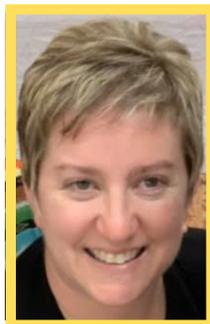


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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE ILLINOIS STATE COUNCIL

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Adrian Sperduto

2020-2021 President

I don't know about anyone else, but Fall is by far my favorite season. I am a big Halloween fan so as soon as the first of October hits, my house is all decked out and ready for the spooky fun! As the leaves change and the temperature cools, I look forward to all the fun ahead.

I had meant to send out an email with the recording and pdf of the Convention/Fall Board event, but as 2020 seems to do all too often, I had a few snafus with getting the video downloaded and ready to send out. But never fear! I have conquered the Zoom video and am including it in this report. If you are interested in watching the video, [click here](#) to access it. If watching a 3 hour meeting on video doesn't sound your speed (and trust me, I totally understand after all the time I spend on my computer during the day) you can [click here](#) to see the presentation that was used during the meeting. The short videos that are included in the presentation should work so please do take a minute to watch those. Some were informative and some were just plain fun.



I attended the MARC virtual fall meeting in October and it went really well. Congratulations to our IL members who are serving on the MARC Executive Board for the upcoming year- Kim Poling as Vice President/President Elect and Jill Shull as Treasurer. We know you will do an awesome job and represent IL well. Keep your calendars open for MARC 2021, October 8th-10th in Wichita, KS so we can support Kim as she becomes the MARC President!

You will be receiving (if you have not already!) a survey from me about what, as a state, we might like to do as some fun “virtual get-togethers”. Many states are doing some really fun things and I would love for us to give them a try. Once I have a decent number of responses I will be working on setting up some fun things for us to do in the upcoming months so keep an eye out for that if I haven’t sent it already!

Lastly, as I mentioned in the last ESA'ly Yours, Leadership will be held February 25th-27th, 2021. They have decided to hold the meeting virtually, so this would be a great opportunity to attend at a price that is much less than what it would be since there is no travel or hotel needed. The early bird registration price (if you register before Jan 1st) is only \$145. That price includes not only your registration fee, but also some virtual conference materials, a conference Care Kit that will be mailed to you and access to exclusive leadership development sessions that are taking place on Feb. 7th. [Click here](#) for all information as well as the link to register for the event.

As the year continues, please keep letting me know of events or activities your chapter may be organizing or taking part in and I will do what I can to get out to everyone, either in person or virtually.

Take Care all!



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People rarely succeed unless they have fun
in what they are doing.

20-21 Appointed Board



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Keep your face always toward the sunshine and shadows will fall behind you.



Treasurer's Report

With our clocks set back, we have more light later in the day. The weather is getting cooler, snow isn't that far off. And with the cool weather we get nature's beautiful paintings of color. As leaves change colors reds, golds, and yellows are all around us. I hope you all have found a way to get out and enjoy the wonderful scenery.



Due to Covid-19, we adapted and had our Fall Meeting and Convention on September 12. We met via Zoom, an online video chat program. It was great to see friends we have missed because of Covid-19. At the meeting I presented the fall Treasurer's Report which is enclosed with this newsletter. Adrian and her helpers did a wonderful job getting everything set up. Thank you!

As for dues, we have two chapters who have not gotten their dues in to ISC or IC as of writing this. I have contacted them and they will be getting them out to the appropriate places right away so all is good. Thank you members.

As of right now, I am by myself on the Budget committee and would like 1 or 2 more committee members to look at the budget for next year. We have had a reduction in membership the past couple of years. Losing EIU was a loss of around \$1000+ to our budget. I also realize that the total line budgets are not always spent, such as last year when we had no convention costs. This has been good for our budget. I'm enclosing the final budget for this year with changes from year's spring and fall meetings. Please contact me about being a member of the budget committee.

Have a safe and Happy Holidays,
Sharon



**ESA - ILLINOIS STATE COUNCIL
Convention/Fall Members Meeting
TREASURER'S REPORT
September 12, 2020**

BALANCE - June 10, 2020 **\$ 20,486.39**

RECEIPTS

Dues - 76 @ \$15.00	\$	1,140.00
Chapter Assessments – 8 @ 25.00	\$	200.00
Interest - June	\$	0.18
Interest - July	\$	0.17
Interest - August	\$	0.17

TOTAL RECEIPTS **\$ 1,340.52**

TOTAL INCOME: **\$ 21,826.91**

DISBURSEMENTS

Budget	Check			Amount
Account	number	Date	Paid To / Discription	
6011	1219	9/8/2020	Bob Oetting & Assoc. / Board Policy Renewal	\$ 137.00
	1220	9/8/2020	Zoom 1 yr Subscript for 2	\$ 299.80
5001	1221	9/8/2020	ESA - IC -- ISC dues	\$ 45.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS **\$ 481.80**

