

Dropping Anchor

Joyce Hodge 2024-2025 Oregon State President
Oregon State 79th Convention
May 2-4, 2025
Springfield, Oregon

Hostess: Willamette Valley District Council

Flag Ceremony & Pledge of Allegiance, Debbie Sanguras

Joyce Hodge, Oregon State President, called the meeting to order.
Declared the 79th annual convention in session.

Opening Ritual - In Unison

Thought for the Day, Leianne Stinton.

"Today is a gift. That's why it is called the Present."

Convention Welcome: Julie Rassmann, WVDC District Council
President. Melissa Gilliam, Convention Chair

Introductions of Guests: Joyce Hodge.

Joyce introduced Brenda Fields, I.C. Parliamentarian

Donna Bush, Brett Hodge

Rules of Order, Kathy State

Roll Call: Barb Moss, Recording Secretary

12 Chapters, 18 gavels, 3 guests present

Correspondence: Carolyn Warren, Cor Secretary. No
correspondence.

Convention Registration Report: Sandy Diess
Oregon ESA members registered: 53. Out of State Guest, 1
Special guests, 2. Total registered: 55

Credentials: Judy Huntley
Chapter Votes Registered: 49; Chapter Proxies: 7; Total Votes: 56

Financial Report: Kari Enghdahl, Treasurer
Beginning Balance: \$9,115.52–Ending Balance: \$8,070.34

Proposed By-Law Changes: Kathy State
Article IV-Executive and General Board, Section 2
Membership is decreasing and aging, and it is more difficult to find members to step up and take various positions. Members should not be limited from holding a position if they are willing to do so. Kathy made a motion to accept- All was in favor.

Article XII-Meetings, Section 4
Districts have combined and the Gavels Auxiliary has joined the rotation. Kathy made a motion to accept- All was in favor.

Article XVII-Oregon Guidelines, Section 2
A larger committee has been working on the Guidelines and have been able to develop a better outcome. Members on the committee need to have the experience of holding some positions, and also the interest in exploring all of the documents. Kathy made a motion to accept- All was in favor

Article XIII-Finance
These fees are to be mailed to the State Treasurer by August 1, and shall be delinquent by September 15.

International dues are not paid until August 1. It is difficult to change the paper work for the Incoming Treasurer and chapters to meet during the summer. Kathy made a motion to accept- All was in favor.

Article XVI-Amendments, Section 1

Omit Standing Rule 9 and Policy, and Procedure 8 and Policy and Procedure for Oregon State Awards;

This is to separate the Standing Rules, and the Policy and Procedures from the Bylaws. This will enable the Documents Committee to do the work without having to wait for the annual meeting. Votes needed for changes can happen at any state meeting. Kathy made a motion to accept- All was in favor.

Nominating Committee - Melanie Swann, 2nd Vice President
Nominations from the floor, Joyce Hodge, President. No other Nominations.

Introductions of the candidates- Melanie Swann, 2nd Vice Pres.

President: Jean Forsman - Delta Gamma, Florence

1st Vice President: Melanie Swann - Beta Omicron, Burns

2nd Vice President: Patty Anderson - Omega Mu, Albany

Cor Secretary: Carolyn Warren - Alpha Zeta, Eugene

Recording Secretary: Julie Rassmann - Delta Gamma, Florence

Treasure: Kari Engdahl - Alpha Psi - Port Orford

Workshop Coordinator: Michelle Wagner- Alpha Psi, Port Orford
Jr, Past President: Joyce Hodge - Alpha Psi, Port Orford

Melaine Swann made a motion to accept the slate of officers.

All was in favor, motion carried.

Introduction of Tellers- Joyce Hodge, President

Chair: Martha Hoskins, Delta Kappa, Hood River

Brenda Fields, 2024-2025
International Council Parliamentarian

Oregon Friends, I have the honor of representing the International Council Executive Board at your state convention. I am so grateful to get to know all of Oregon ESA sisters and brothers. Brenda shared I.C. President's theme: Bee Kind, Bee Present, and Be Engaged. She is looking forward to celebrating Joyce's year as President and all of our great work in Oregon. Thank you so much for the warm welcome.

