

Epsilon Sigma Alpha International
66th Annual Oklahoma State Convention
First General Assembly Minutes
Saturday, April 25, 2009

Call to seating for the First General Assembly at 8:25 a.m. by Convention chairman, Priscilla Drummond. Opening ceremony, including the Chapter Banner and Flag presentations was conducted by June Miller.

President, Bunnie Sullins, declared the 66th Annual Oklahoma State Convention of Epsilon Sigma Alpha in session. The Opening Ritual was recited. Chaplain, Peggie Sprinkle, read the thought for the day, "Simple Blessings."

The host chapters Epsilon Kappa – Hominy, Alpha Zeta – Pawhuska and Eta Epsilon – Skiatook were recognized. Convention Chairman, Priscilla Drummond, gave the welcome.

Mayor, Rita Lamkin, welcomed ESA to Catoosa.

General Manager, Robert Zablonksi, welcomed ESA to the Cherokee Casino and Resort.

Corresponding Secretary, Joyce Whitewing, responded to the "Welcomes."

President, Bunnie Sullins, presented the head table and made some special introductions.

Parliamentarian, Jennye Hickman, read the Convention Rules. She moved that the Convention Rules be adopted in the Convention Program on page 7. Charlene Law seconded. The motion carried.

IC Senior Membership Chairman and Sooner Seniorette, Judi York, moved that the Convention Program be adopted as printed and distributed to the paid registrants of this convention. Virginia Taylor of Beta Rho, Del City seconded the motion. Motion carried. The committee to read the minutes of the 66th Oklahoma State Convention is Chairman, Maxine Wheelan, and members Nellrita Barrick and Nancy Buck. The committee to read the minutes of the March State Council meeting was Chairman, Judi York, Billie Hansen and Tina Davenport-McKamie. Judi reported the minutes were correct as printed.

Credentials Chairman, Marcie Lucas-Ellington, advised no report for credentials due to the candidates running unopposed. Therefore, a vote will not be needed.

Corresponding Secretary, Joyce Whitewing-Slate, reported that we received regrets from IC President, Judy Huntley, Executive Director from ESA Headquarters, B.J. Clark, Past ESA Foundation Chairman, Dorothy Drumm and Administrative Assistant, Judy Montgomery. She also reported two changes to the directory: Senior Membership Director, Cheryl LaMascus phone number is 918-245-6986. Sooner Seniorette, Jeanne Meyer's, email address is jmeyer@oklaesa.org.

Recording Secretary, Joyce Gibson-Madden, did roll call.

Treasurer, Robyn Ryan, presented the final treasurer's report.

Balance transferred from 2007-2008 - \$6209.60

Receipts - \$9649.35

Disbursements - \$11,100.90

Balance April 25, 2009 - \$4,758.05

State Project Director, Mary Ann Jones, presented the State Project Fund disbursement report.

Balance forward 2007-2008 - \$4,758.00

Receipts - \$5,774.49

Disbursements - \$4,451.40

Balance as of April 25, 2009 – \$6102.60

Allocations for 2008-2009 - \$4,779.51

Oklahoma School for the Deaf - \$2,448.65

Oklahoma School for the Blind - \$2,002.75

First Vice President/Nominating Committee Chairman, Deb Hughes, introduced and thanked the members of the nominating committee: Billye Hansen, Rita Hains, Gwen Beasley, Patsy Timmons and Ramona Paine. The candidates for the 2009-2010 Oklahoma State Council were presented. Senior Past President, Ramona Paine and Junior Past President, Bunnie Sullins was introduced.

Mary Toole, Zeta Gamma Shawnee, moved that Robbin Brown, Alpha Omega Shawnee be nominated from the floor for the office of State Project Director. Barbara Shelby, Alpha Omega Choctaw, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The District Coordinators will be Billye Hansen – District II, Cheryl LaMascus – District III, Lora Thompson – District IV and Elaine Ockletree – District V. Petticoat Journal Editor – Jennye Hickman, Treasurer – Joyce Gibson-Madden, Recording Secretary – Charlene Law, Parliamentarian – Linda Southerland, Second Vice President – Gwynn Nell Swanson, First Vice President – Jacque Edwards, President – Deb Hughes and Corresponding Secretary – Tina Davenport-McKamie.

Vivian Gibson, Delta Kappa Norman moved that the candidates for 2009-2010 be accepted by acclamation. Maxine Wheelan, Delta Chi Midwest City, seconded. Motion carried.

President, Bunnie Sullins, asked for nominations for the 2009-2010 Nominating Committee. As First Vice President Jacque Edwards, Kappa Theta, Guthrie, District II will chair the committee. The nominees are Lora Thompson, Zeta Gamma, Shawnee, Peggy Pate, Muskogee, Sue Knight, Sigma Chi, Inola, Gloria Torres, Beta Rho, Del City and Aletha Bolt, Beta Zeta, Oklahoma City. Deb Hughes, Beta Gamma Tulsa moved that the nominations cease. Linda Leveridge, Eta Epsilon, seconded. Motion carried. Tellers for the election of the 2009-2010 Nominating Committee are Billie Linville, Head Teller, Marcie Lucas-Ellington, Leslie Farabee and Doris Cook. Cathy Holsted was the escort and Connie Johnson served as messenger.