BALANCE as of September 11, 2020 **\$ 21,345.11**

Total Number of members paid = 76
 Total Number of MALs paid = 0
 Total Number of Chapters paid = 8

Date Paid Chapter (Members # - If Date Paid is blank, last years #)

9/11/2020 Alpha Alpha (8) #5266
 Alpha Beta(142) #B153 (ISU)
 Alpha Chi (85) #B197 (SIU-E)
 Alpha Epsilon #B117 (EIU) Chapter only

8/1/2020 Alpha Upsilon (15) #644
 Beta Eta(9) #3696
 Beta Kappa(6) #5613

9/8/2020 Beta Mu(12) #4199

9/5/2020 Beta Psi(8) #4062

9/8/2020 Beta Zeta(14) #4061

8/27/2020 Delta Chi (5) #5546

9-10-020 Epilson Zeta(4) #2668
 Gamma Chi(12) #4289
 Omega Nu (21) #5382

8/28/2020 Xi Chi (10) #5456

Respectfully Submitted,
 Illinois State Council
 Epsilon Sigma Alpha
 Sharon Nichols, Treasurer

ESA ISC FINAL BUDGET 2020-21

LINE	ACCT	DESCRIPTION	2019-2020 Final Budget	2019-2020 Actual	2020-2021 Final Budget	Notations for Actual
	2000	INCOME				
1	2001	Individual Membership Dues -500 @ \$15	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 5,102.50	\$ 7,500.00	353 Members
2	2002	Chapter Assessments - 13 @ \$25	\$ 425.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 325.00	13 Chapters
3	2003	Members-At-Large - 5 @ \$15	\$ 60.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 75.00	
4	2004	Convention Shared Profit	\$ 100.00	\$ 381.09	\$ 100.00	2019 1/2 Convention Profit
5	2006	Interest - Checking	\$ -	\$ 4.49	\$ -	Aug - July
6	2007	Donations & Misc.	\$ -	\$ 5.00	\$ -	Reimbursement of a check NSF Fee
7						
		TOTAL - 2000 ACCOUNT	\$ 8,085.00	\$ 5,883.08	\$ 8,000.00	
	5000	EXPENDITURES - DUES				
8	5001	International Council Assessment Fee - (Due 8/1)	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	
		TOTAL - 5000 ACCOUNT	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	
	6000	EXPENDITURES - EXECUTIVE BOARD EXPENSES				
9	6001	State Pres Travel & Registration to IC Convention/Current Yr	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,200.00	President will drive to KY, lower travel this year.
10	6002	State President Travel & Registration to MARC	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	
11	6003	President/Corresponding Secretary		\$ -	\$ -	
12	6004	Yearbook/Rosters		\$ -	\$ -	
13	6005	President Elect Travel & Registration to Leadership	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 973.96	\$ 1,000.00	
14	6006	President Elect/Membership Director	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00	
15	6009	Recording Secretary	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00	
16	6010	Treasurer	\$ 25.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 25.00	NSF Bank Fee that was later paid back by Chapter.
17	6011	Treasurer's Bond (renews every August)	\$ 135.00	\$ 137.00	\$ 137.00	increased \$2.00 **
18	6012	Parliamentarian/By-Laws	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00	
19	6013	Workshop Coordinator	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00	
20	6014	President's Full Crown Pin (treasurer orders)	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00	
21	6015	President Elect-Nominations Chair	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00	
22	6016	Past President - Disaster Fund Chair	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00	
23	6017	IC Convention Gifts	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	
24	6019	Web Master Weeby 2 yr Subscription	\$ 160.00	\$ 125.70	\$ -	\$160 in 2021-2022
25	6020	Zoom 2 slot 1 year Subscription			\$ 350.00	Added line **
		TOTAL - 6000 ACCOUNT	\$ 3,695.00	\$ 1,241.66	\$ 3,587.00	
	7000	EXPENDITURES - APPOINTED OFFICERS EXPENSES				
26	7001	Awards Chair	\$ 50.00		\$50.00	
27	7002	Chaplain	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$75.00	
28	7003	Collegiate Chair	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$20.00	
29	7005	Easter Seals Chair	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$10.00	
30	7006	Educational Director	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$10.00	
31	7007	ESA'ly Yours Co-Editors	\$ 500.00		\$500.00	
32	7008	Historian	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$100.00	
33	7009	Philanthropic Chair	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$10.00	
34	7010	Outstanding Youth Award	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$50.00	
35	7011	Social Chair	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$10.00	
36	7011	St Jude Coordinator - Senior	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$10.00	
37	7011	ESA Foundation Counselor	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$10.00	
38	7011	Distinguished Achievement Award	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$50.00	
		TOTAL - 7000 ACCOUNT	\$ 905.00	\$ -	\$905.00	
	8000	EXPENDITURES - MEETINGS & MISC EXPENSES				
38	8001	Convention Start-Up	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	Didn't use and returned it
39	8002	Convention Registration for Executive Board	\$ 920.00		\$ 920.00	
40	8003	Convention Registration for Appointed Board *	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00	
41	8004	Misc/Memorial	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ 20.00	
42	8005	Donation - Camp New Hope (General Donation)	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	
43	8006	Donation - Easter Seals	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	
44	8007	Donation - St Jude Children's Research Hospital	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	
45	8008	Overpayment of Dues or Assessment by Chapters	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
46	8010	Installation of Officers at Annual Convention	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00	