Appointed Board Reports: Joyce Hodge
Joyce thanked everyone for the thoughts everyone has sent. So many wonderful cards, Thank you. This year has gone by way too fast, and is sad her year is about over. Lots of memories from the year.

Membership Recognition: Jean Forsman
I am excited to report we have three new members, and one reinstated member. Great job. Keep it up. We need new members to keep our organization going. I'd like to thank Joyce, and all the board members for a great year, we made a good team. I feel we have all worked as friends as well as board members.

Disaster Fund Report: Connie Russell
Connie had a lot of items to raffle off at State Convention, \$400.00 was made from the raffles; Total for the year \$2247.10 Awesome job!! I want to thank everyone who contributed to the Disaster Fund this year. A huge thank you to Su McDonell, and Sandy Diess for the items they donated, and to Pam Hughes for the wine. Again, your generosity will help those fellow members in need. Thank You.

Association of the Arts: JoAnne Barber

JoAnne thanked everyone for bringing items to the arts this year, Winners will be announced later.

Awards: Malinda Remington

She thanked Joyce for asking her to do awards, and really enjoyed the job. Thank You.

Chaplain: Leianne Stinton

Joyce, thank you for asking me to be the chaplain, I reported news from members, and from IC Chaplain. There was so much sad news, and I would like to hear about all the good news also. Thank you, again.

Distinguished Achievement: Thelma Belcher

She received no applications.

Documents Chair: Kathy State

First I would like to thank my Documents Committee for their hard work and dedication. They are: Connie Russell, Debbie Sanguras, Donna Cassidy, Marsha Klosterman, and Sandy Diess. We have accomplished much in the last year. The revised guidelines were distributed to those affected.

I have worked with Chris York to provide the up-to-date information to the web page, which is now current. Forms have also been updated, they are on the website. This year we have four By-Law changes, and one Standing Rule and Procedure Change to be voted on at convention. If these pass, changes will be made and the books will be handed over to Connie Russell, who will be taking over as Parliamentarian/Documents Chairman.

It has been a pleasure to have served in this position for the past nine years, I think it is past due that I hand this job over to someone else. Thank You very much.

Easter Seals: Linda Gratteri

I enjoyed my year as Sr. Easter Seals Chair, and wish to thank all the chapters and members who generously donated to Easter Seals Oregon, and sent in reports on time. Winter meeting, I invented a crazy cruise game and made \$347.00, and \$200.00 was sent in. Douglas District Council voted to donate the profits from the Winter meeting to Easterseals of Oregon. Thanks to all.

Foundation Report: Chris York

This is my last report as Foundation Counselor, and I have enjoyed the four years it has been my assignment. Thank you for ongoing support of our state purse, and the interest you have shown in your questions to me about the Foundation and its programs and activities.

Last year our state utilized the Foundation to the amount of \$13,110.24. \$9,267 was through the Turn-around fund. The balance was in donations to endowments and other activities of the Foundation, as well as dues. So far this year we have sent \$3480 to the Foundation. There were 83 applications for scholarships from Oregon this year, a few more than last year. I encourage you to continue to spread the word in your communities. Thank you again for your support.

Gavels: Mary Lambert

Mary gave the officers for the gavels:

President Mary Lambert, Vice President Julie Rassmann, Treasurer Judy Huntley, Recording Sec Nancy Reid.

Grapevine Report: Carolyn Warren and Patty Anderson

As I reported at Winter Meeting, we are in the red for the 24-25 Grapevine costs. I notified those who have paid subscription of the amount that was needed to cover the deficit. An additional \$9.00 from each, to cover the costs for printing and mailing. For the 25-26 year we are budgeting the mailing Subscription cost at \$30.00. Thank you

Historian: Michelle Wagner

Please help with pictures and articles for this year, I will be grateful for the help. Thank you.

Hope for Heroes: Gary Barber

Thanked everyone who brought items for the Vet's, would have liked to see more reports sent in. Thank you

Philanthropic: Marsha Klosterman

I'm happy to report that chapters did a great job of filling out the report forms, and only one chapter did not send in a report. It is impressive to see how much money, and how many hours, ESA members contribute. Patty Anderson is working on a way to make reporting easier for members, and also for the state.

