

"JUST DESSERTS"  
76<sup>TH</sup> OREGON STATE CONVENTION 2022  
MAY 20 -22, 2022  
MINUTES

FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

President, Debbie Sanguras called the meeting to order at 8:10 am.

Flag Ceremony Chair, Joy Serkowney presented an emotional Ceremony. Joy introduced each flag from Districts, St. Jude /Circle of Life, Easterseals, All Faiths, Oregon State and United States. She requested that the flags be posted, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

As a special tribute Joy introduced the Brandon VFW Post who performed the folding of United States Flag Ceremony. Many of us had not heard the meaning of the folds before. It was enjoyed by all.

President, Debbie Sanguras declared the 76<sup>th</sup> Oregon State Convention in Session.

Opening Ritual was recited in unison.

Thought for the day was presented by Su McDonell, Chaplain.

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That used to mean I was in trouble, but not yet... today!  
Today I realize that we have once again overcome  
The difficulties of the past 2+ years to "meet again".  
From our hearts...to the kitchen. From the kitchen...to the table  
Debbie's "Recipe for Success" has prepared us and  
We have served both ourselves and others  
With a bountiful feast of harvested hours, miles, goods, services and funds.  
ESA...Life is Sweet!

President, Debbie Sanguras introduced the following guests:

Terri Olson, IC Representative  
Wanda Leyes, California State President  
Gary Barber, guest of Joanne McKenney

Welcome from Southern and Douglas Districts  
Lynn Hughes and Joyce Hodge, Co-Chairs, welcomed everyone to the 76<sup>th</sup> Oregon State Convention.

Rules of Order, Rules of Etiquette

Kathy State, Parliamentarian read the Rules of Order and Rules of Etiquette.

Correspondence

Debbie Sanguras, President read a thank you card from furry friends donation.

Debbie Sanguras, President stated that the Winter Board Minutes were approved by committee.

Roll call was taken by Recording Secretary, Joyce Hodge as follows:

Chapter	City	# Registration	# Attending
Omega Mu	Albany	2	2
Beta Omicron	Burns	4	4
Alpha Zeta	Eugene	7	7
Delta Gamma	Florence	4	4
Gamma Beta	Grants Pass	3	3
Alpha Upsilon	Hillsboro	5	5
Delta Kappa	Hood River	6	6
Delta Epsilon	LaGrande	0	0
Delta Nu	LaGrande	1	1
Alpha Omicron	Madras	4	4
Alpha Lambda	Medford	0	0
Alpha Psi	Port Orford	7	6
Delta Xi	Portland	11	10
Omicron Omega	Portland	3	2
Beta Iota	Roseburg	3	3
Beta Eta	Sutherlin	7	5
Epsilon Theta	Waldport	0	0
Total		67	62

Guests 3

Members at Large 0

Gavels 21

Convention Registration Report, reported by Billie Patino, Chair.

Oregon ESA Members Registered	62
Members at Large Registered	2
Special Guests	3
Family Registered	0
Total Registered	67

Credentials Report, reported by Judith Huntley, Credentials, Chair

Total Number of Members Present	58
Total Member Proxies	4
Members at Large	0
Total Votes	62
Number of votes for majority	32

Financial Report, reported by Penny Phelps, Treasurer.

Beginning Balance as of 06/04/2021	\$12,672.75
Ending Balance as of 05/16/2022	\$12,119.77

Nominating Committee Report, reported by Connie Russell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Connie introduced the Candidates as follows:

President Elect	Julie Rassmann
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Connie Russell
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Joyce Hodge
Corresponding Secretary	Marsha Klosterman
Recording Secretary	Jean Forsman
Treasurer	Penny Phelps
Workshop	Rhonda Adler
Jr Past President	Debbie Sanguras

President, Debbie Sanguras introduced International Council Representative, Terri Olson. Terri Olsen, IC Representative started by asking everyone if they could hear her without a microphone? Everyone agreed so she stepped off the stage. She said that she was more comfortable on the floor with the membership. She stated that she was just one of them.

