

Epsilon Sigma Alpha International

Ohio State Council Convention

May 29 & 30, 2015

Registration began at 7:00PM in West Chester, Ohio for the 67th annual convention hosted by Beta Psi. The mixer began at 8:00PM and Brenda Meyers welcomed everyone on behalf of Beta Psi. She then introduced Brenda “BJ” Voll, I.C. Treasurer, and Pat Ludwig, MARC President who were in attendance. After a game of “Fact or Crap“, they were made Honorary Buckeyes.

President Judi Grefer introduced the outstanding members: Brenda Meyers, Beta Psi; Judi King, Delta Chi; Kathleen Seewer, Gamma Beta; Sharon Roll, Sigma Chi.

2015-2016 Officers:

President.....	Brenda Meyers
Vice President	Joan Farabee
Treasurer	Helen Miracle
Secretary	Beth Laage
Editor.....	Mandy Rowland
Parliamentarian	Becky Karlak
Jr. Past President	Judi Grefer
Corresponding Secretary.....	Kathi Silvey

Council Meeting Bids:

September - Sigma Chi

March - Delta Chi

Convention - None received

After a game of “Fact or Crap” and announcements, everyone was invited to suite #223 for additional social time.

SATURDAY MAY 30, 2015

There was a PPA breakfast at 7:00AM at the hotel restaurant and registration began at 8:00AM for those not in attendance Friday night. This was followed by the opening ceremony rehearsal.

The first general assembly was called to order by Brenda Meyers, and following the flag ceremony she introduced the Ohio State Council President, Judi Grefer who declared the convention in session. All in attendance said the opening ritual.

The Celebration of Life ceremony was held by Joan Farabee. The memorial service / invocation honored the lives of Helen B. Stokes and Arlene Holzman who passed away in 2014. Joan and several other members shared loving memories and fond stories of the women, followed by lighting of the candles and prayer.

Judi Grefer introduced B.J. Voll, International Council Treasurer from Indiana, Pat Ludwig, MARC president from Indiana, Judi King, ESA Membership Corporation Board of Directors, the 2014-2015 Executive Board, the Appointed Officers, a pledge, Brianna Rosenbauer, and Brenda Meyers who is serving as Vice President, Convention Coordinator, and Host Chapter President and Convention Chair.

Sandy Fuller moved the convention rules be adopted as published in the convention brochure. Shirley Krcmar seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Nancy Peck conducted the roll call:

<u>Chapter/City</u>	<u># Votes</u>	<u>Paid Members</u>	<u># Jewels</u>	<u># Pledges</u>	<u># Present</u>
Beta Psi Cincinnati	1	7	7	0	7
Delta Chi Cincinnati	2	18	18	0	6
Delta Gamma Brecksville	1	4	4	0	1
Gamma Beta Dayton	1	6	6	0	3
Gamma Kappa Cincinnati	1	11	11	0	2
Sigma Chi Cincinnati	2	27	25	2	7
Members at Large		0			
Out of State members		2			
Guests		0			
First Time Convention Attendees		1			

Reading of correspondence was an inspirational recorded video message from Charlotte Carloni, ESA Executive Director.

Nancy Peck moved that the minutes of the March, 2015 meeting be accepted as printed. Sandy Fuller seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Kathleen Seewer gave the Treasurer's report:

Balance forward	\$2233.71
Income	<u>\$1890.00</u>
Sub-total	\$4123.71
Expenses	<u>(\$966.23)</u>
Balance on hand	<u>\$3157.48</u>

Judi Grefer presented our IC Representative B.J. Voll, I. C. Treasurer, who is taking care of all our money for the International Council this year. B.J. promoted the upcoming IC convention in Orlando.

Judi presented our MARC Representative President Pat Ludwig who promoted the upcoming MARC conference In Omaha.

Officers' Reports:

President

Judi commented on the new meeting formats that were tried this year and the focus put on Social Media with Mandy Rowland serving as Ohio's first Social Media Char. Judi spoke about the \$1500.00 anonymous gift to O.S.C. for the next ten years. This money is to be used for operating expenses. Judi thanked all the members of the Board for their service as well as the chapter presidents. In closing, Judi reminded the membership to "Pass It (ESA) On" as membership is the key to the future of ESA in Ohio and beyond.

Vice President

Brenda Meyers thanked everyone for her opportunity to attend Leadership.

She reported that Ohio contributed approximately 176 Santa Hugs this year and there have been over 2,600 donated nationally. She encouraged this project for next year.

