

2024- LEADERSHIP, PORTLAND. OR  
September 14-15. 2024

10:30 Meeting was called to order by President Joyce Hodge  
OPENING RITUAL: Was recited by all

Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone said the pledge of Allegiance.

Thought for the day: Leianne Stinton.

We had a moment of silence for Joy Serkowney. She will be missed greatly by all.

Welcome – Linda Gratteri & Debbie Sanguras

They wanted us to have a great weekend and if we needed anything. Please check with them.

Hope have a great time.

Kathy State – Gave the rules of order

Barb Moss – Took the roll call, with nine chapters, with 27 members, 1 MAL quest, 12 gavels present.

Board Introductions & Recognition's: Joyce Hodge, introduced her board. Connie Russell, Past President. Carolyn Warren, Corresponding Secretary, Kari Engdahl, Treasurer, Barb Moss, Recording Secretary, Joyce Hodge, President, Jean Forsman, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Melanie Swann, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Melissa Gilliam, Workshop Coordinator.

Joyce thanked us for being on her board, she is looking forward to a great year.

Leadership Registration Report – Debbie Sanguras

Members Registered – 32. Guests – none. Total Registered – 32

Credentials Report – Judy Huntley- Member Votes present- 30, Member Proxies -6, Total Votes- 36.

Executive Board Reports: Joyce Hodge, PRESIDENT

Joyce shared about the board retreat held August 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> at the Mill Casino in North Bend. We meet in the morning for breakfast. We discussed the importance of membership, as well as keeping the membership incentive program. Also talked about Convention rotation. Distinguished Achievement Award, Documents Committee, yes it looks like we will have some by-law changes this year. It was not all about work, we enjoyed the Museum, then dinner at the Seven Devils Brewery. Joyce thanked Carolyn for completing her year book with her helpers, Kari Engdahl, Patty Anderson. Joyce shared a little about her health. She received some disappointing news after the retreat. Test showed her cancer came back, I am staying positive, and working towards my goal of remission.

1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT – Jean Forsman.

She is sure everyone is looking for the perfect person to join ESA, Jean would like to see every chapter bring in a new member, that being said, we all love ESA and all that we do to help others, so please share with someone new and ask them to a meeting. Kari drew for the winner of sponsoring a new member for last year. Tracy Norton was the winner, her convention registration was paid.

MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE AWARD: For every new member that joins ESA Oregon during the current fiscal year the State Council will pay IC Dues for the current year, Limited to the first 10 new members in the state. Every sponsor will have their name entered, for each new member, into a drawing to have State Convention Registration paid. Each Chapter must submit an expense voucher to the State Treasurer for reimbursement. Include sponsors name, members name and number, and date.

2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT– Mel Swann

Mel asked for help with getting new people to run for the board. So be ready I am coming for you. If you know someone you think would want to, but they are not sure they could do the job. Please let me know. I have my eye on some, so be ready.

TREASURER – Kari Engdahl

Beginning Balance – as 4-19-2024-----\$10,266.58 Ending Balance-- as 9-13-2024-----\$10,756.26

RECORDING SECRETARY , BARB MOSS—I want to thank you for your written reports. Very helpful when I am doing the minutes, to make sure I have the correct information.

2023-2024 Convention Minutes- The minutes were approved by committee and are printed in the yearbook.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY– Carolyn Warren –

The yearbooks are finished and ready to be picked up. There is a thumb drive for for everyone on the General Board, Chapter and District Presidents. Those who requested a printed copy instead of or in addition to the thumb drive. Are also ready. We came in quite a bit under budgeted amount for the President's Yearbook and due to this there will be no charge for a copy of the yearbook. Please see me to pick up your copy. Thanks. Section 3 did not get printed by printers, we will get that to you. The IC appointed board is not yet available on the ESA website. We will get it to when it is. We have been unable to get the Western States Council Board yet but again we will get it to soon.

WORKSHOP – Melissa Gilliam

Melissa had us do a little workshop, If someone ask you about ESA, how would you tell them. #1 Introduce yourself #2 Summarize the organization #3 Add personal value #4 Invite Debbie Sanguras won the door prize-- potty pass for the year. Great workshop.

