

"The Heart Knows the Way"  
Oregon State Convention 2021  
Hood River, Oregon

First General Assembly  
Saturday – June 5, 2021  
Minutes

President Linda Gratteri called the meeting to order at 8:10 AM.

**Opening Ceremonies and Pledge of Allegiance**

Mary Anne Puhl, Flag Ceremony chair presented the flags. Mary Anne briefly stated some of the scenic and industrial attributes found in each District, as members from each district carried their flags. Joanne McKenney, Senior Chair carried the Circle of Life/St. Jude Flag, Karen McNeil carried the Easter Seals Flag, Su McDonell, Chaplain carried the All Faiths Flag, President, Linda Gratteri carried the Oregon State Flag and IC Representative, Brenda Meyers carried the United States Flag. The flags were posted and Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

President, Linda Gratteri declared the 75<sup>th</sup> Oregon State Convention in session.

Su McDonell Publicity Chair read the Proclamation from the Governor and presented it to Linda Gratteri, President.

The opening ritual was recited in unison by all in attendance.

**Thought for the Day**

Su McDonell presented the thought for the day. She stated that the salutation agape was used a lot in previous years. It's meaning is love in motion. It also means work. Su also reminded us to celebrate our journey through ESA and Life.

**Introduction of Guests**

President, Linda Gratteri introduced Brenda Meyers, IC Treasurer, and Wanda Leyes , Past California State President.

**Welcome from NW District**

Leianne Stinton, NW District President and Martha Hoskins, Co-Chair, welcomed us to Hood River for the 75<sup>th</sup> Oregon State Convention. They stated it was good to see everyone in person and wished everyone a good time.

**Rules of Order, Rules of Etiquette**

Kathy State, Parliamentarian read the rules of order and rules of etiquette.

Correspondence

Pat Stupur, Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Charlotte Carloni, ESA Executive Director wishing us a safe and successful 75<sup>th</sup> State Convention.

Minutes of the 74<sup>th</sup> Oregon State Council Convention were approved by committee and will be printed on the website. Joyce Hodge, Recording Secretary

Convention Registration Report: Leianne Stinton, Registration Chair

Oregon ESA Members Registered	62
Members at Large Registered	0
Special Guests Registered	2
Men/Family Registered	0
Total Registered	64

Credentials Report: Judith Huntley, Credentials Chair

Total Number of Members Present	60
Total Member Proxies	53
Members at Large	0
Total Votes	113

President, Linda Gratteri reported that there was one first time attendee. It was Ann Torgerson of Alpha Upsilon, Hillsboro.

Financial Report: Connie Russell, Treasurer

Beginning Balance as of April 31, 2021	\$12,059.26
Ending Balance as of June 3, 2021	\$12,672.75
Ending Balance as of June 3, 2021 CD	\$ 4,085.07

Copy of report attached to minutes.

Nominating Committee Report: Julie Rassman, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Julie introduced the following candidates:

President Elect	Debbie Sanguras
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Julie Rassman
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Connie Russell
Corresponding Secretary	Donna Cassidy
Recording Secretary	Joyce Hodge
Treasurer	Jean Braden
	Penny Phelps
Workshop	Tami Arthur
	Jean Forsman

Introduction of Tellers

President, Linda Gratteri introduced Susie Parks Balloting Chair and Bunnie Barrett teller.

A question was brought before the board concerning the ballot. It was believed that it was not necessary to vote on the budget increase for the grapevine.

Carolyn Warren addressed the question and confirmed that no vote was needed because the additional amount requested covered the current cost of printing and mailing.

President, Linda issued a ten minute break for everyone to take time for voting.

#### International Council Representative

Brenda Meyers, IC Treasure presented her IC message.

Brenda stated that she enjoyed the tour of Hood River.

She invited everyone to attend IC Convention July 28th through August 1, 2021 in Kentucky.

Come and "Talk Derby with ESA".

Brenda also reported the following:

IC By-Law changes, voting was done electronically.

IC Website has been updated and everyone should check it out.

Membership Workshop – Nothing will work if you don't try.

Brenda presented Carolyn Warren honors.

#### Officers Reports

Debbie Sanguras 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President reported on membership. There are two new members. Mikki End, sponsored by Kathy Rudd, Delta Epsilon, LaGrande and Melissa Gilliam, Sponsored by Su McDonell, Alpha Zeta, Eugene. There was also an on-Line member Angie Nielsen, contacted by Delta Xi but no response for a local chapter.

Marsha Klosterman, Jr. Past President reported on Disaster Fund. Total amount raised for the year was \$3,320.00. She reported that 12 Chapters, 3 Districts, and 7 members donated this year. Copy of her report is on file with minutes.

#### Appointed Board Reports

##### Archives, Carolyn Warren

Carolyn set up a silent auction in the back of the room for items from the Archives. Jill Rankin also had a selection of Presidents' pins for sale from the Gavels.

##### Chaplain, Su McDonell

Su McDonell sent out many cards. She was happy to serve this year. She also stated how much she appreciated Carolyn Warren's help.

##### Easter Seals, Karen McNeil

Karen McNeil reported that she was happy with the generous Chapter donations.

