

Epsilon Sigma Alpha International  
Oklahoma State Council  
Leadership Meeting Minutes  
August 8, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 10:47 A.M. by President Deb Hughes, at Highland Park Christian Church, Tulsa, Ok.

Chaplain Mary Toole gave the devotional "Life's Treasure", and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deb Hughes introduced the following officers:

Past IC President/, Past ESA Foundation Chairman, 2012 IC Convention Chair, and Sooner Seniorette, Cathy Holsted.

ESA Membership Corporation President, Past IC President, Sooner Seniorette, Rosalie Griffith.

IC Chaplain, 2010 Convention Chair, and Sooner Seniorette, Judi York.

IC Audit Committee Member, State Webmaster, and Sooner Seniorette, Aletha Bolt.

ESA Foundation Director, and Sooner Seniorette, Vivian Gibson.

Dixie Palmer Founders and Sooner Senioresses, Billie Fritch and Joyce Whitewing-Slate.

All our Sooner Senioresses.

Deb Hughes recognized first time attendees to the State Council Meeting and our guest speaker Kristi Neerman. Rita Haines introduced her guest, grandson Riley Thomas.

Attendance will be taken from the registration list. Attendance for the day was 82 persons.

The committee to read the minutes from today's meeting is Chairman, Vivian Gibson, Marcie Lucas Ellington and Mary Ann Jones.

The committee to read the minutes of the June 13, 2009 Executive and General Board Meeting and the Oklahoma State Council Meeting was Chair, Lora Thompson, Jennye Hickman and Cheryl LaMascus. The minutes were correct as printed.

#### LEADERSHIP PRESENTION

Deb Hughes introduced Kristi Neerman, our presenter Kristi has an impressive resume' she has been an educator for 20 years with a BS in Spanish Education and recently completed her Masters of Public Education Administration. She has taught at the middle school level in Sapulpa and Broken Arrow and for the last ten years has been

Director of Activities at Metro Christian Academy in Tulsa where she also teaches a Leadership class. She coordinates and supervises all high school and middle school activities and the sponsors and assists in the selection and training of high school and middle school class/club advisors.

Kristi presented a leadership exercise to teach us the four different types of leadership. We learned if we are an apple, plum, lemon or a pear and how our perception and reactions are received by others. We learned we may have some characteristics of more than one type

On behalf of the OK State Council, Deb Hughes presented Kristi with a check for school supplies to Marshall Elementary.

Mary Toole gave the blessing and the meeting recessed for lunch. District V Coordinator Elaine Ockletree thanked everyone for the school supplies and presented directions for the District Activity Project preparing back to school greeting cards for the students of the Kelly B. Todd Center in Muskogee.

Two break-out sessions were presented for the membership to attend:

- 1) Friendly Technology, session to highlight maneuvering in our state website, state email address mailboxes and social networking such as Facebook and Twitter, led by Aletha Bolt, State Webmaster
- 2) Stamp It, a hands-on session creating cards by rubber stamping, led by Jennye Hickman, PJ Editor

## OFFICER AND CHAIR REPORTS

- 2010 Convention Chairman  
Judi York announced the theme for 2010 Convention, "ESA in the BAG". They are selling OK ESA tote bags for \$7.50 and chances on three different give-away items.

## ESA MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

Rosalie Griffith, President of the ESA Membership Corporation, reported on some of the changes undergone this past year. Officers are: Rosalie President, Pat Griffin, GA., Secretary, Doug Mills, Treasurer, Judi King, OH, Bobbie Massey, NM, Coleen Cape, KS and Brenda West, TN. Rosalee Echele, MO, represents the ESA Foundation and Judy Huntley, IA, represents the International Council on the Board. Executive Director, BJ, has committed to stay on for at least another five years. This

is a working board that supervises staff, sets policy, approves the budget and oversees the operations of the organization.

