

**EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA INTERNATIONAL  
OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 11, 2016  
MINUTES**

The Oklahoma State Council meeting was called to order at 11:10 a. m. at Goodrich United Methodist Church in Norman, OK by State President Nancy Baucom. She thanked everyone for coming and reminded us to silence our cell phones.

Nancy led the group in the opening ritual.

Peggy Hughes, Chaplain gave a prayer and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance

Nancy welcomed us to the start of a year of sweet indulgences and recognized today's hostesses Delta Kappa chapter for helping her today.

Nancy had place cards for state officers and had most of them sitting with the members rather than at the head table. She asked all 2016-2017 board members to stand. She asked members to get acquainted and learn each other's names. She would introduce the board later as reports were given.

Nancy then asked the awesome and enduring Sooner Seniorettes to stand and remain standing while Easter Seals Chair Debra Johnson and Administrative Assistant Liz King handed out a little gift to each of them. She thanked them for their guidance and dedication to ESA.

There was one guest, three first time attendees, and two pledges. A sweet treat was presented to each of them. There were no Elans, DESAs or MESAs in attendance.

Roll was taken from registration and Nancy reminded everyone to ensure they were registered and paid for lunch. There were 54 members in attendance representing 20 chapters. A quorum was present.

The committee to read the minutes of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Oklahoma State Convention was Maxine Wheelan, chair, Jakki Gatzke, and Joyce James. The minutes were correct and will be placed on file as printed.

The committee to read today's minutes is Aletha Bolt. Chair, Vivian Gibson and Linda Jones.

**OFFICER REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Corresponding Secretary - Joyce Gibson read regrets.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Peggie Sprinkle requested that members think about being on the state board next year and to encourage their chapter's members to be on the state board. She listed Nominating Committee members: Deb Hughes, Dist III, Sylvia Ochs, Dist II, Gwynn Nell Swanson, Dist IV, Tina McKamie, Dist V and Billye Peterson, Jr. Past President.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Margaret Kramer gave a presentation about Indulging in Happiness. March 20 is the International Day of Happiness. Only 40% of our happiness is determined by our nature. 10% is determined by our surroundings and the other 40% is up to YOU. One moment of anger weakens your immune system for 4 to 5 hours. One minute of laughter boosts your immune system for over 24 hours. She gave a survey that will yield a happiness score. A smile creates more happiness than chocolate. It would take 200 bars of chocolate to create the same happiness as one smile. She talked about the importance of adequate sleep. She also talked about relaxation and yoga. Also about how good avocados are for us. She then had the members complete an exercise to calm ourselves help with stress.

Treasurer - Jenny Lizama presented the financial report.	
Balance transferred from 2015-2016	\$2,992.93
Income from Convention Profit	639.80
Other Income	201.00
<b>General Fund as of June 9, 2016</b>	<b>\$3,833.73</b>
Speaker's Fund	792.04
IC Campaign Fund	219.36
2012 IC Convention Fund	5,415.14

The report was placed on file for audit.

Jenny presented the proposed 2016-2017 Budget. Jenny stated proposed income from chapters was based on 37 chapters with a total of 470 members paying dues. She explained some of proposed budgetary changes. The partial payment of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President to IC Leadership was removed. The membership chair was changed from \$75 to \$200. The state convention meals was changed to \$200 to add the St Jude people. MARC and IC reps were left with each a motel room budgeted understanding they usually room together if both are female. Meeting room cost of \$200 was budgeted but may not be necessary. Motion carried.

Parliamentarian - Carrie Willingham presented two proposed additions to the standing rules.

Add new Standing Rule #10 which reads:

All monies raised during the State Convention Auction to benefit St. Jude, Easter Seals and the ESA Foundation will be divided equally between the three projects. After all funds are collected the Foundation Counselor will send the entire monetary amount and the paperwork to ESA Foundations Headquarters. Eligible donations will be sent through the Turn-Around-Fund.

The ESA Foundation Registered Agent will send the appropriate distribution of the donation allotment, for St Jude, to the ESA for St Jude Office at ESA Headquarters.

A check will be sent to the State Easter Seals Chairman from the Foundation Turn-Around-Fund and the State Easter Seal Chairman will send that check to Easter Seals of Oklahoma.

The Foundation's portion of the funds will be placed in the Foundation area designated by the Oklahoma ESA Foundation Counselor. This will be a direct donation of the designated funds because donations by ESA entities to the ESA Foundation cannot be sent through the Turn-Around-Fund.

