

**Epsilon Sigma Alpha International
Oklahoma State Council
Executive/General Board Meeting
March Minutes
March 21, 2009**

The March meeting for the Executive and General Board was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by President, Bunnie Sullins, at Freddie's Restaurant in Sapulpa. No guests present. District II was recognized as the hostesses for the day.

The committee to read the minutes of the November meeting was Billie Fritch, Chairman, Gwen Beasley and Donna McCandless. Billie Fritch reported that the minutes were correct and will be filed as printed. The committee to read the minutes of the March meeting is Judi York, Chairman, Tina Davenport-McKamie and Billye Hansen.

The Corresponding Secretary's report was printed and made available to the members at the Registration Desk.

The Treasurer's report is also available at the Registration Desk. Robyn advised that she will be closing the books on April 1st. So, any reimbursement requests need to be turned in.

Parliamentarian, Jennye Hickman, presented the proposed bylaw changes to the Board members. (Please see attached) Sooner Seniorette President, Linda Voss presented an amendment to the suggested by law changes. The members present asked that the suggested changes be voted on individually. Jennye moved that the suggested change for Article VIII, to add "she shall serve as Membership Chairman", be accepted. Judi York, District III Coordinator, seconded the motion. After much discussion, the vote was called for. The vote was tied 12 yes to 12 no. After more discussion, about who could and could not vote, another vote was called for. The vote was 15 yes and 12 no. Motion carried. Jennye moved that the suggested change for Article IX, to delete the board position Junior Circle of Life, be accepted. Cheryl LaMascus, Senior Membership seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jennye moved that the suggested change for Article IX, to delete the board position Junior Membership Chair, be accepted. Jacque Edwards, Second Vice President, seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jennye advised that the proposed bylaw changes will be printed in the April-May issue of the Petticoat Journal and voted on at State Convention.

Past IC President, Cathy Holsted, reported that the International Council does not have a bid submitted for the 2012 IC Convention. She asked if Oklahoma would bid. &nbs p;Cathy would be chairman. Aletha Bolt agreed to co-chair. It could be held in the OKC/Norman area. The last IC Convention, Oklahoma hosted, was in 1997.

Convention will be in San Antonio, Minnesota and Kansas the next few years. Maxine Wheelan moved that we submit a bid to host the 2012 IC Convention. Tina Davenport-McKamie seconded the motion. Motion carried. Cathy advised that she will present this to the members this afternoon, at the council meeting.

Webmaster, Aletha Bolt, asked all board members to check their Oklaesa account and clean out the inbox. Any questions about the website or email talk to her. Bunnie asked all board members to read the duties in their Blue Book. She read over a Convention duties handout. This meeting was adjourned.

Suggested Bylaw Changes – Presented March 21, 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 President Elect. 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

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.

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The March meeting of the Oklahoma State Council was called to order at 11:00a.m. by President, Bunnie Sullins, at Freddie's Restaurant in Sapulpa. The members recited the Opening Ritual. Chaplain, Peggie Sprinkle, gave the thought for the day, "Count Your Blessings" by Johnson Oatman Jr. and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bunnie recognized the ladies of District II as our hostesses for the meeting. Bunnie made some special introductions and recognized the Sooner Seniorettes. She asked for first-time State Council Meeting attendees to stand. There were four present. Two members from Gamma Pi, Inola, one member from Beta Iota, McAlester and one member from Gamma Delta, Tulsa. One DESA was present.

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The Corresponding Secretary's report was printed and made available to the members at the Registration Desk. Joyce Whitewing asked that any changes to addresses be given to her.

First Vice-President/Nominating Committee Chairman, Deb Hughes, presented the slate of officers to the members. They are District II Coordinator – Billye Hansen, District III Coordinator – Cheryl LaMascus, District IV Coordinator – Lora Thompson, District V Coordinator – Elaine Ockletree, Senior Past President - Ramona Paine, Junior Past President - Bunnie Sullins, Petticoat Journal Editor - Jennye Hickman, State Project Director - Robbin Brown, Parliamentarian - Linda Southerland, Treasurer - Joyce Gibson-Madden, Recording Secretary - Charlene Law, Second Vice President - Gwynn Nell Swanson, First Vice President - Jacque Edwards, President - Deb Hughes, and Corresponding Secretary - Tina Davenport-McKamie. Deb then gave a report on ESA Headquarters Leadership Seminar.

Second Vice-President/Educational Director, Jacque Edwards, gave a report on "The Corn Popper" in Tulsa. She passed around several samples of flavored popcorn for everyone to try. She then outlined the educationals that she has presented over the past year, using her theme "Made in Oklahoma".

Parliamentarian, Jennye Hickman, announced that there will be proposed bylaw changes published in the Petticoat Journal and voted on at State Convention. She

asked everyone to remember to bring their April/May issue of the Petticoat Journal to convention.

