

# MINNESOTA STATE COUNCIL of



## 70TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

*It's all about*



**Bunker Hills Park Activities Center**

**Coon Rapids, MN**

**Saturday, June 12, 2021 | 9:00AM – 8:00PM**

**MN State President**

Sandy Dolence

**IC Representative**

LeAnn Wray

**MARC Representative**

Bonnie Templeton

**Convention Chair & Host Chapter**

Julene Donnay - Delta Mu

## A Message from ESA Executive Director, Charlotte Carloni

Dear Minnesota members,

Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful and safe state convention. It brings me such joy to hear that states are getting together - whether it be safely in person or virtually – to celebrate the successes of a year that none of us will soon forget.

No one can deny that this year brought many hardships on us all. However, I think it is also important to see the good things that have come out of these struggles. We have picked up new hobbies, read great books, and embraced a new technology. We have figured out how to host events virtually and were able to participate in conferences and meetings from home. We even pulled off a virtual IC Convention and Leadership event, along with Coffee Chats, Bingo, Family Feud, trivia, and countless chapter and state meetings.

During your convention I hope you will take some time to celebrate how far we have come as an organization during such a difficult year. It would have been so easy to sit back and wait it out, but instead you banded together to figure out how to continue to embrace ESA and all the things you love.

As we move forward to the days when we can begin to get together again and resume our projects, please consider how much you have relied on ESA this past year for friendship, support, and fun, and reach out to those people in your life who might have been missing that. Invite them to a chapter event and show them the joy that is ESA. The truth is this past year has been hard on our organization and we have seen a decrease in new members. Please add a recruitment event to your schedule and plan projects that will involve the community. There are great resources on the ESA website for recruitment parties, both virtual and in person, and I hope you will utilize them this spring.

Enjoy your time together during this convention and I can't wait to see you all soon. Until then, I thank you for all you do in the name of ESA in your communities. ESA is great because of each and every one of our amazing members. Stay safe, stay healthy, and enjoy your time together – you deserve it!

All my best,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Charlotte Carloni". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name and last name clearly legible.

Charlotte Carloni  
ESA Executive Director

## A Message from International Council President, LeAnn Wray



Greetings to my Minnesota ESA family!

I am truly honored and excited to be able to share the weekend with each of you.

On behalf of the International Council board, I would like to congratulate Sandy Dolence and the entire Minnesota membership on continuing to support and move forward with ESA.

This has been quite the year, but we are ESA, and we will survive. I saw many of you on the Coffee Chats over the last year, and I thank you for your support.

As Sandy Hongerholt begins her year as your Minnesota State President, embrace the journey as you go through the next year.

As we gather this weekend, let's celebrate the accomplishments you have achieved, the fun you have shared either via Zoom or in person and keep touching the lives of others. You have made a difference and YOU ALL ROCK!

LeAnn Wray

2020-2021 IC President  
Embrace the Journey with ESA

## A Message from MARC Representative, Bonnie Templeton



Hello! I am so happy to be representing the MARC Board at your Minnesota State Convention!

I'm so glad to be here in person! I look forward to getting to know all of you! I'm looking forward to sharing information on the MARC Conference with you and learning more about what you do in Minnesota! I know it's going to be a wonderful convention and I can't wait to get started!

Bonnie Templeton

MARC Secretary



**2020-2021 Minnesota State Council President, Sandy Dolence**

## Opening Ritual

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

## 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 is our goal and as we go our separate ways, to ever hold aloft the ray from the lamp of learning that those who follow in our footsteps may be guided by its light.

## Rules of the Convention

The Convention shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

1. Motions shall be presented to the chair in the following manner:
  - Madam President (state your name and chapter)
  - Be recognized the chair.
  - State your motion.
2. Main motions must be seconded before voted on and the motion is passed by a majority vote of delegates and/or those present. (Amendments need 2/3 majority of delegates).
3. No business may be entertained after an adjournment of a session. It will not be entertained until a new session has been declared open.

The Parliamentarian shall be on hand to clarify any problem on parliamentary procedure which may arise.

## **First General Assembly**

### **Welcome and Call to Order by President, Sandy Dolence.**

President Sandy led members in the reciting of the Opening Ritual.

**Flag Ceremony – Chaplain, Shirley Laue:** Shirley led a beautiful flag ceremony complete with everyone singing “The Battle Hymn of the Republic” and “My Country Tis of Thee.”