Editor

Shirley Krcmar asked everyone to send pictures to the editor of the Buckeye Jonquil. She published three Buckeye Jonquils. She used email for the majority of members and she mailed the publication to those without email. Her expenses totaled \$26.08.

Jr. Past President

Kathleen reported on the disaster fund in Mary Lykin's absence. The total received from five Ohio chapters is \$480.00.

Easter Seals

Joan Farabee collected items brought to convention for the Easter Seal Camp. Shirley Krcmar with deliver the donations to the camp.

ESA Foundation

Sandy Fuller reported that Ohio got two new members this year, Beth Laage and Phyllis Murphy, both from Delta Chi. Judi Grefer of Beta Psi became a lifetime member. The monies contributed to the Foundation totaled \$3,910 and they were given for scholarship endowments, dues and money sent through the turnaround fund. She encouraged everyone to become a member.

ESA for St. Jude Jr. and Sr.

Beth Laage and LuAnne Burke reported on St. Jude. Between IC challenge, the St. Jude walk, the Dream Home, the radiothon, and individual chapter fundraisers, Ohio raised \$589,571.62 and contributed 1,617 hours. The "Break the Bank for St. Jude" project raised \$769.00 in the piggies. The pigs were then auctioned for an additional \$110.00.

MARC Representatives

Shirley Krcmar and Brenda Meyers reported that they attended the conference in Madison, Wisconsin this past October and that they will be attending the meeting held at the IC convention in July. They were proud to support the \$250.00 donation to St. Jude from the MARC treasury and they voted for payment of the Fidelity Insurance bond that covers MARC. They reminded everyone that we are all members of MARC and no dues are charged. There are now 12 states in MARC with the recent additions of Kansas and Oklahoma and they encouraged everyone to attend the conference.

Membership Chair

Judi King reported that Sigma Chi's membership has increased 30% this year. She recognized Sharon Roll for pledging 97 members. Two new members present at convention were Brianna Rosenbaur of Sigma Chi and Angie Schultz of Beta Psi. Judi stated that although collegiate chapters are growing, community chapters are aging and she stressed the importance of pledging new members.

Philanthropic

Joan Lochtefeld (Miss ESA) reported that members have greatly improved in reporting their hours and chapters have initiated new and creative projects. MS was the leader in state projects this year with \$4,150.00 in donations. Other service went to Hope for Heroes, American Cancer, Special Olympics, Cystic Fibrosis, Therapy Cincinnati, and Pregnancy Center East. In all, donations for the state totaled \$559,054.00 and volunteer hours totaled 3,034.

Ways and Means

Split the Pot will be held at lunch along with a Beta Psi raffle.

Webmaster

Judi Grefer requested that members send her pictures for publication on the Ohio website and

she intends to add some features to the website.

Unfinished Business:

Kathleen Seewer moved that we accept the 2015 - 2016 proposed budget as printed in the Spring issue of the Ohio Buckeye Jonquil and revised and distributed via email on 4/28/15 and subsequently amended today. Shirley Krcmar seconded the motion and Nancy Peck proceeded with roll call:

<u>Chapter/City</u>	<u>#Votes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Beta Psi, Cincinnati	1		1
Delta Chi, Cincinnati	2		2
Delta Gamma, Brecksville	1		1
Gamma Beta, Dayton	1		1
Gamma Kappa, Cincinnati	1		1
Sigma Chi, Cincinnati	2		2

The proposed philanthropic projects selected by the chapters were; Alzheimer’s, Multiple Sclerosis, JDRF, and The Cure Starts Now. The votes were as follows:

<u>Chapter/City</u>	<u>Alzheimer</u>	<u>JDRF</u>	<u>Multiple Sclerosis</u>	<u>The Cure Starts Now</u>
Beta Psi, Cincinnati	1		1	
Delta Chi, Cincinnati		2		2
Delta Gamma, Brecksville	1			1
Gamma Beta, Dayton		1		1
Gamma Kappa, Cincinnati	1			1
Sigma Chi, Cincinnati	2		2	

The state philanthropic projects for 2015 - 2016 are Alzheimer and Multiple Sclerosis.

Brenda Meyers presented the slate of nominations of officers:

- Vice President.....Joan Farabee
- Treasurer.....Helen Miracle
- Secretary.....Beth Laage
- Editor.....Mandy Rowland
- Parliamentarian.....Becky Karlak
- Jr. Past President.....Judi Grefer
- Corresponding Secretary.....Kathy Silvey

Having no nomination from the floor, nominations for all elected offices were closed.