Terri stated that she was asked by Robin Bussey to take her place as representative for our Oregon State Convention. Robin is undergoing cancer treatment and was not able to attend. Robin would appreciate cards, letters, and emails. Terri will provide Robin's contact information to anyone who needs it.

Terri stated that things have changed over time. She has been a member for 54 years. She has been a member of four chapters. Early on things were quite formal, she remembered kneeling on a velvet pillow; memorizing the Greek alphabet and the history of ESA and having to take a test.

She stated that in 1972 Danny Thomas partnered with ESA for St. Jude. This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. There is a promotion for St. Jude \$50.00 for fifty years. Each chapter is asked to participate.

Membership is also very important to Terri. As we look around the room the majority of members are older. We are all faced with the dilemma how do we bring in younger members. Robin stated that most of us overlook opportunities. They can be found anywhere. Don't forget IC Website for ideas. They have recruitment kits and other rushing materials that are helpful.

She also talked about Hope for Heroes. She discussed Welcome Home Vets/Elks Club Partnership. This program assists vets to transition from homeless status.

Terri also invited all of us to attend IC Convention to be held in July. It is fun, and an opportunity to make new friends, and learn of the many philanthropic programs available.

#### Officer Reports:

##### Membership, Julie Rassmann

Julie reported that we added three new members and three reinstated members. Total members statewide are approximately 166. Sadly, she reported the we lost one chapter, Epsilon Theta, Waldport and two chapters going inactive, Delta Nu, LaGrande and Alpha Lambda, Medford. This leaves Oregon with 14 Chapters. Our Districts are now out of balance, so the board will be looking at this issue.

Julie reported the names entered in the Chef's Hat drawing were:

Pat Bauer & Donna Cassidy of Delta Xi

Kathy Darnielle & Mary Lambert of Delta Xi

Tracy Norton & Debbie Sanguras of Delta Kappa

Mona Ayers & Jean Forsman – Mona joined Alpha Zeta and Jean is a member of Delta Gamma.

Kari Engdahl & Joyce Hodge of Alpha Psi

Bonnie Smith reinstated, Alpha Psi

President, Debbie Sanguras also had drawings for members and sponsors.

Julie has recommended members interested in volunteering or are ready to step up to a new position in Oregon ESA to use the knowledge of your sisters. They all give freely and are happy to help.

##### Corresponding Secretary Report

Donna Cassidy, Corresponding Secretary gave her report to Joyce Hodge to read in her absence. Donna wrote, Debbie, I was so honored when you asked me to serve as your Corresponding Secretary. It has been a great year and I Loved being one of your sous chefs – at least most of the time. While putting the Yearbook together, I did find myself in the weeds (in the restaurant business that is when you are overwhelmed with work), but being the Michelin star chef that you are, and with the help of my friends, I made it through. The rest has been a piece of cake I have so enjoyed our time on the phone, on the computer, and on the road. There are many recipes related terms that I could use when looking back on the year-such as blend, shred,

simmer, and stew, but I will refrain. Just know that your Recipe for Success has earned you a blue ribbon!!

Disaster Fund, Linda Gratteri, Chair

Linda stated that it was an honor to serve as ESA Disaster Fund Chair this year. Because of the generosity of individual members, chapters, and districts we have raised a total of \$1,942,00.

Appointed Board Reports

Easterseals Jill Rankin, Chair

Jill reported that she enjoyed the position of Sr. Easterseals Chair this year. She didn't realize how much fun it would be.

She did learn that Easterseals is one word and Oregon State information has it split into two words. This should be corrected. She also stated that for members and chapters to earn points for their monies donated they need to send them through the IC turn around fund.

She has also been working with Marsha to correct reporting issues on current forms. Marsha will compile the information and report to Kathy State for possible revision. Jill also suggested that miles should be reported without converting to monies. She felt it would be easier to have the philanthropic chair do the calculations.

Jill stated that Easterseals is one of our awesome organizations that we are proud to support. So, let's get behind Easterseals and show what ESA can do!