President Elect

Happy Fall!

My name is Misty Douglas and I have been a member of ESA for 5 years. A little about myself – I am a mom to four wonderful kids (soon to 7) and fiancé to Rod. I work for Consolidated Communication as a payroll administrator and on any given weekend, you can find me following Rod’s band, Feudin Hillbilly’s. Some might call me a groupie!

I am eager to finally get this new ESA year started as I serve in the role of President-Elect. I have two main hats that I will wear this year, membership and slating the officers for next year. I am highly motivated to grow Illinois’ membership and retention rate. We have been dealt quite a bit this year with this pandemic and have had to change the way we meet as a chapter and even as a state. With that being said, Adrian and I want new faces, fresh ideas, and most importantly fun-loving talented people to serve the state in 2021-2022. We need YOU! Whether you have been a member for 1 year or 20 years everyone can help the state grow!

Omega Nu hosted a “Let’s Taco Bout ESA” rush and gained 3 new members and a reinstatement! New members are vital to keep the spirit of ESA alive and growing! Visit IC’s Member Center for great ideas to stay connected whether in person or virtually! Be sure to get your mid-year report to me by December 15! How are you staying connected through all of this? If you have not started using things like FaceTime, Zoom, Skype or any of the other programs to reach out to friends and family, you should try them out. I have found it to be an essential part of not just my work but to keep me connected to those that I love that doesn’t require being out in public. If any of you are interested in learning about these particular programs and how to use them, please feel free to reach out to me by email! I’m happy to give a tutorial on most of them! Take walks, get some exercise, read books, paint a picture. Anything that brings you joy in this time. Take care of not just your mental health but your physical as well.

Let’s make the rest of 2020 a good one – until next time, stay healthy!

SpeakESA'ly,

Misty Douglas





Parliamentarian Report

Hope everyone is enjoying these beautiful fall days with the gorgeous red, yellow, orange leaves on the trees and bushes. In these unprecedented times, the executive boards from 2019-2021 have taken some extraordinary steps to keep the ESA Illinois State Council going & intact, please rest assured we are taking every step to follow and be governed by our bylaws, standings, and Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised. We are currently reviewing the bylaws to make the following proposals:

- executive officers serving more than one year
- steps for outlining steps to be taken for electronic voting in case we cannot meet in person, etc.
- steps outlining the dissolution of the council (just to have, we are not going anywhere)

If there are any other changes that you would like to be explored, please send my way to review. The form for proposed changes is on the website under the secure members only section at

[https://www.esa-](https://www.esa-illinois.org/uploads/1/2/5/9/12596984/proposed_bylaw_and_standing_rule_changes.pdf)

[illinois.org/uploads/1/2/5/9/12596984/proposed bylaw and standing rule changes.pdf](https://www.esa-illinois.org/uploads/1/2/5/9/12596984/proposed_bylaw_and_standing_rule_changes.pdf) and is due by email to [jamiea2@gmail.com](mailto:jamiaea2@gmail.com) or regular mail to 1711-G King Drive Normal, IL 61761 by February 1. All proposed changes will be voted on by the executive board in March, published in the ESA'ly Yours Spring 2021 issue and on the website. They will also be sent to chapter presidents to share with all members, and past state presidents. If approved by the executive board, the proposals will be voted on at the annual convention in June 2021.

Happy Holidays to you & yours!

Jamie Atchison

Chaplain Report



I hope this finds everyone well. The only card I have sent was to Celia Cordaro from Cincinnati Ohio on her 99th Birthday. Today I sent condolences to the family of Marilyn Knuth. She will be missed. If you need a card sent or online condolences, congratulations, thinking of you, get well or any other occasion. Please let me know.

**ESA Love & Hugs,
Vickie King**



Philanthropic Report

Happy Fall All,

Hope this finds you well and preparing for the winter months ahead. Our year of philanthropy has started a little differently so far. Even though things have gotten off to a slow start, I know that chapters are working hard and creating news ideas for making a difference while navigating these crazy last few months. Please contact me and let me know if your chapter has any new and creative ideas!