How a designated area for the Foundation donation is chosen:

First the counselor will make sure the Endowments under the supervision of the Oklahoma State Council have enough funds to give scholarships. If not the monies will be divided between those Endowments. If the endowments are viable then the funds may be contributed to other fund raising areas of the Foundation such as the Fantasy Event, the General Fund, the Art Spark Grant, that honors BJ Clark, or sponsored events held during the Foundation Fund Fest at IC Convention.

Upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board, Carrie moved that this addition be approved. Coming from a committee, no second was required. Motion carried.

Add new Standing Rule #1 subsection C) which reads:

An officer or board member may be automatically removed from office and vacancy filled by the Executive Board for failure to perform duties after being duly warned.

- If a member is guilty of such an offense, and knows that other members are in possession of the facts, he/she may wish to submit his/her resignation from office. When the good of the organization appears to demand the separation of an offending member, it is usually best for all concerned to offer the member the opportunity to resign quietly before the facts are publicly displayed. A member has the right that allegations against her/his good name shall not be made except by charged brought on reasonable grounds and has the right to due process.

Upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board, Carrie moved that this addition be approved. Coming from a committee, no second was required. Motion carried.

Project Director - Linda Leveridge reported the State Project Fund balance was \$5,325.00. Upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board, Linda moved that \$2964.16 be given to OSD and \$2360.84 be designated for OSB for the schools to use at their discretion. OSB would like to purchase 7 more disc golf targets and beepers for the disc golf and the balance on Braille and large print. Books. OSD would like to purchase playground equipment and to improve their playground. Coming from a committee, no second was required. Motion carried.

Tour dates are December 10, 2016 for OSD and February 18, 2017 for OSB.

Jr. Past President/Disaster Fund- Billye Peterson handed out bags following the theme of Happiness Blessings. She suggested each week, take out a blessing and read it. You can put in change or bills in and give to Billye at the March meeting.

Contest Chair - Rita Hains reported on several housekeeping changes to the state contests:

- Blue Book - State Contests Policies and Procedures, 3B (page 6) changed to turn in contest judging sheets, composite sheets, etc. to Contest Chairman instead of Corresponding Secretary.
- Association of the Arts – entry form and judging sheet revised to add new Division X “State President’s Theme.”
- Gold Seal judging sheet will be revised to match the IC Gold Seal judging sheet.

Upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board, Rita moved that the ESA Foundation Contest (Guidelines) be changed to add “Value of Monetary Donations and donations not sent directly to Foundation”. Coming from a committee, no second was required. Motion carried.

Upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board, Rita moved that the ESA for St. Jude judging sheets be revised to designate either ALSAC or non ALSAC monies. Coming from a committee, no second was required. Motion carried.

2016 Convention Chair - Robbin Brown reported total members paid 113; out of state 2; ELAN 1. Income of \$21,551.14, expenses of \$18,387.89 and profit of \$3,163.25 with host chapter profit of \$489.92 each.

2017 Convention Chair - Ramona Paine. Upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board, Ramona moved that the Convention Registration fee of \$110 for members and the Banquet Registration fee of \$50 and Brunch fee of \$20 remain the same. Coming from a committee, no second was required. Motion carried.

Directory Chairman - Gwynn Nell Swanson asked that chapters send her corrections and updates.

Linda Leveridge, Nancy Buck - Peppermint Patty and her group did a skit about the next state convention. “Way down yonder in the candy patch.” Everyone received a “Cordial” invite to join

Nancy in Candy Land at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Linda Leveridge introduced the 2015-2016 State Junior High Outstanding Youth, Katelyn Matlock. She has been chosen the IC Junior High Outstanding Youth.

Easter Seals Chair - Debra Johnson made a presentation on being organized. She talked about marrying and having children young and her husband being deployed and wounded. She needed structure and became overbearing in being organized. She talked about planning and self care. She provided a card for the membership to write something encouraging and pass the card to the person on the right.

Debra said Easter Seals in OKC has a new branding which will be shown in the next Petticoat Journal. Easter Seals provides support groups for caregivers, autism screening and transportation. She stated the International Redman Triathlon in OKC on Sat, Sept 24 needs volunteers to assist on bike route to keep traffic in control and provide water. Easter Seals greatest need is financial assistance for medical devices. They project a need of \$250,000 in the next year. Cash is not given. It was noted that the St Jude walk is the same day as the Redman Triathlon.