#### 2012 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION – CATHY HOLSTED, CHAIRMAN

Cathy reported the 2012 IC Convention will be held in Norman at the Embassy Suites. The theme will be “Red Earth Rendezvous” with Red Earth t-shirts as the convention dress. Cathy will be holding convention meetings in Norman, OK and is requesting a representative from each chapter to attend the meetings.

#### 2009 International Convention – Bunnie Sullins

Bunnie presented the following awards presented at the IC Convention in San Antonio

- The ESA Foundation State Award – Third Place,  
June Miller, ESA Foundation Counselor
- The ESA Foundation 2009 Fantasy Ball Award – First Place  
June Miller, ESA Foundation Counselor
- The What ESA MEANS TO ME AWARD – Members of More than One  
Year – First Place  
Presented to Toni Morrow, Kappa Theta Chapter, Guthrie
- The What ESA MEANS TO ME AWARD – Members of Less than One  
Year – First Place  
Presented to Mary Johnson, Epsilon Kappa Chapter, Hominy
- The Maie L Wells Outstanding State EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR – First  
Place  
Presented to Jacque Edwards, Oklahoma
- The State News Bulleting Award – Five issues or more - Honorable  
Mention  
Presented to Oklahoma – Charlene Law Petticoat Journal Editor

Deb Hughes expressed her personal appreciation for the honor of representing you, the members of Oklahoma, at the 2009 IC Convention. Twenty-two Oklahoma State Council members plus six spouses and guests attended. Her personal highlight was representing us early Thursday morning as we celebrated the life of 18 ESA members no longer with us and then releasing balloons into the sky. As they floated away over the river walk it was like bubbles floating into the sky.

Deb informed the members the annual Central States Meeting, for TX, KS and OK, have been working on a few ideas to join our forces and resources. KS has now established a Speaker’s Bureau for ESA and non-ESA events. The information is detailed on the KS website <http://www.esaks.org/>

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Jacque Edwards introduced District Coordinators and the Nominating Committee. Please send names in early for nominations for the 2009-2010 Oklahoma State Council Nominating Committee.

Treasurer Joyce Gibson reported balance on hand as of August 8, 2009 \$3,610.25 in the General Fund; \$1,333,82 in the Speakers Fund (CD); \$ 119.36 IC Campaign Fund and Certificate of Deposit Balance \$4006.14. Joyce reminded us that Tax Facts should be submitted by Sept. 15. The form is available on the website under the heading "Forms". Joyce gave us her new mailing address: P.O. Box 179, Norman, OK 73070.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Gwynn Nell Swanson requested the name of each chapter's educational chairman. Educations forms may be found on the website under Forms. She also reminded the members for information regarding her educational theme, can be located by going to [www.ocgi.okstate.edu/shpo](http://www.ocgi.okstate.edu/shpo). This is the National Register of Historic Places in Oklahoma web site.

Corresponding Secretary Tina Davenport-McKamie

Tina Davenport-McKamie reported regrets from the following:

- Billye Peterson, District II Coordinator
- Faye Rikkola, Scrapbook
- Janet Gray, Awards
- Linda Voss, Association of the Arts
- Lola Jaegers, Auditor
- Margaret Kramer, Outstanding Youth
- Peggy Hughes, Administrative Assistant
- Ramona Paine, Sr. Past President

Email correction: for Judy Cravens, use work email address ([judy.cravens@arrowtrucking.com](mailto:judy.cravens@arrowtrucking.com)) for all email correspondence instead of home email address.

Chaplain – Mary Toole, announced we lost two members recently, Ann Michaels and Pauline Ratliff.

Her chaplain emails are forwarded to one member of each chapter and requests the information is shared.

Circle of Life - Nellrita Barrick

May-June – Inola Sigma Chi had their 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Run for St. Jude with more than 100 runners.

Two Dream Home Giveaways

OKC – Aletha Bolt and volunteers sold 5,124 tickets @ \$100.00 with 884.5 hours by ESA members

Tulsa - Judi York and volunteers sold 7000 plus tickets and some donations for a total of \$757,000

July – IC climaxed with a total sum of \$486,982.64 donated by Oklahoma. Oklahoma was honored as a 3 million state, since 1972 ESA has raised over 135 million dollars for St. Jude.