“Life is a gift, and it offers us the privilege, opportunity, and responsibility to give something back by becoming more.” Tony Robbins

“We make a living by what we get but we make a life by what we give.” Winston Churchill

Keep making a difference and stay safe.

Kim Haverkamp

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St Jude Director

About a month ago, my husband's niece, age 39, had her very first mammogram and was diagnosed with breast cancer. Her distraught mother said, "How can this happen to someone so young?" My husband surprised me when he said to his sister, "Cancer doesn't discriminate because of age. Think of all the children at St. Jude's!"

ESA members are always thinking about the kids at St. Jude's. This past year, Illinois chapters raised over \$600,000 to help in their fight. Kudos to Alpha Alpha and Alpha Upsilon for already booking events this year.

In September, I attended a webinar hosted by IC ESA For St. Jude Director Mackeigan Wuest. As I mentioned in my ISC Convention report, she had lots of information about hosting or participating in fundraising events. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me. Most importantly, **FILL OUT THE BOOKED EVENT AND COMPLETED EVENT FORMS** so your chapter can get the proper credit.

Wishing you and yours blessings for a happy and healthy holiday season!

Suzi Coffman





MARC Report

Since we last met, on October 20th the Indiana State Council hosted the 2020 MARC “Rollin on the River” Virtual Conference. For a more detailed report, please refer to the MARC website. The Flag Ceremony was conducted by 2018–2019 IC President Kim Kummer. Denise Hagerty presented the Celebration of Life. The Rules of the Meeting were approved as presented by Parliamentarian Rose Wagner. President Linda Schmidt shared her theme “Taking Chances”. Recording Secretary Kim Poling noted the Minutes of the August 4th Meeting were published on the reMARC website. The Roll Call was taken by Recording Secretary Kim with 28 State President’s and MARC Representatives present. There was a total of 103 members present. The Treasurer’s report was presented as of September 22, 2020 and filed for audit. Bonnie Templeton, Treasurer, presented the 2020–2021 Proposed Budget. After discussion on the travel reimbursement, the proposed budget was accepted. Parliamentarian Rose Wagner and President Linda Schmidt noted there would not be any bylaw changes at this conference. The updates did not go out to all of the members within the allowed timeframe. These bylaw changes will be presented at the October 2021 MARC Conference.

The 2020–2021 MARC Officer Candidates, with qualifications, were presented by Past MARC President Deb Vercellano and approved. The new Officers are the following:

Brenda Fields, President
Kim Poling, VP/President Elect
Bonnie Templeton, Secretary
Jill Shull, Treasurer
Jill Richards, Parliamentarian
Sandy Hongerholt and
Birdie Elkofska, Co-Communicator
Linda Schmidt, Past President

Messages were received from Charlotte Carloni, ESA Executive Director and International Council President LeAnn Wray. Amanda Rowland, MARC Hope for Heroes Chair, reported on several projects for our veterans. Foundation Chair Brittany Hillard Rosenmund thanked all of the members who supported the gift card raffle. As of today, \$800.00 has been raised. ReMARC Co-Communicators, Sandy and Birdie, said a reminder will be sent to the State Presidents for articles.

The IC Executive Board presented information on the 2021 "Church Hill Downs" IC Convention. It will be held in Louisville, KY, July 28th – August 1st. Registration will be available soon on the website.

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On October 8–9, 2021 our ‘Leadership, Lyrics and Laughter’ MARC Conference will be held in Witchta, KS. The theme will center around ‘Rydell High’/Grease. Registration information will be in the reMARC newsletter.

Ways and Means Co-Chairs Jill Shull and Jill Richards drew the winning ticket for the 'Mysterious and Remarkable Container' Mystery Box. Alan Buenker, Indiana won over \$500.00 worth of goodies! Congratulations!

The Closing Remarks were shared by Denise Hagerty. Rosalee Echele, Kathy Loyd and Kim Mandrell installed 2020-2021 MARC President Brenda Fields and her Executive Board. President Brenda shared her theme: 'Life is a Beautiful Ride....Take a Ride with MARC' and introduced her Appointed aboard.

Make a Difference! ESA allows us Friendship, Laughter and Leadership Skills.

With the Holidays fast approaching and 2020 being the year of challenges, I wish all of my MARC Sisters and Brothers the gift of Good Health and Laughter.

"Hugs",

Kathleen

Dates to Remember:

October – Recruitment month

November 13th – Family Feud Night. Any Chapter who had a new member join ESA by October 31st will be invited to participate.

December – virtual Memphis Marathon

February 27th-28th, 2021 – virtual Leadership Conference

September 23rd-26th, 2021 – Young Leader's Elite Retreat





Foundation Report

Since June first, Illinois has one new individual member for the ESA Foundation. YEAH!