2009 Registration Chairman, Janette Murray, presented the convention registration. There are 33 chapters represented. 171 members, 25 men, 6 fully paid guest, 0 DESAs, 0 MESAs and 0 MALs for a total of 202 full registrations. 11 additional banquet guests and 10 additional luncheon guests for a grand total of 223.

Parliamentarian, Jennye Hickman, presented the proposed bylaw changes. (Please see attached) Jennye moved the suggested change for Article VIII, Duties of Elected Officers, Section 2, Vice President, to add “she shall serve as Membership Chair”, Article VII, Section 9, to remove “The Junior Past President shall be the Disaster Fund

Chairman, and Article IX, Section 1, to add "Disaster Fund". Margaret Kramer seconded. After discussion, the vote was taken. 37 yes and 67 no. Motion failed. Jennye moved that the suggested change for Article IX, General Board, Section 1: Composition to remove "Junior Circle of Life". Tina Davenport-McKamie seconded. Motion carried. Jennye moved that the suggested change for Article IX, General Board, Section 1: Composition to remove "Junior Membership". Peggy Hughes, seconded. Motion carried.

The Alsac Report was given by Chassidy Satterfield. She talked about the two Dream Homes in Tulsa and Oklahoma City. The tickets were sold out for both locations and over a million dollars was earned. The fundraising has been down a bit from last year. The walks for St. Jude have been successful. They plan to have another one in Tulsa around Thanksgiving. Chassidy then introduced the St. Jude family, Brittany Slaughter and her grandmother.

President, Bunnie Sullins asked for special recognition of members attending State Convention for the first time and Chapter Presidents.

DIANA Chairman, Marie Thomas, introduced Sheryl Lewis as the winner of the DIANA award. Her entry was submitted by Eta Epsilon, Skiatook.

Outstanding Youth Chairman, Billye Hansen, introduced Laquana Sango as the recipient of the Senior High Award. Her entry was submitted by Beta Gamma, Tulsa. Correy Moyer was the recipient of the Junior High Award. Her entry was submitted by Eta Epsilon, Skiatook.

Announcements:

The names of new pledges need to be given to Cheryl LaMascus for the Pledge Presentation at the Banquet.

Connie Johnson needs names of members for years of service.

Tina Davenport-McKamie needs names of chapter representative for Circle of Life Presentation at the Banquet.

Lunch served at noon.

The First General Assembly of the 66th Annual Oklahoma State Convention recessed and will reconvene Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m.

Recess

Submitted by:

Joyce Gibson-Madden

Oklahoma State Recording Secretary

2008-2009

Suggested Bylaw Changes – Presented April 25, 2009

Only proposed changes are printed; reasons for the changes will be read during the meeting

Article VIII, Duties of Elected Officers, Section 2, Vice President, now reads:

The First Vice President by virtue of her office shall be known as President20Elect. The First Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in the event the President is unable to do so. She shall serve as Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, prepare copies of the ballot and deliver to the Credentials Chairperson prior to convention. She shall be advisor to the District Coordinators and Vice Coordinators. The First Vice President shall be an authorized signer of all Oklahoma State Council bank accounts and shall be bonded. She shall be installed President at the convention following her term as First Vice President.

CHANGE TO **ADD** AFTER “The First Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in the event the President is unable to do so”:

ADD: She shall serve as Membership Chairman.

Motion Failed

Article VII, Section 9, now reads:

The Junior Past President shall be a member of the Budget Committee. The Junior Past President shall be the Disaster Fund Chairman. She shall receive and record Disaster Funds donated by chapter and/or members and forward to the International Council Disaster Fund Chairman, with a copy to the State President. The Disaster Fund Chairman shall file claims as requested. She shall publish names and amounts of contributions in the August/September and February/March issues of the Petticoat Journal.

PROPOSAL

DELETE: The Junior Past President shall be the Disaster Fund Chairman. She shall receive and record Disaster Funds donated by chapter and/or members and forward to the International Council Disaster Fund Chairman, with a copy to the State President. The Disaster Fund Chairman shall file claims as requested. She shall publish names and amounts of contributions in the August/September and February/March issues of the Petticoat Journal.

ADD: She shall serve as Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, prepare copies of the ballot and deliver to the Credentials Chairperson prior to convention. She shall be advisor to District Coordinators and Vice Coordinators.

Motion Failed

Article IX, General Board, Section 1: Composition, now reads:

The standing committees of this Council shall be: Association of the Arts, Auditor, Awards, Chaplain, Senior Circle of Life, Junior Circle of Life, Contest, Convention, Credentials, DIANA, Directory, Easter Seals, ESA Foundation Counselor (2 yr.), Senior Membership, Junior Membership, Outstanding Chapter, Outstanding Youth, Philanthropic, Publicity, Scrapbook, and Sooner Seniorette President, International Officer(s), Past International Council President(s), and past and current E.S.A. Foundation Board Members.

PROPOSAL

ADD: Disaster Fund
Motion Failed

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PROPOSAL

DELETE: Junior Circle of Life
Motion carried

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PROPOSAL

DELETE: Junior Membership Chair
Motion carried