ESA Foundation, Chris York, Chair

Chris reported that the purse donated for Foundation Fun – Fest has received \$375.00 in gift cards and \$170.00 in cash. Linda Gratteri has volunteered to take the purse to IC.

Historian, Nancy Reid, Chair

Nancy reported that she is so excited and looking forward to State Convention. She has been receiving photo submissions from various chapters for President Debbie's History. Carolyn put out a special request to get a few more chapters involved; otherwise, we'll be having one chapter who wins all four wine bottles being raffled. They might need a designated driver to get back to their homeland.

Nancy will continue to accept photos from any chapter as long as she can. She does not have a deadline date but plans to present her History at Leadership in September. You can email photos to [nandog.reid@gmail.com](mailto:nandog.reid@gmail.com) or text to 541-589-2071.

Nancy stated she has had a great time working on President Debbie's History, and is really excited to be able to put it together and make something beautiful for her to look at in the years to come.

Parliamentarian/Documents, Kathy State, Chair

Kathy reported that the Documents Committee worked diligently on many Guideline issues during the year. They will be meeting again to review their work to see if additional updates or corrections are needed. Kathy requested feedback from members in order to assist the committee to obtain the best results.

The committee has received suggestions on several other Guidelines, so they will be reviewing them over the summer. She also requested the retiring officers and chairmen review the Guideline for their specific job and give them suggestions for adding or deleting to that job. They would be happy to review it.

In order to keep the Guidelines current, they must be updated. We can only do that with your help.

Kathy thanked Debbie for working with them this year. She also thanked the Committee Members, Sandy Diess, Marsha Klosterman, Connie Russell and Donna Cassidy. The committee will continue next year, and they hope to get your ideas to help them move forward.

Philanthropic, Marsha Klosterman, Chair

Marsha thanked President Debbie for the opportunity to serve as Philanthropic chair. Her heart sank a little as she felt she knew nothing about the job. She knew it was time to figure it out. She has learned a lot and has figured out the process. She believes that a lot of the state jobs should be 2-year terms. It would be easier the second term.

Marsha felt after reviewing the reports that most of us are not keeping good records. She felt that it may be time to have a philanthropic workshop.

She also reported that our dollar amounts were down from last year, but were still impressive.

She has enjoyed her contact with chapters and appreciate sister's willingness to help when needed.

St Jude – Circle of Life, JoAnne McKenney, Chair

JoAnne reported that St. Jude Walk Run event would be held in Portland, August 24, 2022, at Tualatin Community Park. She also explained how to work through the maize online to sign up as volunteer or how to make a donation. Please contact her if you have any questions.

Workshop, Jean Forsman, Chair

Jean reported that she enjoyed being workshop chair. Her first workshop was via Zoom. She appreciated the support from members for the Books for Furry Friends and donations for Animal Shelters.

District Presidents Reports:

Central, Diane Duke reported their meeting will be held October 8<sup>th</sup> in Madras, OR. She also reported that they are beginning to plan for 2024 State Convention.

Willamette, Joy Serkowney reported their meeting will be held Jun 18<sup>th</sup> in Eugene, OR.

Business of the Day:

President, Debbie Sanguras asked Penny Phelps, Treasurer if her books were ready for audit. Penny said they were ready and gave her books to Joy Serkowney filling in for Jean Braden as Audit Chair. Nancy Reid and Joann Lumaco are committee members.

Proposed 2022-2023 Budget:

Treasurer Penny Phelps presented the proposed budget. She made two corrections. It was moved and seconded to accept the budget as corrected. Motion passed unanimously.

Copy of budget attached.

Announcements:

Luncheon 12:00 Noon (Seating is assigned by members in basket at entrance to room)

Installation rehearsal at 4pm-Salmon West Room

Photos for newly Elected Officers at 5:15-place to be determined.

Banquet-doors to open at 5:30 pm (Seating assigned by Chapter)

Doors will close promptly at 6:55 pm.