It was a difficult year with ups and downs but Oregon was able to donate over \$13,000.00 in monies and over \$10,000.00 in goods. Several made individual donations as well.

Delta Xi usually goes to the Easter Seal camp and does ducky races with the attendees. Since there is to be another camp in Lincoln City this month, would anyone want to go on Wednesday, June 23 from 2 to 5? If so please let her know.

ESA Foundation, Barb Moss

Barb Moss reminded us to update credentials. Send an e-mail to Headquarters if you have a new e-mail address to ensure voting ballots reach them.

ESA Foundation Virtual Annual Membership meeting will be held July 10<sup>th</sup>, 11 am mountain time. They have a great lineup of inspiring speakers. Please watch for communications. She also thanked Oregon Life members for their donations.

Historian, Donna Cassidy

Donna Cassidy stated that she had nothing to report at this time.

Parliamentarian, Kathy State

This past year we presented and adopted changes to the Policy and Procedures for Convention and combined them for Leadership and Winter Meeting. These changes have been made and they are posted on the Oregon State Website.

We also revised the Aid to Convention Planning. This document was extremely outdated so now reflects current practices. Copies were sent to all District Presidents for them to use when planning for a convention.

Kathy said she is looking forward to working with members to get the Guidelines caught up to current practices. She thanked everyone for their help.

Publicity, Su McDonell

Su McDonell stated that it was difficult for her to get the Governor's Proclamation. It went down to the wire but Governor Kate Brown got it signed and delivered on time.

St. Jude – Circle of Life, JoAnne McKenney

JoAnne reported that \$447.00 was raised from silent auction and there are more items for sale. She also reported that the Walk-Run event would be held September 25<sup>th</sup> at Sellwood Riverplace Park, by Oaks Park. She has set up our team "JoAnne's ESA Warriors. This year St. Jude has a team at the Hood to Coast Run and will need volunteers. It will be held August 2021.

Western States Council, Sandy Diess, Representative

Sandy Diess reported that the Western States Fling will be held sometime in January. If you are interested in attending let Sandy know. She also reminded everyone that dues are due in the amount of \$2.00.

District President Reports:

Central, Barb Moss, President

Barb Moss reported that the next Central District will be held October 2 at the Madras Senior Center. More details will be sent out later.

Douglas, Connie Russell, President

Connie reported that the next meeting for Douglas District would be held in October. Details to follow.

Eastern, Kathy Rudd, President

Kathy Rudd reported that Eastern District has been busy getting ready for Leadership Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. They are looking forward to seeing everyone.

Northwest, Leianne Stinton, President

Leianne reported that Northwest District has not been meeting. More information to come.

Southern, Diane Yarrish, President

Lynn Hughes reported that with COVID restrictions they have not been meeting. Will let everyone know more later.

Willamette, Joy Serkowney, President

Joy announced "Picnic on the Lawn" meeting to be held June 12, 2021 from 11:30 – 2:00. This is a BYOBrown bag lunch. It will be held at the home of Lani Shimer, 1744 Rainbow Drive, Springfield, OR 97477.

Business of the Day:

Books Ready for Audit

Chair: Kathy Rudd

Committee: Donna Cassidy and Lani Shimer

Connie Russell, Treasurer presented the proposed budget.

Carolyn Warren presented a Workshop on Highway Robbery – "What can you STEAL?"

Announcements were made before retiring for the day.

Meeting to be continued.

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Celebration of Life

Chaplain, Su McDonell presented the Celebration of Life honoring the members we lost during the year. Those remembered were Donna Orth, Marlene Nash, Doris Russell, and Ellie Allen.

President, Linda Gratteri called the meeting to order.

Thought of the Day

Chaplain, Su McDonell presented the thought for the day.

Business of the Day

Auditing Report

Chair, Kathy Rudd presented the Auditing Report. She reported that the ESA Oregon State Council Treasurer's books and the Oregon Grapevine books have been audited, by committee on 06/05/2021. All records have been found to be in order with no exceptions noted.

Budget

Treasurer Connie Russell presented the Proposed Budget as corrected. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved.

Election Results

Chair, Susie Parks introduced the 2021 – 2022 Oregon State Council Board as follows:

President – Debbie Sanguras, Delta Kappa, Hood River

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Julie Rassman, Delta Gamma, Florence

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Connie Russell, Beta Eta, Sutherlin

Corresponding Secretary – Donna Cassidy, Delta Xi, Portland

Recording Secretary – Joyce Hodge, Alpha Psi, Port Orford

Treasurer – Penny Phelps, Delta Kappa, Hood River

Workshop – Jean Forsman, Delta Gamma, Florence

Jr Past President – Linda Gratteri, Alpha Upsilon, Hillsboro

Final Convention Registration Report:

Registration Chair, Lianne Stinton reported that there were no changes to registration.

Next Year's Convention

Lynn Hughes, Chair and Joyce Hodge, Co-Chair invited everyone to join Southern and Douglas Districts in Coos Bay at the Mill Casino, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup> for Oregon State 76<sup>th</sup> Convention. We are all looking forward to seeing you there.