Our members have made contributions to the Fun Fest (that would have taken place at IC) and a total of \$500 for Endowments: Charles and Phyllis Lester Eagle Scout, Illinois State/Charles B. Atchison, Leora Walton/Iowa State, MARC, and MARC Purple Heart. YEAH! The donation form is on the website. OR I'll be glad to mail you one, or several.

Do you see something missing? The turn around funds. But how does that work? You and/or your chapter wish(es) to donate to a charitable cause. That's one of our ESA reasons for being. Raise the funds, get the tax exempt number (EIN) from the charity (as well as correct name and address), designate the amount to be given, write a check payable to the ESA Foundation, complete the donation form, and mail it. Yes, there are sixteen spaces on the form, so you may send one check for all recipients.

Quickly, the angels at Headquarters will cut checks for each of the charities with an envelope and send them back to you. Then you have the opportunity to present the donation in person or by mail. Simple. We've done it many times. What good does this do? It helps the Foundation maintain its tax exempt status by increasing the amount of funds it handles. But how does that work? I don't understand all of it, but just do it. I don't understand the IRS either but just follow my CPA's advice.

May winter find you in good health.

Lurene Connor





Hope for Heroes

Greetings Friends.

November has arrived and ESA has a strong history of supporting our veterans all year but especially in November. If you are not aware, LeAnn Wray has put her focus on Veterans programs this year. Julene Donnay has been sharing information about several programs which include Welcome Home Vets, Folds of Honor and Wreaths Across America.

The Welcome Home Vets program is not established in Illinois. If you have an active Elks chapter in your area you can talk to them and see if they can assist you in getting something going. What I found is the Salvation Army does help homeless vets with a similar program. Contact the Salvation Army at <https://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/serve-veterans/> The SA in Mattoon welcomes our help and Alpha Upsilon and Omega Nu are both on board to assist. They have grants but some things are not eligible under the grant like towels and washcloths.

Folds of Honor is a program offering scholarships to children of veterans. If you have an extra \$10 send it to them. We also support a scholarship for veterans thru MARC which Chip Shaffer helped establish when he was the MARC HFH. There are lots of opportunities to support veteran's scholarships. Ask me and I'll get you the info you need.

I discovered that Wreaths Across America does not have to be a military cemetery. I am gathering info to see what the cost and expectations are for any cemetery. I'll keep you posted.

Want to keep your donations local? Call the VFW or the American Legion in your area and ask what they need. Send Chip or Fran Harris Shaffer an email and ask what Camp Hope needs. Bake some cookies or gather some magazines and drop them off at the local VA office. Call a nursing home and ask if there is a veteran in need of anything. We are blessed with many freedoms in the United States, thank a Vet for their sacrifices!

**ESA Hugs,
Celeste**





IC Parliamentarian

Greetings Friends.

I hope you are all aware that the Bylaw Committee for the International Council has been working on revisions. On October 5th I sent the proposed revisions to Wray's Rockett's and Terri's Treasures and asked the presidents to distribute them to their members. I know Adrian sent them out in Illinois. Thank you, Adrian.

There has been much discussion concerning the proposed revisions. The bylaw committee has listened to all comments and taken them into consideration. We are currently revisiting the proposed revisions. I appreciate everyone who contacted me and shared their reasoning. I ask you to please read the current bylaws. If you have a proposed change send it to me by January 1, 2021. All proposed revisions will be presented at the International Council Convention in Louisville KY in July 2021.

I am asking for the support of the Illinois State Council once again. I am submitting my application to run on the IC Board for 2021-2022. Who knew last October, 2019, that I would be installed virtually as IC Parliamentarian in Dalena's family room with a few of my Omega Nu sisters present. Who knew that the IC Executive Board would not be able to meet in person for all of 2020. Who knew that ZOOM would be the new meeting go to.

I pray 2021 will hold a cure for COVID so we can all be together again.

Agape,
Celeste



Illinois State Council Convention and Fall Gathering Zoom Meeting

The Illinois State Council Convention and Fall Gathering was called to order by Adrian Sperduto, ISC President, with the reading of the Opening Ritual and Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Thoughts were read by Adrian Sperduto on behalf of Vicki King, ISC Chaplain

Welcome – Adrian welcomed Kim Kummer, IC Rep; Rose Wagner, MARC Rep; Lanie Lass of Iowa, C Alex Hazen of New Mexico and Claudia Hatton, Wisconsin.

Roll Call – Roll call was taken from the Zoom list of participants.