No photos to be taken during installation ceremony Please.

All outgoing and incoming officers and committee chairs please connect throughout the weekend to exchange information.

Celebration of Life Ceremony at 8:15 am in the Salmon West Room

Clear out all mailboxes. Tomorrow the mailboxes will be for new officers and chairs.

Break 11:30 am

12:00 - 2:15 PM Awards Luncheon, "The Spice of Life"      Salmon West Room

Invocation, Su McDonell, Chaplain

“Lettuce Give Thanks”

With the bounty of summer upon us and the Gathering of Oregon ESA members here...  
Lettuce give thanks for generous friends with hearts as big as Hubbard squash and smiles as  
bright as their blossoms;

Complete invocation attached.

Luncheon, “The Spice of Life”, hosted by – Beta Iota & Gamma Beta Chapters.

AWARDS

Educational/ Gold Link, presented by Kari Engdahl for Mary Anne Puhl, Chair

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Alpha Zeta, Eugene – Educational Chair, Lani Shimer

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Delta Xi, Portland – Educational Chair, Chris York

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Omega Mu, Albany – Educational Chair, Anne Scissons

Distinguished Athenian, presented by Kari Engdahl for Mary Anne Puhl, Chair

Distinguished Athenian awarded to Chris York, Delta Xi, Portland

Rushing, presented by Julie Rassmann, Chair

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Delta Kappa, Hood River – Debbie Sanguras, Chair

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Alpha Zeta, Eugene – Linda Howes, Chair

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Delta Xi, Portland – Chris Dole, Chair

Outstanding Member, presented by Barb Moss, Chair

Donna Cassidy, Delta Xi, Portland

JoAnn Lumaco, Alpha Upsilon, Hillsboro

Judy Huntley, Beta Eta, Sutherlin

Nancy Reid & Barb Moss, Beta Omicron, Burns

Becky Diehnel, Alpha Zeta, Eugene

Hope for Heroes, presented by Lynn Hughes, Chair

Alpha Upsilon, Hillsboro

Delta Kappa, Hood River

Beta Eta, Sutherlin

Alpha Zeta, Eugene

Delta Xi, Portland

Gamma Beta, Grants Pass



Easter Seals, presented by Jill Rankin, Chair

Hours”

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Delta Xi, Portland, 155 hours per member

2<sup>nd</sup> Place- Omicron Omega, Portland, 142 hours per member

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Delta Kappa, Hood River, 83 hours per member

Monies:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Omicron Omega, Portland, \$9,081.00 per member

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Alpha Zeta, Eugene, \$3,025 per member

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Delta Xi, Portland, \$2,313.00 per member

St. Jude, presented by JoAnne McKenney, Chair

Hours:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Omicron Omega, Portland, 28 hours per member

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Beta Eta, Sutherlin, 19.5 hours per member

Monies:

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Omicron Omega, Portland, \$1,040.00 per member

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Beta Eta, Sutherlin, \$43.75 per member

Association of the Arts, presented by Jill Holden & Pat Stupur, Co-Chairs

Division I – Quilts

Marsha Klosterman, Delta Gamma, Florence

Jill Holden, Delta Xi, Portland

Division II – Needlework

Jean Forsman, Delta Gamma, Florence

Division V – Crafts

Mary Lambert, Delta Xi, Portland

Becky Diehnel, Alpha Zeta, Eugene

Peoples Choice Award: Marsha Klosterman

Member Service & Chapter Anniversaries, presented by Debbie Sanguras for Donna Cassidy,  
Chair

Years of Service Awards

10 Years of Service, Tami Arthur, Delta Kappa, Hood River

25 Years of Service, Della Schwab, Alpha Upsilon, Hillsboro  
Chris York, Delta Xi, Portland

30 Years of Service, JoAnne McKenny, Delta Xi, Portland  
Billie Patino, Gamma Beta, Grants Pass

40 Years of Service, Judith Huntley, Beta Eta, Sutherlin

Chapter Anniversaries  
70<sup>th</sup> Chapter Anniversary, Alpha Psi, Port Orford

75<sup>th</sup> Chapter Anniversary, Alpha Zeta, Eugene

Meeting to be continued.

SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
Sunday, May 22 2022

Celebration of Life, Su MCDonell, Chaplain

We have lost someone who has been a special part of our lives...

They left their fingerprints on all they touched.  
Their footprints in the hearts of all with whom they walked and  
The warmest of memories with those they loved.

#### Members

Marian R. Burns, Dec. 15, 2021, Alpha Iota & Gamma Beta  
Marie Meyers, March 11, 2022, Alpha Lambda

#### Special Family and Friends

Ruthie Lindle, May 2020, Belove AZ sister & friend  
Howard Dane Walters, Jr, May 10, 2020, Brother of Martha Hoskins  
Jim Wohlwend, May 30, 2021, Brother of Sandy Diess  
Bill Angleton, Oct. 3, 2021, Neighbor and Friend of Harold & Nancy Reid  
Tim Sharr, Oct. 30, 2021, Son-in-Law of Sandra Bristow  
Carolyn Strickland, Nov. 17, 2021, Mother of Debbie Sanguras  
Mike Boler, Nov. 20, 2021, Son of Vicki & Lou Boler  
Sharon McKenny, Jan. 20, 2022, Mother of JoAnne McKenney  
Joanne Bradley, Jan. 27, 2022, Daughter of Marcia Bradley  
Bill Sweet, April 11, 2022, Brother of Mary Anne Puhl  
Vernon Lang, April 12, 2022, Husband of Priscilla Lang

Buffet Breakfast, "Count the Memories not the Calories", Hosted by Alpha Psi

Invocation, Su McDonell, Chaplain

Loving God,  
Thank you for food in a world where many know only hunger,  
For our Faith in a world where many know fear;  
For friends in a world where many know only loneliness  
And for family where many know the desperation of being apart.  
Please bless this food we are about to share,  
Those who prepared it,  
Those who serve it,  
And those who have worked to make today the special occasion it is.  
For all of this we give you thanks. Izola White

Meeting Continued

President, Debbie Sanguras continued the meeting at 9:30 am.

Thought for the day, Su McDonell, Chaplain

As we end this gathering once more in friendship and fellowship  
And we've finished our amazing  
Weekend today, we are grateful for the blessings of our individual and  
Collective God-given gifts.

We began this year in a kitchen looking up recipes to benefit our theme of "ESA, A Recipe for  
Success".

Complete thought for the day attached.

Business of the Day

Auditing Report, Joy Serkowney, Chair

Joy reported that after reviewing all books and records they were found to be in order.

President, Debbie Sanguras gave a report on status of contact with Chapters and need to  
evaluate imbalances in Districts as result of losing Chapters and Members.

Final Convention Registration Report, Billie Patino, Chair

Oregon Members Registered: 62  
Members at Large Registered: 2  
Special Guest Registered: 3  
Total: 67

Gavel Report, Pat Stupur, Chair

Pat Stupur, introduced the Gavel Officers for 2022 – 2023 as follows:

Chair: Marsha Klosterman

Vice Chair: Linda Gratteri

Secretary: Nancy Reid

Treasurer: Judy Huntley

50/50 Drawing, Presented by Pat Stupur

Diane Lewis won the 50/50 raffle in the amount of \$319.00.

Basket Raffle Drawings

Disaster Fund: Connie Russell

St. Jude: Penny Phelps

Quilt: Sue Gilday

Hood River Basket: Ann Choate

Sun River: Jean Braden

Kids Basket: Jill Holden

Ladies Night Out: Connie Russell

Just Desserts: Jill Rankin

Presentation of Grapevine, Carolyn Warren, Chair

Carolyn Warren, Grapevine Chair stated the President Debbie Sanguras would receive her copies of Grapevine after IC Convention.

Presentation of Gifts

Oregon State board presented Terri Olsen, IC Representative a gift of wine, chocolate, snacks and coffee.