**Memorial Service and Lighting of the Memorial Candle – Chaplain, Shirley Laue:** Lighting of the Memorial Candles was performed by IC President LeAnn Wray, MARC Rep Bonnie Templeton, MN State President Sandy Dolence, MN First Vice President Sandy Hongerholt and Welcome Home Vets (WHV) Chair Betty Marler. Music for the Memorial Service included “On Eagle’s Wings” and closing Hymn, “God Be With You Till We Meet Again.” The service also included a virtual reading of “Footprints in the Sand” and reciting of “The Lord’s Prayer.”

**Welcome to Bunker Hills – Convention Chair, Julene Donnay:** On behalf of Host Chapter Delta Mu, Julene welcomed members and guests to convention. Julene thanked members of Delta Mu for their hard work in putting convention together and outlined the history and amenities of Bunker Hills Regional Park.

### **Introductions - Sandy Dolence:**

IC Representative (President) .....	LeAnn Wray
IC Past President .....	Terri Olson
IC Hope for Heroes .....	Julene Donnay
IC Senior St. Jude Coordinator .....	Sandy Hongerholt
MARC Representative (Secretary) .....	Bonnie Templeton
MARC Co-Communicators.....	Diane Vanusek, Sandy Hongerholt
MARC Audit Committee Chairman (Audit Chair).....	Diane Vanusek
MN First Vice President.....	Sandy Hongerholt
MN Second Vice President/Educational.....	Marcie Haigh
MN Secretary .....	Jackie Swanson
MN Treasurer .....	Kerri Petty
MN Parliamentarian .....	Diane Vanusek
MN Jr. Past President .....	Dennis Marler

In addition to 2020-2021 IC and MARC representatives, and the MN ESA State Council Elected Board members, Sandy also recognized State Council Appointed Board members, Chapter Presidents, Past Minnesota State Presidents and acknowledged guests.

**Roll Call of Delegates - Jackie Swanson, Secretary:** Ten (10) out of twelve (12) delegates were present for roll call. (Refer to Delegates List at end of minutes.)

Introduction of Tellers - Sandy Dolence: Tellers Judy Cummens, Betty Robinson and Dina Strachota were introduced by Sandy and thanked for volunteering to help out.

Rules of Convention and Voting Instructions - Diane Vanusek: Rules of Convention were read and also posted in the agenda. Diane outlined voting instructions in Article VI Sections 7 - 9 for members. With ten (10) delegates present, seven (7) votes were needed to accept or reject any proposed changes.

MOTION: A Motion was made by Marcie Haigh and seconded by Dianne Ocel to adopt the Rules of Convention. Motion carried.

Approval of 2020 Convention Minutes - Jackie Swanson: Jackie moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes since they were approved by a committee. President Sandy stated that no second is required when approved by committee. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Dennis Marler for Kerri Petty:

Balance Forward	<u>\$14,184.49</u>
Receipts	<u>\$20,753.26</u>
Disbursements	<u>\$18,735.09</u>
Balance on Hand	<u>\$16,202.66</u>
Checking	<u>\$16,202.66</u>
Savings (CapOne)	<u>\$ .00</u>

According to the By-Laws, the books will be submitted for audit no later than the first General Membership meeting after July 31, 2021. All receipts and requests for payment need to be submitted prior to July 31, 2021 (please no later than July 15), in order to receive payment. Any receipts submitted for IC convention will be on next year's reports but should still be submitted right away or immediately following IC Convention in July. Please remember to sign the reimbursement form.

Philanthropic State Projects for 2021-2022 - Birdie Elkofsky: The selection of the Minnesota State Philanthropic recipient(s) and the number of projects Minnesota ESA will support for the year is determined by delegate vote. The philanthropic candidates for 2021-2022 are 1) Mano a Mano, 2) Welcome Home Vets, and 3) Wishes & More.

The Philanthropic State Projects for 2021-2022 voting results is as follows:

- The number of projects MN ESA voted to support is two (2).
- The two projects voted in are Welcome Home Vets and Wishes & More.

MedTox/LabCorp Rotation - Dennis Marler for Rhonda Krehl:

MOTION: Dennis Moved that the following be accepted as the 2021-2022 MedTox/LabCorp rotation. The motion was seconded by Birdie Elkofska. Motion carried.