Messages from Guests – Kim Kummer, IC Rep, reminded everyone that the Tax Facts form was due September 15, 2020. Each chapter must complete a Tax Facts for tax free status. She noted that IC was reviewing the Bylaws and to watch for any changes down the road. She reminded members to join the Coffee Chats held by Leann Wray and Tracy Swanson at 10 am and 6 pm on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Kim encouraged everyone to consider running for IC office. September is Member Retention Month and October is Member Recruitment. The IC President's challenge is that any chapter recruiting at least one new member will be invited to participate in a Family Feud game. Kim noted that St. Jude is struggling with donations at this time and she encouraged everyone to participate in the Virtual Walk/Run for St. Jude. The goal for each person to participate is \$1,972. That is the year that the ESA/St. Jude partnership was born.

Rose Wagner, MARC Rep, reminded everyone of the MARC meeting to be held October 10, at 9 am via Zoom. Participants should register on the website. The password is ESAMARC1985. This year, as MARC is not meeting in person, there will be a drawing for a Mystery Box worth over \$300. Tickets are \$10 each and money should be sent to Jill Shull, Omega Nu. She noted that the proposed MARC budget was online for review. A link to the Zoom meeting will be sent out a week before the conference.

Minutes of the Fall 2019 Board Meeting

The minutes of the Spring Gathering 2020 were recorded and published in the Summer issue of the ESA's *ly Yours*. Misty Douglas, Omega Nu, moved that the minutes be accepted as printed. Maria Bingheim, Epsilon Zeta, seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Rules of the Meeting -- The Rules of the Meeting were emailed prior to the meeting. Jamie Atchison, ISC Parliamentarian, moved that the rules be adopted as presented. Maria Bingheim, Epsilon Zeta, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Parliamentarian Report – Jamie Atchison, ISC Parliamentarian, reported on a proposed rule change to allow the Executive Board positions to serve a 2-year term or until a successor is elected. Jamie is reviewing other states' bylaws that include such a provision. In addition, a rule will be added to allow for ISC to operate electronically. There will also be an addition on a procedure to dissolve the Council. This Bylaw change will be presented in the Spring and voted on in June. All proposed Bylaw and Standing Rule changes are due February 1, 2020.

Treasurer's Report

Sharon Nichols, ISC Treasurer, presented the financials. The beginning balance was \$20,486.39. Receipts were \$1,340.52. Interest for June – August was \$.52. A total of \$137 was written to Bob Oetting and Associates for the Bond Policy Renewal. A one-year subscription to Zoom was paid at \$299.80. A check for \$45 was sent to IC for the state's dues. This left a balance as of September 11, 2020 of \$21,345.11.

Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

President Elect – Misty Douglas, President-Elect, presented ways to keep members engaged during this strange season. She encouraged all chapters to look at ways to meet and have fun during the pandemic. Take it outdoors is one way by playing cornhole, lawn bowling, charades, Pictionary or password on the patio or driveway with sidewalk chalk. Games can also be played on line, such as trivia, charades, or bingo. Misty reiterated the IC challenge of earning an invitation to Family Feud for each chapter having at least one person sponsor a new community member.

Past President – Kathleen Grissom, ISC Past President, announced that Illinois contributed \$2,432.13 to the Disaster Fund in the 2019-2020 year. Seven community chapters, the ISC, and one collegiate chapter donated.

Workshop Coordinator

Kim Haverkamp, ISC Workshop Coordinator presented "Bridging Our Worlds of ESA."

Chaplain

In the absence of Vicki King, ISC Chaplain, Adrian encouraged everyone to send any requests for cards to Vicki King.

ESA for St. Jude – Suzi Coffman, ISC St. Jude Chair, stated that booked and completed Event Forms must be filled out completely and sent to ALSAC. The Completed Event Form should show the total amount of money raised, not just what was credited to the chapter. For Virtual Events, chapters must have actively participated to get credit. Use the "Comments" section to explain how the chapter volunteered. When fundraising and/or participating in walk/runs, a Booked and Completed Event form does not need to be completed. If volunteering (such as on a committee or at the event) a form does need to be submitted. There is now a St. Jude Walk/Run app for cell phones, and everything can be done there rather than on the website. The team or personal goal for this year is \$1,972, representing the year the ESA/St. Jude partnership was formed. The Memphis Marathon will be virtual this year and anyone can participate. Events must raise a minimum of \$500 to qualify for a Chairman's Pin and Thank-You letter.

ESA Foundation – Adrian noted that Lurene Conner, Foundation Chair, was promoting donations to the Illinois State Endowment/Charles B Atchison, Jr. Memorial Endowment. These two scholarships have been combined to allow for a larger award. This scholarship consisting of \$1300 was awarded to Katie Zenisek of Montgomery Illinois. The Billy Brockman Memorial Endowment did not receive any qualifying applications this year. The Second Chance Endowment of \$1500 was awarded to Rajiv Kamaria of Skokie, Illinois. There are a total of 50 other scholarships for Illinois residents. There is a charge for each scholarship a student applies for. Any additional monies go in the general scholarship fund.

