

ESA Oregon State Leadership
September 30 – October 1

Sutherlin Community Center

Registration 9 to 11 am
11:30 am—Call meeting to Order
Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Ritual

Members of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, we meet to pledge ourselves anew to the vows of our rituals which we accepted in the golden glow of a candle-light room. Let us be ever mindful of the responsibilities that we pledged to our organization, keep faith with ourselves and our members, be tolerant and sincere, and ever worthy to wear the badge that symbolizes virtue, honor, truthfulness, and friendliness.

Thought of the Day, Pat Stuper, On Autumn by Emily Dickson

Welcome ; Mary Anne Puhl, Douglas District President
Introduction of Guests-Vicki Boler, Beta Iota

12:00 – Lunch

During lunch – Cybernetics Elks from Elkton, Cynthia Parkros – head coach

They shared about their program, leadership, figuring out how to make everything work, coming up with the answers. What a awesome program. The students are doing such a great job. ESA donated \$399.00 for their program.

Rules of order- Donna Cassidy

Roll Call: Barb Moss Registered Saturday Sunday

Omega Mu, Albany	1	1	1
Beta Omicron , Burns	3	3	3
Alpha Zeta, Eugene	8	8	8
Delta Gamma, Florence	4	4	4
Gamma Beta, Grant Pass	2	2	2
Alpha Upsilon, Hillsboro	2	2	2
Delta Kappa, Hood River	2	2	2
Delta Upsilon, LaGrande	0	0	0
Alpha Omicron, Madras	2	2	2
Alpha Psi, Port Orford	4	4	4
Delta XI, Portland	10	10	10
Omicron Omega	4	3	3
Beta Iota, Roseburg	2	2	2

Beta Eta, Sutherlin	5	4	4
Gavels	20	20	20
Members At Large	2	2	2

Registration Report: Judy Huntley

Members in Attendance, 46 Guest : 0 Total: 46

53 Registered, 5 canceled

Credentials: Joy Serkowney

total votes possible, 150 total votes in attendance 46 total proxy 19, total votes 65

2023 Convention Minutes-approved by committee, is on the website.

Financial Report: Kari Engdahl

beginning balance: \$9,887.16 ending balance: \$11,051.66

Officer Reports:

President: Connie Russell.

Connie wanted everyone to enjoy the weekend and have fun.

I am excited for the coming year.,

1st Vice President: Joyce Hodge

Summer came and went quickly this year. I made plans and felt good about getting many of my unfinished projects completed. Knowing I would have plenty of time because of my recent retirement. Then life happened and my plans got changed. I was experiencing some odd symptoms so went to my doctor to get checked out. After testing I was diagnosed with uterine cancer. I worked with my doctors to fast tract treatment so I would be able to attend Officer's Retreat. Once again life happened and my husband and I came down with Covid. This postponed my surgery 30 days and I was not able to attend the retreat. I am happy to report that surgery went well and I received good news that the cancer did not move to the lymph nodes. However the tumor was aggressive and the doctor has recommended chemo treatment, which I will start on Monday, October 2nd. I have learned we have to be flexible. I am looking forward to completing my task of finding members to fill appointed board for 2024-2025. I would ask each of you to consider accepting a position. It is a great opportunity for growth in ESA.

I am looking forward to serving the board and helping President Connie achieve a successful year in ESA.

2nd Vice President: Jean Forsman

Summer over, fall is here. Time to think about the next chapter.

Hoping you'll make my job easy this year and consider running for office for 2024-2025.

Or if you have a member in mind that you think would be great on the board and would be interested please let me. We really need you! Please consider running for the board.

It's really fun and there is always someone to help. Thank you.

Recording Secretary: Barb Moss

I am asking everyone to please hand in a written report. I just want to be sure I don't miss something for the minutes. Thank you.

Corresponding Secretary: Sandy Diess

She has the year books finished, see her if you ordered one or a Chapter President, District President, please pick up, if not here have a person pick it up for them.

Thank you

Jr. Past President: Julie Rassmann

As the newest "has been" Jr. Past President, it is my job to raise money for the Disaster fund. Since you all read in the Grapevine, right? You know I made a Halloween table runner for Leadership. I have tickets with me, I made a math mistake in the Grapevine but will honor it, so, each ticket is \$5 or 6 for \$ 20!

we will draw the winning ticket on Sunday.