1. Two (2) months each going to St. Jude, ESA Foundation and the General Fund; three (3) months each going to State Project #1, WHV and State Project #2, W&M.
2. MedTox/LabCorp Rotation (based on two (2) state projects) allots the following number of weeks for each fund or project per month:

Apr 2021	4	St. Jude
May	4	ESA Foundation
Jun	5	Welcome Home Vets
Jul	4	General Fund
Aug	5	Wishes & More
Sep	4	Welcome Home Vets
Oct	4	Wishes & More
Nov	5	St. Jude
Dec	4	Welcome Home Vets
Jan 2022	5	ESA Foundation
Feb	4	Wishes & More
Mar	4	General Fund

Unfinished Business: President Sandy Dolence announced that proposed By-Law and Standing Rule changes tabled at the 2020 Virtual Convention will be presented as *Unfinished Business* followed by any 2020-2021 proposed changes.

By-Laws/Standing Rules – Parliamentarian, Diane Vanusek: Diane stated that every member has been provided with a copy of the proposed By-Law and Standing Rule Changes tabled until Convention 2021 from the *2020 Virtual Convention* along with any *2020-2021 proposed changes*. For a motion to be carried or defeated, a two-thirds majority of Delegates in attendance is needed and this was met. Motions were approved by a committee and so a second was not necessary.

With each proposed change, Diane moved for it to be accepted and later read proposed changes one by one as Delegates signified their chapter vote with a raise of their hand.

The parliamentary committee of 2020-21 opted to change the order of proposal presentation since some proposed By-Law Changes could affect other portions of the By-Laws. Proposed changes are briefly outlined for the minutes. (For clarification of context, complete By-Law and Standing Rule Change proposals are included as an email attachment.) In order of presentation, the results from Delegate voting was as follows.

By-Laws – (See complete By-Law and Standing Rule Change proposals.):

1. Tabled Proposed By-Law Change labeled #2 (Eliminate Second Vice President position): Motion carried.



2. Tabled Proposed By-Law Change labeled #1 (Two-year terms for Elected Board): Motion defeated.
3. Tabled Proposed By-Law Change labeled #3 (Regarding two-year terms for Elected Board): Moot after defeated motion.

Standing Rules – (See complete By-Law and Standing Rule Change proposals.):

1. Tabled Proposed Standing Rule Change #1 (Make the Educational/Workshop Chair A critical appointed position.): Motion carried.
2. Tabled Proposed Standing Rule Change #2 (Under Section 6. Secretary – Removal of obsolete items; Medtox Liaison - Medtox/LabCorp consistency issue: Motion carried.
3. Tabled Proposed Standing Rule Change #3 (2-year term as Junior and Senior St. Jude Coordinator): Motion carried.
4. Tabled Proposed Standing Rule Change #4 (Section 8 Critical - Webmaster regarding posting updated and current information to website. Section 9 Non-Critical - Delete Hats for Hope): Motion carried.
5. Tabled Proposed Standing Rule Change #5 (Amending of Standing Rules): Motion carried.
6. Tabled Proposed Standing Rule Secretarial Changes: Motion carried.
7. 2020-21 Proposed Standing Rule Change #1 (Clarification of Junior Past President duties): Motion carried.

First Vice President's Report - Sandy Hongerholt: Sandy thanked those who volunteered to serve on her new Elected and Appointed Boards. There are still a few open positions on the Appointed Board and, also with the vote passed to eliminate Second Vice President, a *new Educational Chair* position will need to be filled. MN ESA and Gamma Omega gained four new members through the Elks.

Nominations from the Floor - Sandy Dolence: There were no nominations from the floor and Sandy declared nominations for all offices closed. MOTION: A Motion to cast a unanimous vote for the nominated officers was made by Jodi Lang and seconded by Lori Thorpe. Motion carried.

Introduction of Slate of Officers for 2021-2022 - Sandy Dolence:

President.....	Sandy Hongerholt
First Vice President / President Elect.....	Marcie Haigh
Secretary.....	Dee Rotering
Treasurer .....	Dennis Marler
Parliamentarian (2nd year).....	Diane Vanusek
Jr. Past President.....	Sandy Dolence

ESsAy Report - Terri Olson: Terri reminded us that the 25th of the month is when articles are due for the ESsAy. She encouraged chapters to report in the ESsAy

since members who are no longer able to participate in ESA, such as Arlene Besemann, love receiving the news. Terri has graciously donated printed issues to members who do not have electronic capability.