Oregon State board also presented President, Debbie Sanguras with a lighted patio pillar.

President's Farewell Message, Debbie Sanguras, 2021 – 2022

Quoted by Debbie:

Ah, parting is such sweet sorrow! It seems somehow fitting for a convention of "just desserts!" And I can truly say that being your State President has been a "sweet" experience for me. As many of you know, I was very hesitant to take this position on the State Board (about 20 years hesitant) but all the nudging and encouragement finally paid off. When I was inducted last year at this time, my daughter said "Mom, I don't want you to just "endure this. I want you to "enjoy it!" And I have!

I want to say "thank you" from the bottom of my heart to all of you. A special thanks to several people - to Donna Cassidy, my friend, mentor, and corresponding secretary who tried to keep me out of trouble. Thanks to Nancy Reid, special friend and historian for her unwavering support and belief in me over the years. Thanks to Su McDonell who never took "no" for an answer & was always so positive. I loved the installation last year and the thoughtful and

meaningful presentations as Chaplain. There are many more sisters who have touched my heart during the year. I have enjoyed my conversations with each of you and the chapters in our state. I have made many new friends here in Oregon and beyond.

I feel we have accomplished many of our goals during the year but there is still much to do and I know Julie will continue to lead us in the right direction. I have learned that being a leader is much like putting a big meal on the table. It takes a lot of “prep” work. Thank you to my sous chefs.

And lastly, for any of you who feel you are not able to do as much as you used to do, Mother Teresa said it best, “It is not how much you do but how much love you put in the doing.” Love is always the “secret ingredient” and I have loved “serving you!”

Raising & Lowering of the Gavels, Donna Cassidy and Marsha Klosterman  
Terri Olson assisted Debbie Sanguras with the lowering of her gavel, and Marsha Klosterman assisted Julie Rassmann with the lowering of her gavel.

#### Gavel Presentation

President, Debbie Sanguras presented the gavel to Julie Rassmann, 2022 – 2023 President. Julie graciously accepted the gavel.

#### Acceptance Speech, Julie Rassmann, 2022-2023 President

Julie greeted us all with a big “HELLO SISTERS”. She wanted to let us know that we gentlemen would be referred to as “Sisters”. She thanked us for being at Convention, for caring for each other and all that ESA does here in Oregon, and beyond. She thanked us for supporting her and pushing her in the direction she didn’t know she wanted to go. (Marsha Klosterman, just saying) “The Magic of ESA” to Julie, is about friendship and philanthropy with education thrown in for good measure. It is friendship and doing good that has kept her in the organization. She believes that this is what we should be showing and telling others who may be interested in joining us. Julie stated that Connie Russell, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President is the Membership Chair, will be gently pushing us to help increase membership.

#### President’s Theme

Julie’s theme for the year is “The Magic of ESA”

#### St Jude, Vicki Boler, 2022 – 2023 Chair

New St. Jude Chair, Vicki Boler stated that she was pleased to be the new chair of St. Jude. She is looking forward to working with St. Jude this year.

#### Gavel Induction of Debbie Sanguras by, Pat Stupur.

Gavel, Pat Stupur welcomed Debbie Sanguras to Gavels. Debbie was prepared and paid her dues. The Gavels in attendance presented Debbie with special gifts.

## Introduction of the 2022 -2023 Board, Julie Rassmann, President

President: Julie Rassmann, Delta Gamma, Florence  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Connie Russell, Beta Eta, Sutherlin  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Joyce Hodge, Alpha Psi, Port Orford  
Corresponding Secretary: Marsha Klosterman, Delta Gamma, Florence  
Recording Secretary: Jean Forsman, Delta Gamma, Florence  
Treasurer: Penny Phelps, Delta Kappa, Hood River  
Workshop Coordinator: Rhonda Adler, Delta Gamma, Florence  
Jr. Past President: Debbie Sanguras, Delta Kappa, Hood River

## Educational Theme for 2022-2023

Rhonda Adler, Educational Chair report the 2022-2023 Education Theme is  
"The Magic of Making a Difference in ESA.

