

MINNESOTA ESA STATE MEETUP MINUTES

Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 9:30am

Presiding Officer: Dana Terry, President

Hosted by Dana Terry

Officers Present

President – Dana Terry

Vice President – Kim LeTendre-Olson

Treasurer – Diane Vanusek

Welcome (9:45 am): Dana Terry

Opening Ritual was said by all

Opening Thought was read by Dianne Ocel, state Chaplain

Silent Roll Call:

11 members were present; no guests

Chapters represented: Alpha Sigma, Alpha Zeta, Delta Mu, Gamma Omega & Gamma Zeta

Secretary report: Dana Terry for Jennie Zafft

The minutes from the August 26th meeting were reviewed by a committee and distributed to the membership. Diane Vanusek made a motion to pass the minutes as distributed. Since they were reviewed by a committee, no second is needed. All were in favor; no objections – motion passed.

Vice President report: Kim LeTendre-Olson

Please let Kim know if you have any members celebrating milestone years of service so we can recognize them at our state convention.

Still have open elected and appointed board positions open. Please consider helping on the board next year and reach out to Kim with any questions or interest.

Kim and Dana also talked a bit about Leadership which they attended in late February. Lots of great ideas that we'll be talking about/trying.

Treasurer report: Diane Vanusek

Nothing to report at this time

Parliamentarian report: Dana Terry for Julene Donnay

No bylaw or standing rule changes have been proposed yet for this year's review. Any proposed changes must be submitted to Julene by April 18th (which is 30 days prior to convention) to allow for distribution to the membership.

Medtox / LabCorp: Dianne Ocel for Rhonda Krehl

We stuffed bags while Dianne reported that we have been working Medtox/LabCorp for over 20 years now. We do have non-ESA members that come to help and are very thankful. We could really use more people to come help when possible. Especially in the winter months when people are snow birding down in Florida and in summer months when people take vacations. Something that we all need to keep

in mind is that if we feel like we can't keep up with the work that Medtox/LabCorp is expecting us to do, we do need to give them advanced notice so they can plan accordingly to cover their needs. Or, we need to figure out how to get more people to come help.

Interact: Dianne Ocel

Dianne delivered the approx. \$4000 check (from designated Medtox funds) to Interact on March 13th. They were incredibly happy to receive this donation. Dianne and Dana Terry also did an interview with Interact's PR firm. They will be doing a write up on ESA and Interact and distributing to non-profit publications and media outlets. Interact is also going to write up a piece on ESA for their website/social media. Both will result in some good publicity for ESA. The articles will be sent to Dana Terry to review before they are published and distributed.

Welcome Hove Vets:

Need more people to do deliveries.

Allow extra time for making deliveries, and it's suggested to not do deliveries alone; try to have at least two and preferably have a gentleman help out if possible.

September 21st is the Wine & Spirits tasting at the Elks Lodge in Hopkins hosted by Gamma Omega

ESA Foundation: Dana Terry for Karla Kay Nicklaus

Reminder of the annual ESA Fantasy Fundraiser which supports the work of the Foundation including scholarships. Gifts should be sent to the ESA Foundation.

St Jude Coordinator: Dana Terry for Julene Donnay

Power of Connection national collection drive for St. Jude. All are invited to come together virtually on March 28th to see what we have collected, hear from a special guest at ALSAC and learn firsthand just how these items can positively impact patients and families at St. Jude. Go to stjude.org/child-life then select "Toys, Gift Cards and Supplies needed for St. Jude patients" for a list of items that can be collected.

The 2024 ESA/St. Jude Race Day will be on Thursday Night – June 20, 2024 at Running Aces.

Delta Mu is looking for race sponsors, guests to attend and purchase Race Day packets and to attend the wine/spirits tasting. Also looking for several larger Silent Auction and raffle items. A link for reservations and tickets will be available shortly. They also have opportunities for volunteers to help with the event. Please let anyone in Delta Mu know if you can help, donate something or work the event.

The IC challenge at this year's IC Convention is a SOCKHOP and should be a very fun event! It's in Overland Park, KS. The cost to enter is \$200 per person.

Julene's report mentioned that we have over \$5000 in our Treasury (Medtox funds) that needs to be voted on. She suggested using \$200 per member attending IC Convention for the IC Challenge and \$500 to do an ESA Race Day Sponsorship.

Birdie Elkofska, Alpha Sigma made the motion as written by Julene.

Kim LeTendre-Olson, Alpha Zeta, seconded the motion.

Discussion resulted in the following:

Dennis Marler, Gamma Omega, moved to amend the motion on the floor to distribute \$500 for the ESA Race Day sponsorship and the remaining balance be distributed evenly across all members attending IC Convention for the IC Challenge.

Jodi Lang, Alpha Zeta seconded

No further discussion

All voted in favor to pass the motion to amend the motion on the floor.

Then all vote in favor to the amended motion. So \$500 will be for ESA Race Day sponsorship and balance will be evenly distributed for IC Challenge registration/donation for those attending IC Convention.

There was also some further discussion about how to better distribute funds in a timely fashion. Diane Vanusek is going to put something together for the April Membership meeting and/or Convention.

MARC Reps: Kim LeTendre-Olson and Dana Terry for Terri & Julene

Jill Shull, current MARC president, approached us at Leadership regarding the MARC Conference rotation and asked if Minnesota would be willing to host the MARC Conference in 2026 rather than our scheduled year of 2027. The reason for this is that Nebraska advised they can't host as they don't have enough members. Please discuss with your chapters as we will be voting on this at Convention.

We also asked members present what their thoughts were about having a MARC Rep attend our state convention. We heard from both those for them attending and from those that said it doesn't bring any value. After a good discussion, we decided that since we already have it in our budget that we'd have a MARC rep attend, but Dana will reach out to them and have them prepare something of more value than just promoting the MARC Conference.

State Convention Host: Alpha Zeta / Jodi Lang

Thank you to those who have already registered.

Hotel reservations are due by April 18, 2024. Convention registrations are due by April 26, 2024.

We are having a mixer on Friday night: Pizza and Ponies

Saturday lunch is a taco bar and Saturday banquet will be Italian

Attendees are asked to bring ESA pictures, scrapbooks, memorabilia and all your favorite ESA stories to share. We're going to have some fun walking down memory lane!

No other new business

Announcements: Lori Thorpe of Gamma Omega is promoting a social event on Saturday, April 20th at the Lookout in Maple Grove. Come at noon to eat and socialize and hear some good music. Please RSVP to Lori Thorpe. She will be sending out an email blast as well.

Closing ritual said by all

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Dana Terry for Jennie Zafft