JR. PAST PRESIDENT—Connie Russell

I was able to to attend a workshop on the Disaster Fund while I was at I.C. Convention. Did you know? You can request reimbursement of up to \$8000, per person, per event. Gather all your expenses for the event before you submit your request. Events can be anything – Natural disaster, fire, debilitating illness or accident. The form to request funds is on the ESA website under IC forms. Please let me know if you need more info. I have seven raffles to help raise our contribution to the disaster fund. Thank you for your support. Connie read a card from Celeste, she thanked members of Oregon State Council and Executive Board for making her fill at home with us. I had a wonderful time and made new friends, heard some ideas and concerns and saw the beauty of Oregon. What a memorable convention. Celeste Webb, 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. ESA International Council.

## GENERAL BOARD REPORTS:

ASSOC OF THE ARTS – JoAnne Barber

She hoping for two art projects from each chapter. So we better get busy.

AWARDS – no report- Melinda Remington

CHAPLAIN – Leianne Stinton- Please send good, bad, sad news. I am sending to Executive Board, General Board, Gavels, Districts, & Chapters President's. If you are on this list & not getting, please let me know. Chapter Presidents please share with your chapter members.

CONVENTION CHAIR – Melissa Gilliam – Convention is scheduled for May 2-4-2025, It will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn located in Springfield, Oregon. Registration pricing will be completed by end of this year and we expect to have it included in the January Grapevine.

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER - Thelma Belcher – no report

DOCUMENTS - Kathy State – The Documents Committee met in May and updated many of the Guidelines. A copy of the Guidelines was sent to each Chairman that was affected. We will also be working to updated everything on the WEB so it will be usable to all. This has been completed and can find the latest version of each Guideline there. The list of changed Guidelines are as follows:

PRESIDENT – CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – AWARDS CHAIRMAN – EASTER SEALS, SENIOR ESA FOUNDATION COUNSELOR – PHILANTHROPIC CHAIRMAN AND THE FORM – LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN – ST. JUDE COODINATOR, SENIOR – WINTER MEETING CHAIRMAN.

Please pass on the Guidelines to the next person taking that positions. Because we have a new District, we will have a By Law proposal for Convention this year. It will change the rotations of planning Conventions. This will be ready at Winter meeting. We requested direction from the Board and reviewed them at their retreat. We will be presenting those recommendations tomorrow. These recommendations will be published in the Grapevine and voted on at the State Convention this Spring.

EASTER SEALS – Linda Gratteri, Senior

Trying to follow so many great Easter Seals Chairs before me is a real challenge! I am committed to doing the best I can. I contacted Ellen Catania, Development Director of Easter Seals Oregon. My wish to have a family speak to our Leadership meeting about their experience with summer camp. She graciously agreed to do that and found a family who was enthused and willing to drive all the way from Gold Beach to talk to us. I am still working on an idea for a fundraising game at either Winter Meeting or Convention. It may take place on a cruise!

EASTER SEAL, JR. - Leianne Stinton –Right after lunch I will introduce Ellen Catania of Easter Seals Oregon who will share a bit of information about Easter Seals Summer Camp. She will then introduce our speakers a mother and her daughter who are looking forward to telling us about summer camp. And you have a flier on the 2025 Easter Seals Summer Residential Camp in your Agenda folder, Please share it!

EDUCATIONAL REPORT - Marsha Klosterman

Anchors Away in ESA, A great theme for chapters to think about as you plan your educational program for the year, What I really want to emphasize it that what we really care about is knowing the innovative and fun things chapters are doing. I love reading them. Please write up whatever educational you do, even if it is only one or two, so we can share and celebrate everyone's accomplishments.

## ESA FOUNDATION -Chris York

Turnaround Funds: Important to the foundation to help strengthen 501c3 status. Rather than sending individual checks to one or more 501c3 charities, you send one check to Foundation indicating which charity is to receive what amount. The Foundation turns around this request and sends individual checks back to the person using the turnaround funds. Then the person sends checks to the individual charities. Benefit – Easier to document donations on your taxes. Last year we donated \$358,445 and yet only \$4,222 went through the turnaround fund. Forms are found in the yearbook. Membership Dues; 59.00 a year or \$ 500.00 for life active, no more dues. I have a list who needs to pay or if you are good. Since May 1<sup>st</sup> we have donated \$5239.49. Last year we donated \$11,675. Since we have already donated almost half of last year, we should have no difficulty surpassing last year.