Give Thanks Walk Chair Tina Davenport McKamie –  
Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009 ESA will sponsor a Give Thanks Walk at Woodland Hills Mall in Tulsa. Walkers, sponsors and helpers are needed.

2010 Convention Chairman – Judi York  
ESA 2010 State Convention “It’s in the Bag” will be held Friday, April 30, May 1-2 2010, at the Radisson Hotel in Tulsa.

Easter Seals Chairman - Michelle McKnight  
Easter Seals shares programs with ESA and has for 26 years  
Michelle explained the Easter Seals program from the Easter Seals website

#### ESA FOUNDATION COUNSELOR JUNE MILLER

June Miller presented Foundation Plateau of Achievement awards to the following:

Alpha Zeta, Pawhuska.....Bronze (\$250 - \$499)  
Alpha Rho, Broken Arrow – Bronze  
Karen Nix, Delta Kappa, Norman – Bronze  
Ruth Carnagey, Alpha Theta – Bronze  
Rosalie Griffith, Sigma Chi....Silver (\$500-\$999)  
Barbara Neas, Ok State Council .... Silver  
Kay Martin, Beta Sigma, Okmulgee ... Silver  
Mary Lou Haines, MAL....Silver  
Delta Epsilon, Del City....Crystal (\$1,000 - \$4,999)  
Deb Hughes, Beta Gamma, Tulsa....Crystal  
Tulsa Arts & Crafts, Inc.....Turquoise (\$5,000-\$14,999)  
Sigma Chi, Inola....Peridot (\$25,000 - \$49,000)  
Oklahoma State Council....Tanzinite (\$300,000-\$499,999)

Tulsa Area Council Award.....Sara Collins sends a picture and says...”Thank you so much for the opportunity to apply for this scholarship. I am very honored....I appreciate you commitment to education.”

Beta Zeta OKC... Minh Nguyen, OKC, says “Thank you so much....I am so grateful, honored, and extremely happy. I had been so stressed at the beginning of my senior year not knowing whether my first year at college would be financially stable.....thanks to your aiding me, my mind will not be muddled with financial issues....” Minh Nguyen also received the JUST ENTERPRISES (JUDI & STEVE YORK) ENDOWMENT.

Beta Zeta OKC....Courtney Shubert, Lawton...."I can assure you that this money (\$1,000) will put me in an excellent position to get a great education at OU."

Beta Zeta OKC....Summer James, Boise City... The financial support will be very helpful as I complete my degree in finance next May...." She is going on to OU to get a medical degree to become a family practitioner.

Beta Zeta OKC....Patrick Luong, OKC....going to OU to be a financial planner to help people save for retirement, eliminate debts and save for their children's education. Patrick also received the District II Scholarship.

Doc & Cathy Holsted Honorarium....John Sosanya of OKC....sent a very handsome picture.

Melvin & Lucille Haymaker Endowment...Ashlynn Streck, Hennessey....It is with great thanks that I accept the...scholarship. Uncle Pudge and Aunt Lucille were very special people to me....Thank you for your dedication in providing Scholarships for students and leaders of tomorrow"

Kelli Quimby, Hennessey, OK also was awarded the Melvin & Lucille Haymaker Endowment of \$2,000 and she sent a beautiful picture of herself and will attend OSU.

Hawkins-Tuma Memorial Scholarship – Mary Guerrant of Antlers..\$500.. "This scholarship will help me as I strive to make my dreams a reality."

Stormy Valley Scholarship Fund—Jamie Tate, Luther, OK -- \$500 – "This scholarship will help me to achieve my goal of becoming a NURSE. Thank You."

Oklahoma Council, District IV---Jake Warren, Altus,..."Thank you for the scholarship money and selecting me. This money will help me out at college."