Publicity: Lynn Hughes. No report

Western State States Council: Sandy Diess

She will be sending out a survey for places to go, so be looking for that. Thank you.

Business of the Day: Joyce Hodge

Books are ready for Audit, Chair: Mary Anne Puhl and committee.

The Oregon State Council Books were found to be in order.

Committee: Mary Anne Puhl, Vicki Boler, Donna Cassidy.

Grapevine deadlines for 2025-2026

May 30 - August 15 - Nov 15 - Jan 15 - March 15

Proposed 2025-2026 Budget: Kari Engdahl

Beginning Balance:\$8,070.34 -Estimated income: \$2,900.00

Estimated expenses: with changes, workshop coordinator changes from \$50.00 to \$75.00. Oregon State Business, new line of \$50.00. With \$9,685.00 expenses and the ending balance being \$1,285.00. Kari made a motion to accept the budget with changes made. All was in favor, motion carried.

OREGON STATE INSTALLATION AND BANQUET

Su McDonell did a beautiful Installation of the new board. Books and Cups were given to each new office as they were installed.

Jean Forsman, President; Melanie Swann, 1st Vice President; Patty Anderson, 2nd Vice President; Carolyn Warren, Cor Secretary; Julie Rassmann, Recording Secretary; Kari Engdahl, Treasurer; Michelle Wagner, workshop Coordinator; Joyce Hodge, Jr. Past President

Welcome our new officers for 2025-2026.

Introduction of Guests: Jean Forsman, 2025-2026 President, introduced her Husband Joe, her son Jason, and his girlfriend, Jen. She thanked them for their support and love.

Invocation: Leianne Stinton.

Thank you Lord, for gathering us here for this meal. Bless the hands that prepared this food. Bless the life that was sacrificed. We pray for this food to nourish our bodies, so we'll have strength to live as you would have us live, Amen.

Awards Presentations: Malinda Remington

Philanthropic: Marsha Klosterman, presented announced winners

3rd place: Delta Gamma, Florence, with \$2,092.93

2nd place: Alpha Upsilon, Hillsboro, with \$3,370.86

1st place: Omega Omicron, Hillsboro, with \$4,040.88 Great job!

Member Service Pins: Carolyn Warren

5 years: Melissa Gilliam, 15 years: Mel Swann, Jill Rankin, Kaycee

Headley. 20 years: Bonnie Smith. 40 years: Ann Scissions. 45

years: Su McDonell. 55 years: Sandy Diess, Donna Cassidy. 60

years: Thelma Belhuer, Mary Lambert.

Chapter Anniversaries: none this year

Association of the Arts: JoAnne Barber.

1st Place: Becky Delhal: Wall Hanging.

2nd Place: Linda Howes, Needlework

3rd Place. Nancy Reid, Cards

4th Place: Mona Ayers, Photo

People's Choice: Gina Adair, Wire Christmas tree

Outstanding Chapters: Melanie Swann

1st Place: Delta Xi, Portland

2nd Place: Delta Kappa, Hood River

3rd Place: Alpha Zeta, Eugene

Membership/Recruitment Awards 2024-2025

1st Place: Delta Kappa, Hood River

2nd PLace: Alpha Zeta, Eugene

3rd place: Delta Xi, Portland

Outstanding Members: Nancy Reid
Gena Adair - Alpha Zeta - Eugene
Debbie Sanguras - Delta Kappa - Hood River
Alisa Mooney - Delta Kappa - Hood River
Melaine Swann - Beta Omicron - Burns
JoAnne Barber - Delta Xi - Portland
Patty Anderson - Omega Mu - Albany
Joyce Hodge - Alpha Psi - Port Orford
Susie Parks - Alpha Upsilon - Hillsboro
Thank you so much for your hard work for ESA.

Oregon State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, Celebration of Life
May 4 - 2025: Joyce Hodge President
Leianne Stinton, We lost 10 members this year. The Lord's Prayer
by all, A moment of Silence, Lighting of the Candle.
Remembering lost members. Closing Prayer

Second General Assembly,
Called to order by Jean Fosman

Thought for the Day: Leianne Stinton
Success is peace of mind, which is a direct result of
self-satisfaction in knowing you made the effort to become the
best of which you are capable.