The ESAF FundFest purse this year is a MARY FRANCES one-of-a-kind designer bag. The bag is valued at \$295. Oregon's purse last year when for \$1,100 at the auction.

2027-CONVENTION—Chris York – Chris said they are having trouble with finding a place, needs to be close to a airport or with in reason. The committee is working very hard on this. She will keep us updated.

FLAG CHAIR – Debbie Sanguras no report

FLAG PROJECT- Carolyn Warren, Sandy Diess, Patty Anderson

We have taken all the flags, cleaned them, and taken a good look at them. Many would not lie completely flat, some were a bit twisted, some have been updated over the years. In an effort to standardize and bring up to date, Patty took on the task and digitized the flags. We ask each Chapter and District to review and at Winter meeting please report. Our plan is to have complete new flags ready to be presented at 2025 CONVENTION.

EASTER SEALS GUEST SPEAKER:

LUNCH: Ellen Catania, Director of Easter Seals Oregon, she shared a little about the summer camp. Then introduced a family who drove from Gold Beach to share with us about there time at summer camp. Christina and her Mom, Chris, thanked us for having them here to share. Christina spoke about her time at camp and the joy she had, she said they understood when she needed to step away from the noise, they understand if I needed a little quiet time and knew when I needed it. It was awesome to have friends who would talk to me and share. I could try new things and not have the fear of judgment or failure. There is about 15-17 students in camp. Christina said it feels like home. She has went for two years and hope to go again. She was a joy to watch and hear her story.

GAVELS CHAIR – Mary Lambert

Gavels will be given 50/50, at the meeting this evening at 7:00, here in this meeting room.

GRAPEVINE – Carolyn Warren & Patty Anderson

We're getting ready for the holidays and the November issue is due on the 15<sup>th</sup>. It came to my attention recently that the 2021-2022 Grapevine President's copy that was sent to I.C. For the Northwest contest and took 1<sup>st</sup> place, never made it home. Printing the President's copy has been typically been \$60-\$70 per year and the budget is \$120.00. I would like to move that the issues be reprinted so that Debbie Sanguras can be presented with her President's copy. Connie Russell, seconded the motion, everyone was in favor, motion carried.

HISTORIAN – Michelle Wagner

Please send in pictures, events, etc. Thank you for your help.

HOPE FOR HEROES – Gary Barber

Gary is asking chapters to fill backpacks with items such as toothpaste, brush, tissue, soaps, etc. Please bring to State Convention.

OUTSTANDING MEMBER – Nancy Reid

Nancy asked you keep your eyes open for your outstanding member. She is looking forward to see who is nominated.

PHILANTHROPIC REPORT – Marsha Klosterman

There isn't much to report right now. Omega Mu and I am working on stream lining state reporting and hopefully how chapters can keep track. Just know there is an exciting /on the-edge-of-your-seat workshop tomorrow that will review and education the membership about everything they need to know about what we can claim. And I promise it will go quickly so we can get home in a timely manner. Stay tuned.

PUBLICITY – Lynn Hughes – no report

ST. JUDE'S – Michelle Wagner & Tracy Norton

Remember the virtual walk in the morning, 8:30am.

WEBMASTER - -Chris York

I am trying to update everything, let me know if you need anything or help.

WESTERN STATES COUNCIL – Sandy Diess

Judy Huntley shared about the Western Fling, to be held in Arizona, January 10-13, 2025. More to come.

WINTER MEETING CHAIR – Vicki Boler

February 22-23, 2025 in Sutherlin, Oregon. Best Western for rooms and registration is \$60.00 We will meet at the Community Center.

Connie Russell shared with us some links to the I.C. Website, hoping to help be able to get to the place you need for the information you are looking for, I hope this will help as it is tough getting in.