ESsAy Bids: Terri Olson, Delta Mu has bid to publish the 2021–2022 ESsAy. Terri said she is more than happy to step aside if someone else would like to be the ESsAy Editor. MOTION: Motion for a unanimous ballot for Terri to publish the 2021–2022 ESsAy was made by Lori Thorpe and seconded by Julene Donnay. Motion carried. There were no bids for publishing the 2022-2023 ESsAy.

2022 State Convention Bids - Sandy Dolence: There was no response when Sandy asked for bids for the 2022 State Convention or a Courtesy Bid for 2023 State Convention. However, later during Convention, Alpha Zeta and Delta Rho Chapters said they would host the 2022 State Convention.

Workshop by Guest Speaker, Paula Schreifels: Paula is an instructor from Club Pilates in Blaine MN. Paula has been teaching and training for 30-plus years in the area of fitness, Pilates and Yoga. She helped to lead us through some very basic Chair Pilates exercises and then we worked on functionally programmed TriggerPoint™ Therapy myofascial release. Everyone received a purple ball and a map of their foot to take home and practice the new techniques.

Recess of 1st General Assembly – President Sandy Dolence.

## **Second General Assembly**

Call to Order of the Second General Assembly by President Sandy Dolence.

Convention Report - Convention Chair, Julene Donnay: Julene reported 37 members attending convention plus four (4) guests scheduled to attend dinner.

Roll Call by Delegate - Secretary, Jackie Swanson: Ten (10) out of twelve (12) delegates were present for roll call. (Refer to Delegates List at the end of the minutes.)

MARC Report - Diane Vanusek, Sandy Hongerholt: Diane deferred details of the MARC meeting at IC on Thursday, July 29, 2021 and the MARC conference in Wichita, Kansas on October 8 and 9 to our visiting MARC representative, Bonnie Templeton. Diane offered up registration forms for those wanting to attend the MARC conference and the information will be in the ESsAy as well.

Medtox/Lab Corp Report – Dennis Marler for Rhonda Krehl: Dennis encouraged members to work at Medtox on Monday mornings from as early as 7:30 a.m. or arrive anytime in the morning. The work is generally complete by 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. It's okay to come for awhile and leave when you wish. (Rhonda's Medtox/LabCorp reports are included as an email attachment.)

Philanthropic Awards - Birdie Elkofska: Birdie reported that eight (8) out of ten (10) chapters sent in philanthropic reports. Winners for first, second and third place for hours and monies are reported “Per Member,” according to the total number of paid members in each chapter. (Complete Philanthropic Awards list is included as an email attachment.)

ESA Foundation Report & Awards - Karla Kay Nicklaus: Karla reported that Minnesota has 35 members of the Foundation, one new member this year, five chapters (in) Minnesota State Council, and 12 life members. The ESA Annual Foundation Meeting will be a virtual meeting on Saturday, July 10th, at 12:00 noon. RSVP required.

#### 2020-2021 Scholarship Report

- Total scholarship applications – 5,489
- Minnesota residents – 67 applications from 7 students
- Minnesota State Endowment – 7 applications, 2 awarded \$2,650
- Funds \$78,615
- Parr Family Scholarship – 3 applications
- Funds \$16,603
- Bob and Ann Becker – 19 applications
- Funds \$21,226

Thank you for your generous support of the ESA Foundation! A special thanks to all Medtox volunteers. Their time worked provides funds for the Minnesota Memorial Endowment Scholarship. This year the State voted to grant a \$1,000 Vocational grant from our Medtox monies.

Thanks to members paying annual dues; contributing to the Fun Fund Raiser Events; and using the Turn Around Funds. This past year the International Council had Zoom Fun Fund Raisers. Thanks to our members for participating in the Totally Bad 80's Prom and to all who contributed.