Roll Call: Barb Moss Changes made, given the new numbers.

25-26 Cor Secretary; Carolyn Warren. The yearbooks will be
ready at Leadership. There will be a thumb drive for everyone on
the General Board, Chapter and District Presidents and Gavels.
Those who would like a printed copy instead of or in addition to
the thumb drive, please reach out to me.

Flag Project Status: Carolyn Warren, Sandy Diess, Patty Anderson
The Flag project has been completed, and the new smaller flags were presented during the Opening Flag Ceremony. There is a tote labeled "Flag Chair" that will become part of the Flag Chair's supplies to be passed each year to the new chair.
Awesome job ladies.

24-25 Cor Secretary: Carolyn Warren

Madam President Joyce, thank you for an enjoyable year. It's been a pleasure and honor to assist you these past months. Please know that I am always here if you need anything, I am happy to help.

Membership Project Team: We are asking all members to put on their thinking caps for new ways to bring in new members. Team is Carolyn Warren, Mel Swann, Patty Anderson, Jean Forsman, Julie Rassmann, Barb Moss, Pat Stuper, Joyce Hodge.

Break for Lunch:

Leianne Stinton: Prayer

We had a lunch guest speaker, Kristin Wall, Executive Director. Every Child Lane County mobilizes the community to uplift vulnerable children and families, with a specific emphasis on the impact of foster care. We do this by recruiting and supporting resource (foster) parents, meeting tangible needs of children, and creating redemptive childhood memories.
Donations from ESA members was \$600.00

Meeting back in session:

Presentation of gifts to Brenda Fields, I.C. rep. Board gave gifts, Joyce gave a gift, also Melissa Gilliain 2025 Convention Chair gave her a gift. She was thrilled and grateful.

ESA Board Presented a farewell gift to Joyce Hodge. She broke into tears, and was grateful. Also, a gift from Willamette District.

Raising and Lowering of pins:

Joyce Hodge - Kari Engdahl - Jean Forsman - Su McDonell

Gavel Presentation: Joyce Hodge to Jean Forsman

Gavel Induction of Joyce: Mary Lambert, all the gavels presented a gift to Joyce and she paid her dues. Welcome to the Gavels.

Retire the Flags: Debbie Sanguars

Announcements -Jean Forsman

New Board Members check mailboxes

Leadership will be in Hood River, Sept 20-21-2025

Adjournment of meeting by Jean Forsman, State President

Closing Ritual was said by All.

**Anchors Away in ESA
Award Winners 2024-2025**

Educational

1st Place -Delta Xi, Portland
2nd Place -Alpha Zeta, Eugene
3rd Place -Delta Kappa, Hood River

Distinguished Athenian Award

St. Jude

Monies:

1st Place -Omicron Omega, Portland
2nd Place -Omega Mu, Albany
3rd Place -Delta Xi, Portland

Hours:

1st Place -Delta Xi, Portland
2nd Place -Alpha Zeta, Eugene
3rd Place -Delta Kappa, Hood River

Easter Seals

Monies:

1st Place -Omicron Omega, Portland
2nd Place -Beta Omicron, Burns
3rd Place -Delta Xi, Portland

Hours:

1st Place -Omicron Omega, Portland
2nd Place -Delta Xi, Portland
3rd Place -Gamma Beta, Grants Pass

Hope for Heroes

1st Place -
2nd Place -
3rd Place -
4th Place -
5th Place -

Philanthropic

Monies:

1st Place -Omicron Omega, Portland
2nd Place -Alpha Upsilon, Hillsboro
3rd Place -Delta Gamma, Florence

Hours:

1st Place -Omega Mu, Albany
2nd Place -Alpha Upsilon, Hillsboro
3rd Place -Gamma Beta, Grants Pass

Rushing

1st Place -Delta Kappa, Hood River
2nd Place -Alpha Zeta, Eugene
3rd Place -Delta Xi, Portland

Outstanding Chapter

1st Place -Delta Xi, Portland
2nd Place -Delta Kappa, Hood River
3rd Place -Alpha Zeta, Eugene