

MINNESOTA ESA CONVENTION MINUTES

72nd Annual Convention

Saturday, May 20th at 10:00am

Presiding Officer: Dee Rotering, President

Running Aces Racetrack, Hotel & Casino

Officers Present

Dee Rotering, President

Dana Terry, Vice President

Jennie Zafft, Secretary

Dennis Marler, Treasurer

Julene Donnay, Parliamentarian

Flag Ceremony: Celeste Webb, IC Representative

Welcome & Call to Order: Dee Rotering

Opening Thought: Bruce Strachota

“Remind Me Again” & “We Rise Higher Together” -Joe Davis

Opening Ritual: Dee Rotering

Welcome from Running Aces: Julene Donnay

Introductions: Dee Rotering

Delegates & Roll Call: Jennie Zafft

Alpha Chi	Excused
Alpha Sigma ✓	Shirley Laue
Alpha Zeta ✓	Kim LeTendre Olson
Beta Sigma ✓	Edee Erickson
Beta Theta	Excused
Delta Mu ✓	Dee Rotering
Delta Rho ✓	Betty Robinson
Gamma Omega ✓	Lori Thorpe
Gamma Zeta ✓	Dianne Ocel

Introduction of Past Presidents: Dee Rotering

Rules of Convention & Voting Instructions: Julene Donnay

11 total votes: 2 forfeit votes, 9 total= 6 to pass

Edee Erickson made a motion to adopt the Rules of Convention, Birdie Elkofska seconded, all voted yay, motion carried.

Approval of 2022 Convention Minutes:

Jennie Zafft indicated that the minutes were approved by a committee, so no second was required. There was no discussion, all voted yay and the motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Dennis Marler

Balance Forward: \$26,255.59
Receipts: \$2,752.50
Disbursements: \$6,270.43
Balance on Hand: \$22,737.66

Philanthropic State Projects to 2023-2024: Birdie Elkofska

- Three philanthropic candidates: Wishes & More, Welcome Home Vets, and Interact Center for the Arts

Short Break: 10 minutes for discussion

Results:

Number of projects to support: 2

Projects we'll be supporting: Welcome Home Vets & Interact Center for the Arts

MedTox Rotation: Dee Rotering

April: St. Jude

May: Welcome Home Vets

June: ESA Foundation

July: Interact Center for the Arts

August: Welcome Home Vets

September: Interact Center for the Arts

October: St. Jude

November: General Fund

December: Interact Center for the Arts

January: ESA Foundation

February: Welcome Home Vets

March: General Fund

Discussion as to why the General Fund needs 2 months-- Leadership, IC, etc.

Motion to approve: Dennis Marler, Seconded by Terri Olson, all voted yay, motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Parliamentarian Bylaw Change—presented in January

- Change from 4 membership meetings to 2—One in Fall (Aug./Sept.) and one in Spring (Feb./March)
Motion was made by Terri Olson and second by Jodi Lang

Discussion – Dennis inquired regarding the MedTox distribution, which is approved by State Membership Vote, funds distributed after fall

Dana: an electronic vote can be held for the distribution of funds

Diane Vanusek: meetings are a reason to get together and winter weather should not be an excuse

Jodi Lang: 2 is the minimum, but we can have more or can host other programming—for example: a rush event

Laurie Skoglund made a motion to make an amendment to change the timeframe for Spring to February-April), Lori Thorpe seconded, motion carried

First Vice President's Nomination Report: Dana Terry

Nominations from the Floor: Dee Rotering - There were none
Introduction of Slate of Officers for the Upcoming Year (2023-2024): Dee Rotering

President- Dana Terry
Vice President- Kim LeTendre Olson
Treasurer-Diane Vanusek
Parliamentarian (2nd term)- Julene Donnay
Secretary (2nd term)- Jennie Zafft
Jr. Past President- Dee Rotering

Motion to approve Slate of Officers by Edee Erickson, seconded by Betty Robinson. All voted aye, Motion carried.

ESsAy Bids: Dee Rotering

Dee opened the floor for bids to publish the 2023-2024 ESsAy. The only bid was Terri Olson, Delta Mu. Betty Robinson made a motion for the unanimous ballot, Lori Thorpe seconded, all voted yay and motion carried.