Please be generous, we are family in ESA and our emergency preparedness kit is the Disaster Fund. There is no shortage of disasters, Please help OREGON be prepared in the event any of our sisters in need help.

Thank you.

3 pm. - St, Jude virtual Walk/Run.

Take a stroll around across the street or around the park to see why Sutherlin is the city of FLAGS.

Old Business:

Voting on procedure changes, was presented State Convention.

Delta Xi motioned to accept changes, All was in favor,

They are on the website and have been put in the Grapevine.

Flag reduction report: Carolyn Warren and Joy Serkowney

This was proposed at State Convention 2023 the Oregon State Council research the prospect of replacing the flags from the standard size to a smaller size.

Size of the smaller flags would be 8 ½ x 11 . Cost would be \$1.17.

Someone offered their husband to make the stands and dowels for the flags.

Carolyn made a motion to small size, seconded by Su McDonell.

All was in favor, Motion carried.

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Association of the Arts: There will be a winter fair at Creswell for Winter meeting,
You may have a table with your crafts for sell and a percent will go for a fund raiser

If you do a table, Connie would like to see something in the Association of Arts,
at State Convention, that you had at winter meeting.

Sounds like fun, we have a lot of crafty people in ESA,
Connie would like to see something for every chapter,

Su McDonell, asked for photos, stories, anything about Julies year as President,
Please send to her,

Carolyn Warren, reported that Julie's Grapevine placed third at I.C. Convention'
Carolyn presented Julie her Grapevine for her year.

New Business; Connie Russell

The committee is working on the changes and will be final report at Winter meeting.

Divide the state into 3 convention regions from west to east. These would rotate.

Suggested regions: Grants Pass, Port Orford, Roseburg, Sutherlin

Albany, Burns, Eugene, Florence, Madras

Hillsboro. Hood River, LaGrande, Portland, Portland

Banking issue –

Connie consulted with Doug Mills at IC Headquarters.

Register with the Secretary of the State when the bank requires it.

The Power is Us: ESA members are powerful. The Friendship, service, and connection.

As you host events, volunteer, and fund raise for great causes this year. Submit your ESA stories
to Headquarters to be recognized and earn awards at epsilonsigmaalpha.org/PowerOFUs.

Let's show them what Oregon is doing.

Events: Olive Oil and Balsamic Vinegar Tasting

Calling all ESA foodies! Join members from across the country for a fun and informative
virtual olive oil and balsamic vinegar tasting. Registration: epsilonsigmaalpha.org/event:

Facebook. How many chapters are on Facebook? Sharing ideas, meeting new people.

Pick up your year books from Sandy

Check your mailboxes

4:00 Gavels meeting

6:00 Dinner

Pat Stuper: We are grateful for the time spent in fellowship together.

Help us use this time to bond closer as a group, and learn to love each other more.

Bless our appetites, both physical and spiritual, to honor You in all we do. In Jesus' Name, Amen

7:00 pm. St, Judes Fundraiser DESSERT TASTING

TASTE TWO DESSERTS. \$5.00

TASTE ALL DESSERTS. \$10.00

Play a game or two while you enjoy your desserts.

\$5.00. card game, corn hole, bingo

SUNDAY – OCTOBER 1st. 9:30 am

Meeting was called to order

Thought for the Day, Pat Stuper

You have the gift of now, and you will shape the future. But the present is where we live- and it's where joy lives too! You don't have to fast-forward your life to get to the good parts. When you look around instead of back or ahead, you'll see: Happiness is already here!

Appointed Board Reports:

Association of Arts: Becky Diehnel no report

Chaplain: Pat Stuper, Please let me know good news and well as other news, I would like everyone to know we are thinking about them

Convention Chair: Sharon Comingore: State Convention, Eagle Crest, April 19th-21. 2024

Disaster Fund: Julie Rassman. Thank you for your support, Raffle of scarf raised \$556.20
Jill Holden was the winner of raffle.

Distinguished Achievement/YouthAward; Vicki Boler no report

Documents/Parliamentarian – gavel; Kathy State, If you have any suggestion, please call.