Brenda Meyers announced the council meetings:

- September Sigma Chi
- March Delta Chi
- Convention _____

Due to the “no bid” for convention for the second year, there was discussion about changing standing rule #5. The motion was made and seconded that the executive board shall assume responsibility for the annual convention. Roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Brenda announced that the planning meeting will be held on June 27th at the Enquirer Building in Cincinnati. Additional details will be sent.

B.J. Voll, IC Treasurer, announced that she has chosen Beth Laage for the IC award for unique commitment to excellence in ESA Ohio.

The assembly was adjourned.

Presentation of awards followed the luncheon, raffle and split the pot. The award winners are attached.

Workshop #1: Build a Snowman

B.J. Voll conducted a workshop with the theme of building membership. She likened a melting snowman to current ESA membership and provided material for us to build a snowman. At each step of building the snowman there were discussions about: what keeps us in ESA, what would a potential member see in your chapter, the benefits of ESA, why members come and go, and how to bring people back.

Workshop # 2: Social Media

We were introduced to the hashtag "because of ESA". Each person finished that sentence by writing their thoughts on a large poster and pictures were taken for posting on Facebook. You can type #becauseofESA in Facebook search and view the photos.

Installation and Banquet

The Officers were installed in a lovely ceremony. Afterward they danced to “ Happy!” Joan Farabee gave a wonderful invocation and dinner was served.

After introducing Brianna Rosenbauer of Sigma Chi and Rebecca Tripp from St. Jude, President Judi Grefer introduced the 2015 - 2016 Ohio State Council Elected Officers:

President.....	Brenda Meyers
Vice President	Joan Farabee
Recording Secretary	Beth Laage
Treasurer	Helen Miracle
Editor.....	Mandy Rowland
Parliamentarian	Becky Karlak
Junior Past President	Judi Grefer
Corresponding Secretary.....	Kathi Silvey

After dinner, the Greater Cincinnati area ALSAC Representative Rebecca Tripp spoke. She thanked everyone for all the hard work we have done for St. Jude and stressed how vital ESA is to ALSAC.

Mandy Rowland asked that everyone send her pictures for the first issue of the Buckeye Jonquil.

President Judi Grefer, in closing remarks, reminded us that last year she gave us three pebbles with ESA printed on them. We were to give away two of them and keep one as a reminder that it is important to invite people to become members. She thanked the officers, especially those accepting their first position on the state board, the chapter presidents, the hosting chapters and the anonymous benefactor for everything they have done this past year. She recited a heartwarming story around her theme of "Pass It On".

Pat Ludwig came forward to oversee the raising and lowering of the gavels.

Brenda Meyers gave her Acceptance Speech, her theme is Connect Thru ESA.

B.J. Voll called on the past Ohio presidents and everyone had a good laugh while Judi Grefer was inducted in the PPA and the PPA Officers were installed.

The 2015 - 2016 Elected and Appointed Officers were again presented and applauded.

The only announcement was from Judi reminding everyone about the planning meeting on June 27th.

Brenda Meyers officiated over the Recession of the Flags.

The Closing Ritual concluded the convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Peck
Ohio State Council Recording Secretary

OHIO STATE COUNCIL
2015 Convention Awards

Chapter Educational/Gold Link Award

Beta Psi
Sigma Chi
Gamma Beta

Nancy Waymire Philanthropic

MONIES per member

2nd Beta Psi
1st Delta Gamma

Jerri Greiger Philanthropic HOURS

per member

2nd Gamma Kappa
1st Delta Gamma

Arlene Holzman Philanthropic

MONIES per chapter

2nd Delta Chi
1st Delta Gamma

Shirley Krcmar HOURS per chapter

2nd Delta Chi
1st Sigma Chi

Easter Seals

Monies and hours... Delta Gamma

Gamma Lambda St. Jude Award

MONIES per member

2nd Beta Psi
1st Delta Gamma

Gamma Lambda St. Jude Award

HOURS per member

2nd Delta Gamma
1st Sigma Chi

JDRF Monies

Delta Gamma

JDRF Hours

Gamma Beta

MS Hours

Sigma Chi

MS Monies

Sigma Chi

Hildagard Brooke Award

Carol Hazelett

Improved Membership

Sigma Chi