## 2022 Leadership, Marsha Klosterman

Leadership will be held September 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, Best Western Pier Point Inn, in Florence, OR.  
If you have questions, contact Marsha.

## 2023 Winter Meeting, Pat Stupur

Winter Meeting will be held February 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, Radisson Hotel Airport, in Portland, OR.

## 2023 Oregon State Convention

To be announced.

## Convention Closing remarks, Lynn Hughes and Joyce Hodge

Lynn and Joyce thanked everyone for attending Convention. They hoped they enjoyed it as much as they did putting it together. They also thanked the members of Southern and Douglas members who all worked hard assisting. They wished everyone a safe trip home.

## Closing thoughts Su McDonell, Chaplain

Su wished everyone safe travels home.

## Announcements & Reminders:

Please pick up your flags, poles and stands  
New Officers and Board Members check your Mailboxes  
Chapter Dues to the New Treasurer-May 1<sup>st</sup>  
ESA International Convention-July  
Chapter and Council dues to NEW IC Treasurer after August 1st  
Tax Facts to ESA Headquarters by September 15<sup>th</sup>  
Meeting for those attending IC following this assembly

Adjournment, Julie Rassmann, 2022-2023 President  
The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 by President Julie Rassmann.

Retiring of the flags, Joy Serkowney, Flag Ceremony, Chair

Closing Ritual  
Closing Ritual was recited in unison.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Hodge".

Joyce Hodge  
Recording Secretary

ESA Oregon State Convention 2022  
The Mill Casino in Coos Bay, Oregon

### Opening Thought for Saturday

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That used to mean I was in trouble, but not yet.. today!  
Today I realize that we have once again overcome  
the difficulties of the past 2+ years to "meet again".  
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we have served both ourselves and others  
with a bountiful feast of harvested hours, miles, goods, services and funds  
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### Saturday's Lunch Invocation

#### 'Lettuce Give Thanks'

With the bounty of summer upon us and the Gathering of Oregon ESA members here...

Lettuce give thanks for generous friends with hearts as big  
as Hubbard squash and smiles as bright as their blossoms;

For feisty friends as tart as Apples;

For continuous friends, who, like Scallions and Cucumbers  
keep reminding us we had 'em;

For crotchety friends, as sour as Rhubarb ..and, as indestructible

For Beautiful friends, who are as silly as Brussels sprouts  
and as amusing as Jerusalem artichokes,  
the Serious friend as complex as Cauliflowers and  
as intricately layered as Onions.

For friends as unpretentious as Cabbages, as subtle as  
Summer Squash,  
as persistent as Parsley, as delightful as Dill,  
as endless as Zucchini,



and who, like Parsnips - can be counted on  
to see you through the long winter;

For old friends, nodding like Sunflowers in the evening time,  
and younger friends coming on as fast as Radishes;

For Loving friends, who wind around us like tendrils and  
hold on to us despite our blights, our wilts and witherings;

And...finally, for those friends now gone, like gardens past, that have been harvested - but  
who fed us, in their times, that we might have life thereafter.

For this wonderful food now before us and for those whose hands prepared it for our  
use...

For all these, we give thanks.

## Banquet Invocation

Lord,

There are many in this room tonight united in watching another  
ESA year renew itself with new leadership.

We are related by blood, bound by loyalty and joined by decision.  
You have gifted each of us uniquely and in the apparent chaos of our world  
right now, we move forward together to search out and find again  
the magic within the work we do.

Lord, we ask Your blessing on our work, Your guidance of  
our hearts and hands,

Your blessing on the lovely dinner prepared to aid and strength  
our resolve.

Please Bless this gathering - Amen

### Sunday's Opening...

As we end this gathering once more in friendship and fellowship  
And we've finished our amazing  
weekend today, we are grateful for the blessings of our individual and  
collective God-given gifts.