Easter Seals; JoAnne Barber,
March 1st, Bloomfest Ball in honor of ESA.
Bloomfest, April 8-12. because of Easter being in March.
And in early December, Easter Seals will be putting together
backpacks for homeless vets, they will need volunteers.

Educational Director; Joy Serkowney. Looking forward to reading all the reports.

ESA Foundation; Chris York, Thanks to everyone who has donated to the Foundation
this year. Utilizing the turn around fund., paying for your
membership and contributions to various endowments.
As of January 1. 2023 the Foundation year is the calendar
year. The news dues (as of 2023) are \$40.00 . Life
membership still \$500.00.
Scholar Season is Open, if you have any questions, please
contact me. Thank you Connie for asking me to continue
for two more years.

Grapevine Editors: Carolyn Warren and Patty Anderson;
When you send in a report, I will let you know when we get it,
If you don't hear, please check to see if it came through.
Would like picture also.

Historian: Debbie Sanguras; Debbie asked you to send pictures and help her with Connies
history, looking forward to seeing items from you.

Gavels; Leianne Stinton; Leianne wants to let you know the gavels are here to help
in anyway we can.

Hope for Heroes; Tracy Norton; November is Hope for Heroes, hope you are planning
a event, please let me know about your event.

Leadership Chair; Judy Huntley; Judy reported that with everything paid and registrations
donations, wine tasting. There will be PROFIT of \$670.00
that will be donated to St, Judes.

Philanthropic: Marsha Klosterman; Be sure to be keeping track of your, miles, hours,
money, looking forward to hearing from you.
I put a copy of guidelines in your boxes.

St. Jude Coordinator Sr: Melissa Gilliam: Still learning our role. Getting our year kicked off today with a walk fundraiser, dessert tasting, and game night. Last year's total donation \$14,922.00 Saturday evening fund raiser, \$1,149,00. Raffle baskets were won by, Billie Patino, Bunny Barrett, Sandy Bowen, Lois Fitzsimmon.

Western States: Sandy Diess: Fling will be in California, four I,C, members are going, Dues for Western States are \$2,00, anyone can join. Dates to be announced.

Winter Meeting Chair: Su McDonell; Winter meeting will be in Creswell, Oregon. February 17-18-2024, registration is \$90.00. We will be doing a craft fair, please sign up for a table with Carolyn,

Other Reports: Chris York: International Convention 2027
As you are aware, Oregon has been approached and strongly encouraged, over the last couple of years, to host another convention and we have declined, I,C, members want to come back to Oregon. The gavels have approved the proposal for Oregon to host the I,C. Convention 2037. It will be the 80th year. It was presented at Leader and everyone was in favor to move forward. July 2027- Portland. We have three years to plan, Carolyn made a motion to move forward Joy, seconded,

District Reports: Eastern; none
Central: Beta Omicron will host District meeting in Burns, October 7th at the Pine Room.
State convention registration forms are in mailboxes.
April 19-21-2024 at Eagle Crest Resort, Redmond.

Douglas: We need to change the name of our District as it now includes a chapter outside of Douglas County. We will contact Southern District to see if they wish to to join our District and then we will decide upon a new District Council name at that time. Once this is done, we will also change our by-laws to reflect these changes. Our next meeting is scheduled for May, time and place to be announced.

Northwest District: - October 21- 11;30 Social, Lunch at 12:00. Meeting to follow.
Speaker: Acupuncturist, Please call Chris York if you can come.

Southern District: No report

Willamette Valley District; October 21 at the home of Jill Rankin

Announcements: Winter meeting-February 17-18-2024. Creswell
Convention: Eagle Crest Resort, Redmond, April 19-21-2024

Connie thanked everyone for coming and was a fun meeting; Meeting was adjourned
Closing Thought: You work wonders! Small miracles aren't small at all.

Closing Ritual

Eternal Father, master of all good works, guide and direct us that we may remain
steadfast in our hearts and faithful to our pledge. May we be reminded that graciousness,
poise, and friendliness are our goals, and as we go , to ever hold aloft the ray from the lamp
of learning that those who follow in our footsteps may be guided by its light,

Submitted by Barb Moss Recording Secretary,