Treasurer, Robyn Ryan, reminded officers and chairmen to turn their bills in to her by April 1st. She also reported that the Financial Report is at the Registration Desk. The Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

Project Director, Mary Ann Jones, advised the members that the amount of our contributions has decreased from \$4,758 last year to \$1,884.49 with only ten more days left in March.

Petticoat Journal Editor, Charlene Law, stated that the Petticoat Journal subscription price will remain at \$15.00 for a hard copy.

Jr Past President/Disaster Fund Chairman, Ramona Paine, reported that 28 chapters have donated. She will contact the remaining 18 chapters. Two claims have been paid this year.

Chaplain, Peggy Sprinkle, said the prayer before lunch.

Sr Past President/Workshop Coordinator, Robbin Brown, presented the 2009 State Convention mini agenda.

Special Presentation - Judi York attempted to play a special video featuring Myre Starr and other distinguished ESA ladies from years past. Because of sound problems, it will be shown at convention.

Auditor, Mona Martin, advised the pre-audit was completed for State Project, Treasurer and the State Convention Fund. The final audit will be completed at Convention.

Awards, Connie Johnson, needs all years of service pins that are to be awarded at Convention. She needs the recipient's name, chapter, city and number of years of service.

Convention Chairman, Priscilla Drummond, warned everyone that convention security is very tight and to be careful with purses, especially in the casino area.

Chaplain, Peggie Sprinkle, advised the members that the Celebration of Life Ceremony will be on Sunday morning before the Second General Assembly. She is asking for a member from the following chapters to contact her for participation in the ceremony. Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Theta, Beta Mu, Delta Epsilon, Delta Kappa, Delta Lambda, Epsilon Beta, Eta Mu, Gamma Delta, Gamma Kappa and Nu Delta. Peggie would like members to continue to contact her with sisters that are in need of thoughts and prayers.

Credentials Chairman, Marcie Lucas-Ellington, stated no report.

Directory Chairman, Nancy Buck, advised that the price of the directory will remain the same.

Easter Seals Chairman, Lola Jaegers, advised that baskets are needed for the auction at Convention. They can be turned in at the Registration table. Also, the sign-up sheet is available for anyone interested in working the Dream Home.

ESA Foundation, June Miller, asked the chapters to inform her of the name of the representative that will be carrying their flag in the Flag Ceremony.

Circle of Life, Tina Davenport-McKamie, advised that the Walk for St. Jude at the Promenade Mall raised \$8260. There were 14 walks going on throughout the United States. Oklahoma was picked by St. Jude to be one of the participants. We finished in the top half and will be doing it again.

Membership, Cheryl LaMascus, talked about ESA in Cyberspace. Some of the tools that can be used are Google, Facebook and Craig's List for ways to keep in touch and to advertise ESA events.

Contest Chairman, Joyce Lacey-Kenney, advised that there weren't any changes reported during their meeting last night.

Outstanding Chapter Chairman, Gwynn Nell Swanson, asked for all contest chairmen, state officers and appointed chairmen to send her a report of attendance for each meeting held this year and participation in contest as soon as possible after April 1st and before April 10th.

Outstanding Youth Chairman, Billye Hansen, advised that entries are at the judges now and should be complete by March 31st. Notification to the winners will be going out April 1st. Billye also asked members to use Goodsearch.com instead of Google when searching for information in order to help The Hugs Project, which supports the troops.

Philanthropic Chairman, Lora Thompson, informed the members that she has received reports from 13 chapters. The report has been sent to IC.

Sooner Seniorett President, Linda Voss, advised that the Sooner Senioresses had met on Friday night. She thanked Bunnie for the gifts that were received

Publicity Chairman, Joy Agan, did not have a report.

Scrapbook Chairman, Leslie Farabee, advised that 14 chapters have sent photos and articles. She asked for chapters to bring their scrapbooks to Convention for display.

Webmaster, Aletha Bolt, did not have a report.

District Coordinator, Maxine Wheelan, thanked the members for allowing District IV to count the attendance for their April 4th meeting. It will be at the Shawnee Library.

Cathy Holsted moved that upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board of the Oklahoma State Council, we would put in a bid for the 2012 International Convention to be held in Oklahoma. No second was required. Motion carried.

Announcements:

Deb Hughes announced that the Leadership Workshop is for all that are wishing to attend. She also advised the members that the candidates made a donation to the State Project Fund in lieu of gift bags this year. They have also purchased an ad.

Jacque Edwards spoke about the importance of sending the Second Vice President to the Leadership in Denver. The theme this year was "ESA Champions". They discussed ideas regarding how to make meetings more fun. The focus now is going to be on modern technology. Internet use is critical.

"The Eagle Award" was presented to Tina Davenport-McKamie by President, Bunnie Sullins.

Peggie Sprinkle announced that she was donating the \$50.00 she won in the 50/50 Easter Seals drawing, back to Easter Seals.

President, Bunnie Sullins, encouraged attendance at State Convention.

The closing ritual was recited and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Joyce Gibson-Madden
Oklahoma State Council Recording Secretary
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