

# Safe Harbor ESA

## ESA Oregon State Winter Meeting

February 22-23, 2025  
Sutherlin, Oregon

### Saturday - February 22nd

9 to 11am -- Registration  
11:17 am — Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance  
Opening Ritual  
Thought for the Day - Lianne Stinton, Chaplain

Welcome –  
Mary Anne Puhl, Southwestern District President & Vicki Boler, Winter Meeting Chair  
Rules of Order - Kathy State  
Roll Call - Barbara Moss (Katie Hobson) 43 registered, 37 present

Introductions – Joyce Hodge  
Guests  
1st time Winter Meeting attendees - Priscilla Lang

Credentials/Registration Report - Judy Huntley  
43 registered, 37 members, 19 for a majority

#### **Officer Reports:**

President: Joyce Hodges

1st VP: Jean Forsman (gifts for chapters with new members)

2nd VP: Melanie Swann

Went to IC Leadership and it was amazing

If you want to be part of the board, go see Mel

Treasurer: Kari Engdahl

Beginning balance on 9/14/24: \$9991.26

Ending balance on 2/20/25: \$9115.52

Paper copy of full report

Comment about renewing, or changing CD for IC Convention with appropriate signers.

Workshop: Melissa Gilliam

Has forms for elevator pitch from Leadership

Prizes for completing the crossword puzzle in the Grape Vine  
Corresponding Secretary: Carolyn Warren  
Missing sections from the yearbook are printed and distributed today  
Some have difficulty with the thumb drive. Ask Carolyn for help.

Jr. Past President: Connie Russell

Thanks to chapters and members that contributed to disaster fund \$706.55  
Deadline 5/31/25 to donate  
Raffle at back table. Tickets are 6 for \$5  
ESA shirts are there for purchase, donate what you want.

### **General Board Reports:**

Association of the Arts: Joann McKinney

Would like at least two people per chapter contributing for Convention  
Deadline April 1

Awards: Melinda Remington

Deadline April 1 - send entries

Chaplain: Leianne Stinton

Send good news, too.

Convention Chair: Melissa Gilliam

May 2-4 in Springfield, Hilton Garden Inn, WVDC are hosting  
Ads for the Convention program: ¼ page \$25, ½ page \$50,  
Whole page \$100

Distinguished Member - Thelma Belcher

Get names to Thelma by April 1

Documents Chair: Kathy State - Proposed By-law Changes

Officer/committee chairmen changes, those affected were notified

Open to discussion for changes in guidelines

Paper copy of proposed by-law changes distributed - look them over so  
they can be voted on at Convention - all changes read with  
opportunity for discussion. No substantial discussion was made.

1:00 Lunch

Invocation - Leianne Stinton, Chaplain

### **Old Business:**

Flag reduction status - Carolyn Warren, Sandy Diess, Patty Anderson  
8.5" x 11" sized flags

Flags were supposed to be reviewed and discussed

All good to go - no changes suggested

Flags will get printed, sewn, attached to rods and stands acquired

New flags should be ready at Convention

State Convention Rotation recommendation - discussion  
Kathy State addressed this in the by-law change.  
No new discussion.

2027 IC Convention – Chris York & Connie Russell

IC Theme suggestions list - vote for 2

July 11-17, 2027 Embassy Suites Washington Square

Which event does each district want to host? List forthcoming.