Historian – The historians would love to have pictures or mementos of activities each chapter participates in for Adrian's scrapbook. Send all contributions to Fran Harris-Shaffer.

Hope for Heroes – Celeste Webb, Hope for Heroes Chair, indicated that the IC President's focus is on a program called Homes for Vets. This group needs household items, such as microwave, towels, etc. Locally, Celeste talked with Connie Jones at the Mattoon VA and they could use no-sew blankets using military-themed material. The Hope 6 program has been put on hold due to Covid-19. Celeste asked that chapters share ideas of what they are doing for Hope for Heroes.

MARC Reps -- Misty Douglas, MARC Rep, reminded members of the Mystery Box that would be raffled off during the MARC meeting. Tickets are \$10 each and money should be sent to Jill Shull, Omega Nu. Prior to the meeting, members should check out the MARC proposed budget, proposed bylaw changes, and proposed Standing Rule changes on the MARC website.

Philanthropic/State Projects – Kim Haverkamp, Philanthropic Chair, reported that monies and hours were down this year due to the pandemic. Chapters are doing their best with the limited resources available. Total reported philanthropic hours for 2019-20 are 6,934 (down from 7,649 in 2018-19). Total monies, including cash, donated goods, and miles, are \$440,232.44 (down from \$652,469.91 in 2018-19), Kim encouraged members to think outside the box for ways to serve their communities.

Social Media/Webmaster – Kami McDonough, Social Media/Webmaster, asked that all website updates, events/pictures, roster updates, etc. be sent to her at esailwebmaster@gmail.com. ESA Illinois has a Facebook page and is on Instagram. In addition, Kami announced a new Facebook group where members can exchange information and have discussions. She will be sending invitations for the new Facebook group soon.

Budget Committee – Sharon Nichols, Budget Committee Chair, stated that, because of Covid-19, the budget for the current year remains the same as last year with two exceptions. One is the addition of the Zoom 2-host subscription at \$350. And the second was an increase in the Bond Policy Renewal from \$135 to \$137. Sharon Nichols moved, seconded by April Pickett, Xi Chi, that the 2020-21 Budget be approved with the two above changes. The motion carried.

Installation – Sharon Nichols, Beta Mu, and Celeste Webb, Omega Nu, performed the installation of the 2020-21 Executive Board. Officers were Adrian Sperduto, President; Misty Douglas, President-Elect; Sharon Nichols, Treasurer; Tricia Bayles, Recording Secretary; and Kim Haverkamp, Workshop Coordinator. Adrian then introduced her Appointed Board. She indicated she still needed an Awards Chair. At that time, Dalena Hall, Omega Nu, offered to serve the Awards Chair. Adrian accepted Dalena's offer.

Passing of the Gavel – Terry Crum, 2019-20 ISC President, virtually passed the gavel to Adrian Sperduto, 2020-21 ISC President.

Unfinished Business – There was no Unfinished Business.

New Business – Regina Considine, Omega Nu moved that Illinois' State Philanthropic Projects be St. Jude, Easter Seals, and Camp New Hope. The motion was seconded by Maria Bingheim, Epsilon Zeta. The motion carried.

Announcements

- Suzi Coffman, Alpha Upsilon, announced that Juanito's Restaurant in Mattoon would be holding a Community Day on September 17 with 10% of the proceeds going to local projects. This applies to both dine in and carry out.
- Tricia Bayles, Beta Mu, stated that her email should be trbayles@gmail.com instead of what was printed in the ESA'ly Yours.
- Adrian stated that the slides from today's meeting would be sent out to members. In addition, there will be a survey for those in attendance.

Closing Thoughts – Adrian Sperduto read Closing Thoughts submitted by Vicki King, Chaplain.

Adrian Sperduto adjourned the meeting with the reciting of the Closing Ritual.

Submitted by Tricia Bayles, IISC Recording Secretary, Electronic Signature



Chapter Chatter

Alpha Alpha

We had the St Jude virtual walk and raised \$100,000 plus! We have very sad news that we have lost our sister, Marilyn Knuth. She was part of ESA as a life long member. We will miss her very much.

Brenda Hainlen



Alpha Upsilon

August was pretty much a month of rest for Alpha Upsilon as we postponed our annual Rummage Sale until after the first of the year. In September, we were finally able to get back to normal (or should I say, the “new normal”?) with our in-person business meeting—socially-distanced, of course! Plans were finalized for the Traffic Stop which was held on September 25-26 and raised over \$2,500 for St. Jude’s. Several members attended the ISC Convention via Zoom and were very impressed with how well it was put together. We were very proud of the recognition the chapter received for its accomplishments in several areas this past year.