#### Grapevine Presentations/Awards

Co-Editor, Carolyn Warren presented awards for first article submitted for both last year and current year.

Carolyn also presented Marsha Klosterman with her copies of the Grapevine for 2020.

#### Gavel Report

Chair, Joy Serkowney reported that as she reflected on the past two years nothing was normal as we knew it to be. When it became obvious the pandemic could go on indefinitely, the Gavels' executed board agreed they should remain in office for another year.

She reported that Sandy Diess won the 50/50 drawing and she received \$322.00 last year.

The Gavels have not been able to meet in person for over a year, they have been in touch through email to take care of business and maintain friendships.

#### 50/50 Drawing

Mary Lambert reported that Barbara Moss was the winner of the 50/50 drawing receiving \$492.50.

#### Guest Speaker

Hope for Heroes Program, Ann Torgerson – Chair

Ann introduced guest speaker Maureen Orr-Aldred, Oregon Individual Request Coordinator for Quilts of Valor Foundation. The mission of the foundation is to Cover Service Members and Veterans touched by war with comforting and healing quilt of valor. She displayed several beautiful quilts.

#### Presentation of gifts

Convention Chair, Chris York presented Brenda Meyers IC Representative with a Windchime.

Chris also presented Linda Gratteri with a glass globe to decorate her yard.

Pat Stupur presented a Birdhouse to Linda Gratteri as a gift from her board.

President Linda Gratteri presented Carolyn Warren an Award of Excellence Trophy. Linda thanked her for all her help throughout the year. She was always there for support from zoom meetings to grapevine or any other issue that popped up.

#### Presentation of Grapevine

Carolyn Warren Announced that Linda Gratteri will be able to get her copy of the Grapevine at IC Convention.

### President's Farewell Message

President Linda Gratteri thanked everyone for a great year despite COVID restrictions. Everyone stepped up and make it easier to get through.

### Raising & Lowering of the Gavels

Pat Stupur and Donna Cassidy lowered and raised the gavel pins worn by Linda Gratteri and Debbie Sanguras.

President Linda Gratteri presented Debbie Sanguras with the gavel.

### Acceptance Speech

President, Debbie Sanguras announced that she was pleased to accept the challenge of being our President for the upcoming year. She is looking forward to working with all of us to achieve her many goals.

### Presidents Theme

President, Debbie Sanguras announced her theme for the upcoming year is "ESA- Recipe for Success".

### Gavel Induction of Linda

Linda Gratteri was inducted into the Gavels by Gavels in attendance at Convention. She received many thoughtful gifts, and also reminded of the dues that were currently due. Linda was prepared and paid her dues immediately.

### Introduction

President, Debbie Sanguras introduced her appointed board members and standing committee chairs.

### Educational Theme for 2021-2022

Educational Director, Mary Anne Puhl presented her Educational Program.

President, Debbie Sanguras's theme ESA-Recipe for Success can be taken literally on recipes for cooking and food. It can also be taken figuratively; the Recipes for Success in both ESA and in Life. You can choose to include a mix of both.

Here are a few ideas for Chapter Educationals'

#### Food Related

- Have a recipe exchange
- Talk about family favorites
- Give guidance on food safety



Success Related

Motivational speakers

Self-improvement

How to work in groups more successfully

Just remember to have fun.

Grapevine:

Co-Editor, Carolyn Warren reported the 2021-2022 deadlines:

August 15<sup>th</sup> 2021, November 15<sup>th</sup> 2021, January 15<sup>th</sup> 2022, March 15<sup>th</sup> 2022

Convention Closing Remarks

Co – Chair, Chris York, thanked all of us for attending and hoped we had a good time. It was nice that we could attend in person. A special thanks for the venue.

They were easy to work with and the food was delicious. Safe travels as you travel home.

Announcements

President, Debbie Sanguras announced that 2021 Leadership Conference would be held Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> in Boardman at the River Lodge. Co-Chairs are Jo Kellar and Kathy Rudd.

Reminders:

Remember to pick up and take Flags, Poles & Stands

New Officers and Board Members check your mailboxes

District and Chapter Presidents check your mailboxes

Chapter Dues to the New State Treasurer – Due May 1, delinquent after June 15<sup>th</sup>

ESA International Convention: July 28 – August 1, 2021

Chapter and Council Dues to NEW IC Treasurer after August 1, 2021

Tax Facts to ESA Headquarters by September 15<sup>th</sup> 2021

Meeting for those attending IC following this assembly

2022 Convention, May 20-22, 2022 at the Mill Casino, North Bend, Oregon hosted by Southern and Douglas Districts – Co Chairs are Lynn Hughes, Grants Pass & Joyce Hodge, Port Orford

All awards presented at Convention are attached to the minutes.

#### Adjournment

President, Debbie Sanguras stated with no further business the meeting was adjourned.

#### Retiring of the Flags

Chair, Mary Anne Puhl announced the retiring of the flags.

#### Closing Ritual

President, Debbie Sanguras led the recital of the closing ritual in unison.

Minutes respectfully submitted,



Joyce Hodge  
Recording Secretary