leadership Seminar on motivational topics.

“Chop Chop for ESA” – ESA for St Jude Chairman Donna Shook hosted a cooking contest loosely based on the Food Network show “Chopped.” Contestants were Louise Maloy and Kay

Brader. Judges were Joy Agan, Dawn Haley and Margaret Kramer. Kay Brader won the contest.

President Tina introduced Guest Speaker Cindy Morrison, former KTUL-TV award winning journalist, national speaker and author. Cindy spoke about starting a second career in social media.

The 2014 Convention Committee presented a skit to encourage attendance at State Convention.

A game was played at each table with a dollar bill to determine who at the table would receive a door prize – the table centerpieces.

Hope for Heroes drawings – Large tote went to Synovia Lemming. Stars went to Donna Shook and the small tote went to Cathy Holsted.

Roberta Werny won a scarf donated by Dr. Billye Peterson to go with the spoon necklaces made earlier in the day.

Announcements

- District 2 Leadership – September 7
- District 5 Leadership – September 21
- OSD Tour & District 4 Meeting – October 5
- November State Council Meeting – November 9 at Freddie's in Sapulpa

Meeting adjourned at 2:50pm. President Tina led members in the closing ritual.

Submitted by:
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Acting Recording Secretary