OK MARC Rep/IC Easter Seals Chairman - Deb Hughes showed new logo. EASTERSEALS "taking on disability together." It will be 100 years old in 2019. They are collecting gift cards to take to Loveland, CO. Be sure to get the gift receipt. Deb, Aletha, Rosalie, Billye, Vivian and Linda are going to IC and will take your donation gift cards. She suggested return your cartridge and send the money instead of sending cartridges for kids. Oct 7-9 is the MARC convention in Bloomington, MN. September 17 is the registration deadline. It is one mile away from the Mall of America. They are raising money for two scholarships.

ESA for St Jude Co-Chairs - Barbara Childers reminded chapters to complete the form for St Jude activities when proposed and completed.

Update on Owasso Dream Home – Darlene Cushenberry stated that the give away is June 26 on Fox 23. Billye OKC give away Oct 2 on CW 34. Telethons June 22 filled and July 7 still needs workers.

Billye said Walk for St Jude in OKC on Sept 24.

ESA Foundation Counselor - Vivian Gibson thanked members for making changes to standing rules. She reported the auctions at the convention brought in \$3450. Easter Seals, St. Jude and ESA Foundation each received \$1150. She explained Myre Starr and Hawkins-Tuma both have little over \$5000 restricted amount each. She suggested that Myre Starr be combined with Hawkins-Tuma as Hawkins and Tuma were combined several years ago.

Billye Peterson moved that Myre Starr be combined with Hawkins-Tuma and all names be retained. Virginia Taylor seconded. Motion carried.

Vivian asked that we get the word out about scholarships. Any high school grad, college student or college grad can apply. They're available Oct 1 (or) and the deadline to apply is Feb 1. There is a \$5 fee to apply. Some school counselors advise students not to apply for those with an application fee.

Membership Chairman - Jo Ann Rott is willing to travel. She plans to attend chapter meetings around the state. She wants to increase membership. But first she wants to get participation from chapters that don't participate in the state council meetings. She is devising a questionnaire to determine why or why not people don't come to meetings. Nancy and Billye plan to go with her.

Nancy Buck, The Meeting Motivator, asked Jo Rott to name the states - letters of the alphabet that do not start a state. She asked Billie Peterson- one thing that happened on very 1<sup>st</sup> date -

(can't tell) - bra size (don't wear one - Eve didn't wear one in the Garden of Eden)

### NEW BUSINESS

State Council Fundraiser: Treasurer Jenny Lizama provided details on a proposed State Council Fundraiser. Tickets in the amount of \$10 each would be sold for a 1 week vacation in Branson and a \$500 gift card. Each chapter would be asked to sell at least 10 tickets. The chapter that sells the most tickets would win \$100. The number of tickets would be limited. A chairman is needed for the fundraiser.

Upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board, Jenny moved that this State Council Fundraiser be approved. Coming from a committee, no second was required. Motion carried.

Speaker's Fund: Upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board, Jenny moved that President Nancy Baucom be authorized to use monies, not to exceed \$150, from the Speaker's Fund for a guest speaker at the September State Leadership Seminar. Coming from a committee, no second was required. Motion carried.

Liz King reported that a \$500 scholarship for single mother to be given away in July by another organization she belongs to. She asked that anyone interested in apply contact her. She will also open Pampered Chef website sales Aug 1-26 with all net proceeds to the State Council. She also asked if we wanted to go on an ESA cruise to Alaska, Hawaii or Western Caribbean

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Door prizes were furnished by Delta Kappa.
- Sign your ESA Foundation credentials with Vivian Gibson.
- Contact Lori Few if you want to subscribe to Petticoat Journal. It's still \$15.
- President/Convention charms are \$5. See Doris Kemp.
- State Leadership is September 10 in Lawton at the Hilton Garden Inn.
- See Nancy for IC Fundraiser.
- IC Convention is July 10-17 at Loveland, CO.
- District Coordinators announced leadership meeting dates:
- Dist IV Oct 1, Shawnee at 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Church,
- Dist III & V Aug 27 Muskogee at Bedouin Shrine's Temple,
- Dist II Aug 20 Guthrie at Noble Ave Baptist Church

Nancy led us in the closing ritual. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Aletha Bolt, Chair  
Committee to Read the Minutes