2024 State Convention Bids: Dee Rotering

Dee opened the floor for bids to host the 2024 State Convention. The only bid was Alpha Zeta. Kim LeTendre Olson made a motion for the unanimous ballot, Julene Donnay seconded, all voted yay and motion carried

Recess of the 1st General Assembly/Break for Lunch

Mary's Meals Presentation & Workshop - A wonderful workshop was led by a local volunteer for Mary's Meals. This is an organization that raises funds to provide meals to schools in poor countries at schools so that students will attend school and have a full day of meals provided. We made a craft of gemstones, jewels, wires, etc. everyone was very pleased with their work and photos will be shared on the MN ESA Website.

Service Awards Presentation was completed led by Birdie Elkofska, Philanthropic Chair

2nd General Assembly was convened at 2:00 p.m. Dee Rotering declared the 2nd General Assembly of the 72nd annual Minnesota State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha to be in session. .

Julene Donnay gave the convention report. We had 40 Full registraitons for our convention this year. Thank you everyone for attending the 72nd Annual Convention, and thank you to those that showed up for the fun game night on Friday night. It was a fun event for the 20+ people that participated and enjoyed the food and fun games. It is nice to get back on track with in person meetings once again.

Julene Donnay did the roll call for Jennie Zafft as she needed to leave for some work travel. The roll call had no changes from the roll call completed in the 1st General Assembly.

Election Results were announced earlier today, and those also did not change so we did not do a re-introduction of the officers.

Bonnie Templeton -MARC Rep

She thanked us for inviting her to attend the MN ESA Convention this year and was very happy to be at Running Aces. She has relatives in the area and was able to stay at their house on Thursday night before coming over to the hotel. Bonnie was very excited about the upcoming MARC Meeting that would be held at IC Convention. She said they were looking for people to run for the MARC Board, and that you can tell her if you are interested

in any of the offices. The MARC Conference will be held on October 13-14 in East Peoria, IL with a theme of Oktoberfest. There are marketplace tables available for anyone that would like to rent a space and sell their wares. There will be several fund raising activities this year to help cover the costs of travel for the MARC reps in the future. There will be a purse auction, a silent auction, a MARC Tumbler. Please get your registration in and book your hotels.

Medtox/Lab Corp Report was provided by Dennis Marler for Rhonda Krehl

Dennis thanked everyone for their participation in working at MEDTOX over the many years. He was we have been earning on average \$14.30 Per Member per hour during all of our shifts. Over the last 12 months, we made \$42,830. He also red a list of everyone that is not a member of ESA that has been dedicated to working with us multiple times in 2022-23. Devin Dire, Matt Decker, Jacob Donnay, Quinn and William Zaft, Clinton and Donelle Lee, and all others that volunteer on a continuous basis.

ESA Foundation Report Karls Kay Nicklaus

There were 4354 Paid Applications for scholarships this year. There were 42 Minnesota applications. She thanked everyone for their donations this year and recognized the awards that were received at the 2022 convention for the Bob and Mary Parr endowment fund increase of \$59,124. She also announced the increase in the Bob and Ann Becker Endowment to \$17,575. The MN Endowment balance is now \$59,387.

ESA Foundation Hours and Dollars Per member

1st Place Hours Gamma Zeta 44 Hours Per member
 2nd Place Hours Alpha Sigma 37 Hours Per member
 3rd Place Hours Beta Theta 24 Hours Per Member

1st Place Monies Delta Mu \$307 \$ per member
 2nd Place Alpha Sigma \$220 \$ per member
 3rd Place Gamma Zeta \$131 \$ per member

Philanthropic Report Birdie Elkofska

Grand Totals for All Charities Combined:

Hours:

1st Place – Alpha Sigma 447 per member per hour
 2nd Place – Gamma Omega – 257 per member per hour
 3rd Place – Delta Mu – 200 per member per hour

Monies:

1st Place – Alpha Sigma \$20,149.75 per member per \$
 2nd Place – Gamma Omega \$16,286.30 per member per \$
 3rd Place – Alpha Chi - #3,471.51 per member per \$

ESA has been very busy helping others this past year. Here is a break down of charity and monies/goods/mileage donated along with hours we donated.

Chapter/Community/Civic Projects \$687,086.18 and 9504 Hours
 Easter Seals \$2801.00 and 13 hours
 ESA Disaster Fund \$299.44 and 24 hours
 ESA Minnesota Love Fund \$1018.52 and 64 Hours
 ESA Foundation \$15,407.33 and 994 Hours
 Military (Hope for Heroes) \$216,955.74 and 988 Hours



St. Jude Childrens Research Hospital \$374,219.74 and 1717 Hours
Welcome Home Vets \$21,427.76 and 1565 Hours
Wishes and More \$14,952.91 and 1226 Hours
TOTALS \$1,334,168.64 and 16,096 Hours

This is an average of \$20,525.67 per Minnesota ESA Member

St. Jude Report Birdie Elkofska

St. Jude Children' Research Hospital Projects this year consisted of the radiothon, style show, Motorcycle Ride (Cruisin for St. Jude), and other events hosted by ESA Chapters.