PICPA Breakfast

PIPCA No-Host Luncheon

AGAPE Breakfast

Welcome Party

Awards Luncheon

Installation Banquet

Info will be in the Grapevine

Co-Chairs - Chris York and Connie Russell

Kathy State - Secretary

Penny Phelps - Treasurer

Kathy Darnielle - Registrar

Carolyn Warren - Communication

### **New Business:**

2025-2026 State Executive Board Nominations - Melanie Swann

President – Jean Forsman, Delta Gamma, Florence

1st Vice President – Melanie Swann, Beta Omicron, Burns

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

Recording Secretary - Julie Rassmann, Delta Gamma, Florence

Treasurer - Kari Engdahl, Alpha Psi, Port Orford

Workshop Coordinator - Michelle Wagner, Alpha Psi, Port Orford

Corresponding Secretary - Carolyn Warren, Alpha Zeta, Eugene

Jr. Past President – Joyce Hodge, Alpha Psi, Port Orford

2025-2026 Appointed Board Positions

List coming around, add your name if you're interested in a position

### **General Board Reports Continued:**

Easter Seals - Linda Gratteri & Leianne Stinton

Donations only for tonight's "really strange" game

Leianne Stinton put on board of directors for Easter Seals

Joanne McKinney shared tulip information

Pre-sales this year, because unsold can't go back

Pre-order forms should be forthcoming

Education: Marsha Klosterman

New form, easier to fill out

Even if you don't want to enter the contest, would still like reports

Reports will be compiled to show what Oregon ESA does

Philanthropic: Marsha Klosterman

Fill out forms for Convention

Keep track as you go along to make it easier

Patty Anderson - working on an online way to report for individuals

This will also help the Philanthropic Chair report out for state

2025 standard rate is \$0.70 per mile

ESA Foundation: Chris York

Has a purse for donations - circulated at meeting

2027 Convention - Chris York

Oregon Road Trip will be the theme

Flag Chair - Debbie Sanguras

No report sent

Gavels Chair: Mary Lambert

Meeting after this meeting adjourns

Grapevine: Carolyn Warren

Cost of printed mailed subscription is over budget

Will work with paid subscription people to remedy this

Postage has increased twice in the last year

Cost of printing increased per page and email receipt charge (waived)

Cost of 25-26 Grapevine will be announced at Convention

Next issue deadline March 15 (last one before Convention)

Historian - Debbie Sanguras (23-24) Michelle Wagner (new)

Send Michelle items for Joyce Hodge's yearbook

Hope for Heroes: Joanne McKinney

Personal items for vet kits to Convention

Shampoo

Conditioner

Socks

Gloves

Underwear

Warm hats, etc.

Outstanding Member: Nancy Reid (per Melanie Swann)

Send your Outstanding Member's name to Nancy by April 1 with \$10

along with 2-3 sentences on why your member is outstanding

Publicity: Lynne Hughes

"I'm the loneliest person on the board." ~ Lynne Hughes

Let Lynne, your community and the Grapevine know what you're doing

St. Jude: Michelle Wagner

Donated purse and items (anchor themed) to be raffled off at  
Convention

\$5 each or 5 for \$20 tickets

Webmaster: Chris York

If you want something added to the calendar, send it to Chris

Always looking for feedback

Western State Council: Sandy Diess

Tucson was nice: good entertainment, food and hotel

Pictures in Grapevine

Only \$2 to join Western State Council

Workshop Activity - Knot Tying and Communication

3:15 pm. Gavels Meeting

5:30 pm Dinner

Invocation – Leianne Stinton

7 pm - Easter Seals Activity, Linda Gratteri

There was a profit for Winter Meeting. Judy Huntley moved that we donate the profit to Easter Seals. The motion was seconded by Sandy Diess and passed.

## **Sunday - February 23rd**

### **9:00 AM Call to order**

Thought for the day – Leianne

### **Please give Barb Moss (Katie Hobson) a copy of your written report**

District Reports — Central, Eastern, Northwest, Southwestern, Willamette Valley

Central: Melanie Swann (paper copy of report)

Eastern: No one present

Northwest: Pat Stupur (paper copy of report)

Southwestern: Mary Anne Puhl (paper copy of report) 2026

Convention at Mill Casino in Bend in late April

Willamette Valley: Julie Rassmann (paper copy of report)

New Business cont.

Special Project for Oregon - (paper copy of report)

State-wide Rush (Membership) Program

Could be combined with state-wide philanthropic projects

Everyone thought it was a good idea

\$347 went to Easter Seals from last night's event

Closing Ritual

Announcements

Convention – May 2-4, 2025, Hilton Garden Inn, Springfield

Su McDonell still has white sailor hats available for \$9

Delta Kappa Bingo upcoming - Mar. 8, see Donna Cassidy for information

Judy Huntley shared a communication from Barb Moss about not being able to attend

Omega Mu Albany Spring Auction April 12 from 1-3 pm in Santiam Place in Lebanon, lunch for an additional cost

Leianne Stinton still has Joyce Hodge's pins for purchase, \$5

Adjourned by noon