Awards: Total Hours for the Foundation: 452.5. Total Monies: \$1,885.20.  
Congratulations to the following chapters:

#### Hours

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|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| • 3rd Place | Gamma Omega | 6.5 Per Member  |
| • 2nd Place | Gamma Zeta  | 15.5 Per Member |
| • 1st Place | Alpha Sigma | 30.5 Per Member |

#### Monies

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| • 3rd Place | Gamma Omega | \$ 20.80 Per Member |
| • 2nd Place | Beta Sigma  | \$ 49.58 Per Member |
| • 1st Place | Alpha Sigma | \$112.19 Per Member |

St. Jude Report & Awards – Dee Rotering, Julene Donnay: Julene gave thanks for everyone's hard work this year on St. Jude Projects both in-person and virtually by individuals and chapters. Some exciting things coming up for St. Jude to sign up for:

- June 18th is a Celebrate event at Canterbury Downs. Help is needed setting up on Thursday and Friday, and people to work the event on Friday. Please use the Volunteer signup site to get on the list. Social distancing will be observed and masks are required.
- July 18th is the Alpha Zeta Motorcycle Rally, again at the same location in Ramsey. Help is needed with set up and working the auctions.
- July 30th is the IC Convention St. Jude “Play Ball” event. MN ESA members attending IC Convention and participating in the event, have the Minnesota Council to thank for applying the last month’s MedTox money to their entry fees. We are excited to have done this for everyone.
- August may include some ALSAC events needing volunteers. Please keep your Volunteer Signup site information up to date and you will receive notifications.
- September 25th is the St. Jude Walk/Run in Minnesota and across the USA. This year it will be in Maple Grove. MN ESA has a team signed up. Please take the time to register if you wish to participate or volunteer. A request for ESA to manage the Registration/Check-In has been made, but is not promised yet. We need to know the number of participants and volunteers that sign up so we receive the percentage based on participation.
- September is also the Fall Festival Dinner. Julene will update members as details become available.
- November 13th is the MN ESA Style Show at the Sheraton Minneapolis West by Ridgedale. Delta Mu is excited to get this set up for MN ESA Council. This year will be bigger and better than ever!
- December is the St. Jude Radiothon held at the Radio Station. The dates will become available soon. Again, you need to sign up on the Volunteer Site to help determine the number of people needed for each slot. They look forward to lots of support from ESA!

St. Jude Philanthropic awards went to the following chapters:

#### Hours

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|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| • 3rd Place | Gamma Zeta  | 25 Per Member   |
| • 2nd Place | Beta Theta  | 45 Per Member   |
| • 1st Place | Alpha Sigma | 88.5 Per Member |

#### Monies

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|-------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| • 3rd Place | Gamma Zeta  | \$ 73.60 Per Member       |
| • 2nd Place | Gamma Omega | \$ 174.90 Per Member      |
| • 1st Place | Alpha Sigma | \$1,573.29 Per Member     |
|             |             | For a total of \$9,439.75 |

Welcome Home Vets (WHV) Report & Awards - Betty Marler: ESA has teamed up with WHV for the last three years. We have raised funds via state and chapter projects and donated many wonderful items for the kits.

- Total monies and goods donated: \$25,000
- Number of kits delivered to veterans: 56
- Delivered 5 queen-size beds

Betty shared a wonderful thankyou from Gretchen and Rick Peterson to past and present ESA Chairs and active participating members: Lori Thorpe, Karen Schneider, Betty and Dennis Marler, and Sandy Hongerholt. Thank you to all of the ESA members for your heartfelt support and participation in the program. We, and the veterans we serve, thank you.

Betty expressed respect and gratitude to members for supporting the WHV Program stating, "We are the magic of volunteering, strong and sparkling brightly." The following Philanthropic Awards were announced:

Hours

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|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| • 3rd Place | Gamma Zeta  | 26 Per Member   |
| • 2nd Place | Gamma Omega | 35.5 Per Member |
| • 1st Place | Delta Mu    | 84.5 Per Member |

Monies

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| • 3rd Place | Gamma Omega | \$178.10 Per Member |
| • 2nd Place | Alpha Sigma | \$229.67 Per Member |
| • 1st Place | Delta Mu    | \$485.50 Per Member |

Wishes & More Report & Awards - Sandy Hongerholt: Sandy thanked those who made donations and/or volunteered for Wishes & More and announced the following Philanthropic Awards:

Hours

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|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| • 3rd Place | Alpha Sigma | 6.5 Per Member  |
| • 2nd Place | Gamma Omega | 10.5 Per Member |
| • 1st Place | Gamma Zeta  | 19.5 Per Member |

Monies

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| • 3rd Place | Gamma Zeta  | \$31.55 Per Member |
| • 2nd Place | Alpha Sigma | \$39.90 Per Member |
| • 1st Place | Gamma Omega | \$40.21 Per Member |

