

Epsilon Sigma Alpha International
80th Annual Oklahoma State Convention
“ESA...The Stars Come Out”
Tulsa Marriott Southern Hills, Tulsa, OK
First General Assembly
April 28, 2023

Call for seating was at 3:55 p.m.

Sooner Seniorettle Aletha Bolt conducted an extraordinary flag ceremony.

The meeting was called to order by OK State Council President Linda Jones. Linda led members in the opening ritual.

Co-Convention Chairs Judi York and Cheryl Young, along with Judi’s daughter, Jennifer Jezek former Beta Gamma member and current Member at Large, welcomed everyone to the 80th Annual Oklahoma State Council Convention. Cheryl introduced the hotel General Manager. He thanked the organization for contracting with the hotel. He recognized ESA’s philanthropic contributions and invited everyone back.

President Linda Jones recognized first-time Convention attendees and pledges. She then introduced the head table. Treasurer, Jennifer Sparkman; Recording Secretary, Darla Barton; IC Representative, Margaret Kramer; President, Linda Jones; MARC Representative, Brenda Fields; 1st Vice President, Patty Heer; Parliamentarian, Robbin Brown; Corresponding Secretary, Eileen Wiley. Linda thanked several ladies and presented them with a gift for their service in the larger organization of ESA. Rosalie Griffith, ESA Foundation Director and Grants Chair; Deb Hughes, IC By-Laws Committee; Margaret Kramer, IC Parliamentarian; Jennifer Sparkman, ESA Foundation Fund Development Chair and MARC Workshop Chair. Linda also recognized the Sooner Seniorettles with a gift of thanks for their continued service in ESA.

Recording Secretary Darla Barton reminded members that the attendance slips should be filled out one chapter per slip. She asked that each chapter designate one member to take roll for their whole chapter in attendance.

The Committee to read the minutes from the March 11, 2023, State Council meeting were Chair Brenda Yates along with Mona Johnston and Lana Rubio. The minutes were approved as printed and will be placed on file.

The committee to read the minutes of the 80th Oklahoma ESA Convention will be Chair Sharon Barnett, Judy Cravens and Jan Kendall. The minutes will be read at the June 2023 ESA State Council meeting.

Parliamentarian Robbin Brown gave a brief description of the convention rules. Robbin moved the convention rules be adopted as printed in the convention program. Eileen Wiley from Alpha Rho Broken Arrow seconded. With no discussion, a vote was taken. Motion passed.

Co-Convention Chair Judi York moved the convention program be adopted as printed and distributed to the paid registrants of this convention. Jacci Gantz from Gamma Zeta Edmond seconded. With no discussion, a vote was taken. Motion passed.

IC Representative Margaret Kramer greeted the Council. She spoke about membership and gave ideas on how to gain membership. She announced there have been multiple chapters disbanding and gave ideas how to attract new members. She also advertised the IC Convention fundraisers. They would be having a lip-syncing contest and a raffle for a paid vacation.

MARC Representative Brenda Fields gave her greetings.

Convention Registration Chair Dawn Haley reported there were 89 registered Oklahoma members; 1 out of state member; 4 guests and 1 MAL with a total of 95 registered ESA members present.

Treasurer Jennifer Sparkman gave the Treasurer's Report. Balance forward from May 2022 was \$2,718.45. Receipts were \$9,577.39. Total disbursements were \$8,189.29. The general fund balance as of April 28, 2023 was \$4,106.55. The Money Market fund balance was \$6,359.51; Certificate of Deposit \$4,000.00; IC Campaign fund \$225.11; Speakers fund \$693.52; 2012 IC Convention \$5,420.23. The Treasure's report will be filed for audit.

State Project Director Liz King reported the balance forward from 2022-2023 was \$49.35. Receipts \$7,361.00; disbursements \$7,389.20. Balance as of April 26, 2023 was \$21.05. Allocations Report for 2022-2023 showed 105 students enrolled at the Oklahoma School for the Deaf and a disbursement of \$4,158.30. There were 88 students enrolled at the Oklahoma School for the Blind and a disbursement of \$3,231. The report will be filed for audit.

Directory Chair Gina Wozencraft reported 80 directories were printed and to date 71 had been sold at \$8.00 each. The Directory account balance on hand was \$568. The report will be filed for audit.

President Linda reminded chapters to notify appropriate chairs of any member changes or address changes. She also asked chapters to designate a computer active and literate member to oversee notifying of changes.

Petticoat Journal Editor Charlene Law reported 6 issues were printed and mailed. The cost of having the PJ printed and mailed is \$30. The PJ balance was \$804.95. The report will be filed for audit.

Linda informed the Council an emergency Executive Board meeting was held via Zoom to vote on the transfer of \$615.39 from the PJ account to the general fund, leaving a balance in the PJ account of approximately \$200.00. Coming from a committee no second was required. A brief discussion was held; a vote was taken. Motion passed.

Announcements:

First time attendees and pledges will meet in the President's suite. Room #422 at 6:00 p.m.

The Friday night dinner and mixer will begin at 6:45 p.m.

The Celebration of Life will begin at 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning. Doors will close at 8:25 a.m.

With no further business to come before the Assembly, the 1st General Assembly of the 80th Annual OK State Council Convention was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Submitted by:
Darla Barton/Recording Secretary