We kicked off Rush with a social at Linda Schilling’s and enjoyed touring her new home. Two guests attended the October “Model Meeting”. Though timing is not right for them to join right now, we hope to have them as members in the future. We’re looking forward to our celebration banquet at the Smith House in Tuscola later this month. The Chapter presented the Mattoon Fire Department with dozens of cookies as we have done during Fire Prevention Month for more than 40 years. They were extremely appreciative of this show of support during these trying times. With the COVID restrictions, One Stop Community Christmas has been totally re-vamped this year. So instead of collecting and distributing 5000 pairs of socks, we are collecting gifts for 14-18-year-olds. Several members will help with the One Stop distribution in December.

These days we seem to be surrounded by negativity, so Alpha Upsilon is determined to focus on the positive as we all count our blessings. This holiday season we send best wishes to all our ESA members and their families.

Suzi Coffman



In the photos above: Paula Winchester, Joyce Warner, Linda Schilling, Kathy Brown, Suzi Coffman, Connie Geilman, Kathleen Grissom & Michelle Skinlo are ready to man the corners for St. Jude Traffic Stop

Lois Neff, Paula Winchester, Suzi Coffman, & Kathleen Grissom present cookies to members of the Mattoon Fire Dept.

Chapter Chatter

Beta Mu

Our chapter has been “ZOOMING Our Way Through ESA”, meeting in August, September and October via ZOOM. August was our planning meeting; September we conducted business, and since our educational theme is “Staying In Is the New Going Out”, Edie had us take a YouTube trip, prior to the meeting, on Route 66 from Santa Monica, CA all the way to Chicago, IL., we then shared our favorite memories of the trip; for the October meeting members were to be in costume and/or have their ZOOM surroundings decorated for Halloween or dressed to look like a work of art, since our educational was looking on The Art Institute of Chicago website through their collection and choosing a piece of art to present to the membership ,then business was conducted (several members volunteered to make fleece blankets for the HOPE for HEROS Project and it was determined that the chapter will purchase Christmas items for One Stop Community Christmas). Pecans will be arriving at the beginning of November and sales will go on until they are sold out.

**ESA Hugs,
Barbara Warmoth**



Beta Psi

As reported in earlier issues, we have monthly adventures ... until a pandemic or health issues rose. Our last trip was in March when we found a Bar and Grill in Pocaahontas, MO (I didn't know there was such a town) and they had fish and fries, but I had alligator tail. There we also found the oldest Presbyterian Church and Cemetery west of the Mississippi River. As we traveled the two lane highways, we found the different styles of churches and steeples interesting. In addition to isolation and masks, we were hit with health issues. So we finally were able to travel in October, again to Missouri. Don't attempt to get into a restaurant close to the interstate close to noon ... there's a long wait, with masks. We finally found food. The fall foliage really hadn't begun to change on the way to Bollinger Mill State Park in Burfordville.

The first log mill was built in 1800 on Whitewater River, replaced with stone one that was destroyed during the Civil War. The 1867 stone and brick four story mill continued milling flour and cornmeal until 1953. One of Missouri's four remaining covered bridges is there for you to walk over. Interesting. What will November bring? A celebration?

Lurene Connor



Chapter Chatter

Omega Nu

Happy Fall Everyone,

I hope your fall is going well and maybe some of you are enjoying in-person gatherings. Omega Nu has been very busy this summer and early fall with virtual meetings and some in-person gatherings. We are grateful for our members who have stepped up to accept positions with state, IC, and MARC. Celeste Webb is IC Parliamentarian, and Hope for Heroes ISC Chair, Misty Douglas is ISC president elect and Jill Shull was installed as MARC treasurer.. All of this was done virtually. Many thanks to the talented members who made this possible. Thank you and congratulations ladies!

Omega Nu is proud to have won several awards at our virtual state convention in June. Among the awards was first for St. Jude monies, third place for St. Jude hours, second place for social, and first place for Camp New Hope monies and hours. Way to go ladies!

Special Olympics Family Festival was also held virtually this year and Celeste did an amazing job of getting everyone excited and in the mood with her chicken dance. The annual fundraiser we help sponsor for Special Olympics, Taste of Something Special, was held at the Walkway in Mattoon but it was a little different this year with seating outside and limited entrance inside. The food truck from Don Sol was parked outside rather than having buffet style inside. It was very successful with over \$17,000 raised for Special Olympics. For our Rush social we had a Taco Tuesday night held at the VFW with five guests in attendance. Plans are underway for our annual Witches Walk and the fall banquet.

Stay safe and have a great fall.

Fran Gover, Corresponding Secretary



Celeste Webb
IC Parliamentarian



Jill Shull
MARC Treasurer