NEW BUSINESS:

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS – Joyce Hodge, Kathy State Board Recommendations will be voted on at Conventions:

1. We will be voting on a change in the rotation for Convention Planning. We are currently working on that order that Districts will be involved.
2. The Board recommends the Standing Rules and Policy and Procedures be detached from the by-laws. Changes to them could be voted on at any meeting and would not need to wait for convention
3. Change the membership of the Documents Committee to: It must be at least 3, no more than 6 in standing, and approved by either the State President or Parliamentarian/Documents Chair.
4. Distinguished ACHIEVEMENT Awards needs to be updated. The forms and guidelines are to be revamped to be a State recognition only with a deadline of 4/1, the same as other awards.

If any Chapter wishes to submit to I.C. They must follow I.C. Guidelines and submit directly to the I.C. Chair.

Meeting was Adjourned at 4:00 pm

6:00 pm – DINNER

2024 IC CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS -Connie Russell

STATE NEWS BULLETIN AWARDS (5 Issues or more)

OREGON –3RD PLACE

PHILANTHROPIC AWARD – STATE HOURS

2ND PLACE – OREGON WITH 16,840 HOURS

EASTERSEALS AWARD – STATE HOURS

2ND PLACE OREGON – STATE HOURS – 219

OUTSTANDING STATE EASTER SEALS CHAIR AWARD

JOANNE BARBER – OREGON

Awesome job Oregon.

Connie Russell had five raffles for the Disaster Fund. She will do the raffle in the morning. JoAnne Barber also had items for sale, that she has made and sell for St Jude. She will share the amount tomorrow.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH

8:30 was the Virtual Walk

9:30 am Meeting was call to order

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY- Lianne Stinton

BREAKFAST:

PHILANTHROPIC WORKSHOP – Melissa Gilliam & Marsha Klosterman

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS/ANSWERS

How do chapters keep track of hours and monies donated? Many chapters philanthropic chairs have a notebook which is brought to each meeting to update activities of hours/monies. Can an item donated to your chapter be used as a philanthropic project and be counted? YES, using the monetary value of the item(s).

Are ESA Foundation dues counted as philanthropic/service monies? YES

-If I purchase items at a chapter yard sale designated as a fundraiser for our philanthropic project, can that money be counted as a donation? YES – The money would be counted as part of the total donation to the project.

This is just a few questions and answers. Marsha will be in touch with each Chapter to help where she can and hopefully see more reports at the end of the year.

GREAT JOB!!!!!!!

DISTRICT REPORTS:

CENTRAL DISTRICT – Nancy Reid

Date – 10/5 Where- Madras, Lutheran Church, 395 SE 'C' Social hour – 11:30, Lunch – noon

EASTERN DISTRICT – Kathy Rudd no report

NORTHWEST DISTRICT – Pat Stupur

Date – 10/13 Where. The Old Spaghetti Factory, 21192 Langer Farms Parkway, Sherwood.

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT – MaryAnne Puhl

Date- 10/26 Where – Brandon, Or. 11:30. more details to follow.

Our project has been organizing the Winter meeting. It will be held February 22-23, 2025 in Sutherlin, Oregon. Registration form was in the August Grapevine and on the web-site, Beta Eta Chapter is working on a Friday night activity, more details the closer we get to the meeting.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY DISTRICT – Melissa Gilliam

Date- 11/3 Where – Lamb Cottage, 130 Cheshire Ave. Eugene 1:30-3:30

RAFFLES ---Connie Russell –Disaster Fundraiser. Winners were Judy Huntley, and Debbie Sanguras won two. Between the raffles, fudge, and clothing, \$586 was raised.

JoAnne Barber – Fundraiser for St. Judes \$528.58 and \$1,165.00 for the Virtual Walk.

ANNOUNCEMENTS -

OREGON GRAPEVINE DEADLINE – NOV 15- 2024

PICK UP YOUR YEARBOOKS ----- CHECK THE MAILBOXES

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WINTER MEETING – SUTHERLIN, OREGON, FEBRUARY 22-23, 2025

STATE CONVENTION – EUGENE, OREGON, MAY 2-4, 2025

BEING NO MORE BUSINESS THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

CLOSING RITUAL , WE JOINED HANDS AND RECITED THE RITUAL.