1st Place Hours - tie Alpha Sigma 48 hours per member
Gamma Omega 48 hours per member

2nd Place Delta Mu 35 hours per member

3rd Place Alpha Zeta 31 hours per member

1st Place - Alpha Sigma - \$1,819.35 \$ per member
Delta Mu \$630.83 \$ per member
Alpha Zeta \$432.48 \$ per member

Welcome Home Vets Report Sandy Hongerholt

Thank you for all of the hard work done this year with the Welcome Home Vets Project. There were many deliveries made and dollars raised for the project.

1st Place Hours Gamma Omega 71 Hours per member

2nd Place Alpha Sigma 42 Hours per member

3rd Place Delta Mu 34 Hours per member

1st Place Gamma Omega \$741.53 \$ per member

2nd Place Delta Mu \$356.25 \$ per member

3rd Place Alpha Sigma \$295.17 \$ per member

Wishes and More Lori Thorpe

Thank you everyone for your support of the Wishes and More program. It was a lot of fun for the last couple of years being the chair for this charity. Please keep them in mind, for upcoming project that will be available. I will continue to post these opportunities for MN ESA to volunteer on their own.

1st Place Hours Gamma Zeta 47 Hours per member

2nd Place Gamma Omega 38 hours per member

3rd Place Alpha Sigma 30 hours per member

1st Place Dollars Gamma Omega \$221.41 \$ per member

2nd Place Alpha Sigma \$194.18 \$ per member

3rd Place Delta Mu \$68.50 \$ per member

Love Fund & Disaster Fund Report Sandy Hongerholt

ESA Disaster Fund Monies: Honorable Mention Delta Mu \$125.60 or \$15.50 per member

Minnesota ESA Love Fund:

1st Place Alpha Sigma \$54.65 \$ per member

2nd Place Gamma Omega \$38.70 \$ per member

3rd Place Delta Rho \$36.52 \$ per member

IC Workshop & Report Celeste Webb

Celeste presented the IC Workshop, welcome and upcoming IC Convention updates. Her message was about the need for everyone to be busy in recruitment of new members for ESA to continue to thrive. She was excited to share the updates to the ESA Website being done using the Tech Team that was set up by President Denise Holdaway. You can register for the upcoming IC Convention online and then simply mail in a copy of your form to complete the process. She shared all of the fun things coming up at IC Convention this year in Texas, which will be the last week in July 2023. There will again be the ESA Foundation fund fest on Tuesday, the cowboy themed Mixer Party on Wednesday, and Thursday night again the Lip Sync Contest. The St. Jude event will be Christmas in July, and this year they have added an additional event for Easter Seals on Friday night, BUNCO. So plan to get your boots on and come to Texas. Also, consider running for an IC Board position next year. If you have any interest please reach out to Celeste and she can answer any questions that you may have about the duties of an office and time commitments. She is looking forward to helping out with the St. Jude Event on Sunday at the Race Track and congratulations to MN ESA for such an outstanding year with all of our events, activities and fund raising for St. Jude, Welcome Home Vets and Wishes and More. It is great to see such an active state.

Farewell Address was done by Dee Rotering, thanking everyone for a wonderful year and congratulations to all of the chapters that were successful in the many dollars and hours donated to our various charities.

Transfer of Gavel was completed by Dee Rotering to Dana Terry.

Presentation of Crown Jewel Pin was completed by Julene Donnay, congratulations to Dee on a successful year.

Initiation into Gaveliers was done by Sandy Hongerholt – a song regarding The Village People for Dee's Theme and all of the past presidents were asked to bring their favorite hat that described their role.

Announcements Dana Terry

Don't forget to pick up your association of the arts, marketplace will be shutting down at the end of this meeting, and pick up and pay for your presidents auction items.

Retire Flags was completed by Celeste Webb, our IC Representative.

The meeting was adjourned by Dana Terry at 4:05 p.m. and the closing ritual was said.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennie Zafft, ESA Secretary & Julene Donnay, ESA Parliamentarian