We began this year in a kitchen looking up recipes to benefit our theme of  
ESA, A Recipe for Success

We cooked up a storm for ESA in Oregon and we've been tasting  
our successes all weekend.

This year we're asked to believe in THE MAGIC OF ESA

My mind goes racing back to a summer night in 1972. I'm in a large ballroom in a  
big hotel in Portland, OR with hundreds of other ESA women  
(some of them older than I at the time)

I'm clapping and yelling and trying to put my head around  
the fact that those other 'fools' in the room, and ME have just promised  
and pledge on my honor...

To embrace Danny Thomas' dream

To the tune of \$1,000,000!!

One year from that night we would owe it!

What we actually did, and continue to do, was & IS, **MAGIC!**

So... I believe.....

Drive safely home.

### **Sunday Invocation**

Loving God,

Thank you for food in a world where many know only hunger,

For our faith in a world where many know fear;

For friends in a world where many know only loneliness

And for family where many know the desperation of being apart.

Please bless this food we are about to share,

Those who prepared it,

Those who serve it,

And those who have worked to make today the special occasion it is.

For all of this we give you thanks.

Attachment:

Oregon State Council budget 2022/2023

Beginning balance 10552.39 11537.81 12119.77

<u>Estimated income:</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2021-2022 Actual</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
Dues	2745.00	2795.00	2415.00
Grapevine subscription	300.00	385.00	300.00
Yearbooks	200.00	160.00	200.00
NW District-repayment of convention loan 3/1/2020		1000.00	
Winter meeting profit		631.13	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3245.00</b>	<b>4971.13</b>	<b>2915.00</b>

**Estimated expenses**

President IC convention	1700.00	1387.20	1700.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Pres. IC leadership	1200.00	1182.00	1300.00
Presidents yearbook	350.00	542.07	400.00 *
Grapevine subscription	330.00	338.81	350.00 *
Grapevine presidents copy	70.00	87.91	100.00 *
Outgoing presidents gift	75.00	69.99	75.00
President – misc	800.00	0	800.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice president – misc	100.00	44.97	100.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice president – misc	20.00	0	20.00
Recording secretary	10.00	0	10.00
Corresponding secretary	10.00	0	10.00
Treasurer	30.00	30.00	40.00 *
Workshop Coordinator	75.00	0	75.00
Jr. past president	5.00	0	5.00
Archives	25.00	0	25.00
Awards	30.00	0	30.00
Bank charges	35.00	0	0
Chaplain	150.00	75.00	150.00
Collegiate chapter	415.00	0	415.00
Credentials	20.00	0	20.00
Disaster fund	10.00	0	10.00
Distinguished individual/Youth award	10.00	0	10.00
Documents	30.00	0	30.00
Easter Seals	100.00	0	100.00
Educational chair	30.00	0	30.00
ESA Foundation coordinator	10.00	0	10.00
ESA Foundation dues	0.00	0	0
ESA St. Jude coordinator	100.00	0	100.00
Flag ceremony	20.00	0	20.00
Historian	20.00	0	20.00
Hope for Heroes		5.78	10.00 *
IC dues	45.00	45.00	45.00
Incoming Pres. pin & gavel guard	200.00	176.75	200.00

Installation	100.00	0	100.00
Membership incentive program (one year trial)			1000.00 *
Oregon guidelines	10.00	0	10.00
Oregon state website	220.00	215.88	275.00 *
Philanthropic	20.00	0	20.00
Photography	75.00	0	65.00 *
Publicity	5.00	0	5.00
Social	150.00	0	150.00
Speakers(housing, travel)	600.00	0	600.00
State convention loan	2000.00	0	2000.00
Western regional states council dues	10.00	10.00	10.00
Zoom license & meeting fee		199.90	200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>9215.00</b>	<del>4389.17</del> 4411.26	<b>9645.00</b>
Ending balance	4582.39	12119.77 12,097.68	5389.77

Certificate of deposit: \$4092.22  
 Issue date: July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
 Maturity date: June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
 Term 11 months

*Penny Phelps 05/15/2022*