Joe Jaegers Family Endowment....Audrey Jones, Haltom City, TX. "This scholarship is a blessing and is greatly needed as I enter my second year at the University of Texas at Austin studying Chemical Engineering".

Oscar & Joyce Whitewing Honorarium Endowment....Marvin Pair, Tahlequah....completing a Masters of Arts in Native American Studies at OU.

Myre Starr Honorarium Endowment....Amanda Holford, OKC...plans to attend Graceland University majoring in art. Wants to become a political cartoonist.

MY OTHER MESSAGES TODAY.....

June handed out Certificates of Attendance forms from the annual IC meeting.

Dues of \$15.00 are due now

If you are not a member of the Foundation, please see June about joining...cost \$25. Every member of Epsilon Kappa, Hominy, is a member of the Foundation! There's a goal for your chapter!  
Scholarship information will be posted on the ESA website by October 1. Deadline for submitting scholarship applications is February 1!!!!

#### MEMBERSHIP CHAIR & MEMBERSHIP TASK FORCE RITA HAINS

New Member Honor – from Kappa Theta, Jeanne Prince sponsor Jacque Edwards

A new membership committee on the state level has been formed and will have at least one member from each district on this committee. Membership recruitment is the “duty” of every ESA member in every chapter. The committee is here to formulate plans and ideas to share those with each chapter, and need to keep communication open between every chapter. Rita asked each chapter to contact her with their own ideas and plans for membership recruitment so that she can work up a newsletter. On the national level, a plan has been put into action to honor our servicemen. It will be a week in Nov. 17-14 and will kickoff at our Nov. 7 state council meeting.

#### HOPE FOR HEROES AN ESA NATIONAL EVENT

When: Nov. 7-14, 2009

Where: your hometown community

Who: Every ESA chapter

Keep this in mind as you make your plans.

ACT Acknowledge responsibilities Commit to take action Take it on/take off

Two yellow ribbons were distributed to each member, one for them and one to give to someone else. The purpose of the ribbon is first a reminder of our troops deployed and secondly as a conversation starter as an opening to invite them to the chapter Hope for Heroes event. The event is to support and show our appreciation to our troops and their families and help “Make ESA Known”.

#### OUTSTANDING CHAPTER CONTEST MARCIE LUCAS ELLINGTON

Marcie challenged all chapters to be Outstanding Chapters by providing them to a plan to do it.

#### SOONER SENIORETTE PRESIDENT PATSY TIMMONS

Patsy Timmons, made a motion to nominate Judi York to the office of her choice on the IC board.

Coming from a committee no second needed, motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our next State Council Meeting is Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> in Shawnee. Friday night before, please join me for a holiday party/ornament exchange. Everyone is welcome to attend – you don't have to be a board member. We have several that have volunteered to bring hot soup and we will have holiday sweets, etc.

Drawings were held.

Gamma Pi Chapter of Inola is holding their 2nd Annual Bunco Bash on Saturday, August 22, 2009 at the Inola Round-Up Club. For more information, check out their flyer at website Pre-registration by August 17th reserves your welcome gifts. To pre-register for an individual or for a whole table (4) and find out even more information about this event, check out their registration form at website

Alpha Rho Chapter of Broken Arrow is sponsoring the 37th Annual Arts & Crafts Benefit Bazaar on Saturday, October 24th. Admission is free and booth space is available. For more information, check out their flyer at on our OK website

District V Leadership – Saturday, August 22, McAlester Army Ammunition Plant, McAlester, OK

District II Leadership – Saturday, August 29, Holy Trinity Church, Edmond, OK

District IV Leadership – Saturday, September 12, Shawnee Public Library, Shawnee, OK

District III Leadership – Saturday, September 19, Highland Park Christian Church, Tulsa, OK

Having no further business, meeting adjourned. Closing ritual recited by all members present.

The meeting was adjourned. All join hands and repeated the Closing Ritual.

Charlene Law  
Recording Secretary