Second Vice President Report & Educational Awards - Marcie Haigh: There were two submittals for Educational this year that were judged by our visiting MARC Representative, Bonnie Templeton. Awards went to the following chapters:

- 2nd Place Beta Sigma, "Flora Fun Facts"
- 1st Place Alpha Sigma, "Women Suffragettes"

Association of the Arts (AA) Awards - Judy Searles for Kay Matras: President Sandy Dolence had asked members to bring their arts and crafts projects to display at convention. This year's AA exhibition was a membership ballot vote for all around 1st, 2nd or 3rd Place *only*. Membership voting resulted in the following awards:

- 3rd Place: "Garden Gatherings" Quilt by Dianne Ocel
- 2nd Place: "Tulips" Color Photo by Judy Searles
- 1st Place: "My Name is Nobody" Mixed Media Collage by Jackie Swanson

IC Workshop & Report - LeAnn Wray: LeAnn presented a few updates to the IC Website and summarized events for the 74th Annual ESA International Convention at the Marriott Downtown in Louisville, Kentucky (Wed July 28-Sun August 1, 2021). Following are some highlights from her presentation:

- We need to reenter our passwords on the website through the new portal.
- An ESA Bingo recruitment tool is available on the website for pledging a new member.
- Several people from MN ESA will attend IC Convention.
- Social distancing will be observed yet as a precautionary measure.
- Tours: Monday, Shaker Village Tour; Tuesday, My Old Kentucky Home; Wednesday, Churchill Downs.
- To order "The Bookwomen of Troublesome Creek" by author and keynote speaker, Kim Michele Richardson (\$12 paperback, \$20 hardcover), go to <https://esaic.square.site>.
- Workshops:
  - Crazy Derby Hats.
  - Kindness Rock Painting.
  - Nothing Will Work If You Don't Try on recruiting new members.
- Horse Race Event (July 29): \$100 Millionaire Row, \$50 Julep, \$Paddock.
- Proposed By-Law change will still be by paper ballot this convention, but will go to electronic voting in 2022.
- Nominations are open for 2022-2023 International Council offices (form on website).
- Questions: [lwray2@comcast.net](mailto:lwray2@comcast.net)

Special Presentation – LeAnn Wray: LeAnn honored Betty Marler for her work with Welcome Home Vets by presenting her with a special award, "...for her love of ESA and embracing the journey."

MARC Report - Bonnie Templeton: MARC Secretary, Bonnie Templeton, shared a bit about herself before covering updates and MARC Conference highlights.

- The MARC board needs help. June 15 is the deadline to get nominations in for MARC executive or appointed board positions.
- Send in your articles to ReMARCs.
- Although some areas of the website are not password protected, MARC officers are now password-protected due to the high volume of *spam* being received.

- MARC Conference is in Wichita, Kansas, at the Hyatt Regency Wichita October 8-9, 2021. Registration has been extended to September 15. Room Block will be honored until September 16 at \$109/night, plus tax. CDC guidelines will be in place.
- Workshops will cover outreach of children with challenges, Hope for Heroes and homeless veterans, and firefighters.
- Drawings for an ESA Blanket and Mystery Box.
- Marketplace tables available for \$20.
- Tours
- Friday night mixer will have a 50's theme with prizes for best costumes.

Workshop, Julene Donnay - "It's Reallay All About You – Telling Your Own Story": Julene taught us how to “*define our dash*,” by journaling our own stories using the #52projects method. The idea is to write one brief story about our life, past or present, every week this year in a handwritten journal, a document on our computer, or via a series of voice or video recordings. We were given journals to write in and a list of prompts to guide us so that at the end 52 weeks, we will have captured our life stories for sharing our family's intergenerational narrative.

Love Fund & Disaster Fund Report - Dennis Marler: Dennis thanked the members for donating to the ESA Disaster Fund and the Minnesota Love Fund, and for their help in making the Love Fund Auction a huge success.

[Post-Convention note: The Love Fund Auction at state convention raised \$467 bringing the total donation to the Minnesota Love Fund to \$1,703.95 and a year-end balance of \$8,800.14.]

Farewell Address and Transfer of Gavel - Sandy Dolence: Sandy Dolence handed out her Thankyou-s to many, such as Dennis for his help with all of the virtual meetings and the amazing MedTox crew for their devoted work on the project. She said that Sandy Hongerholt has already started her year with four things on the schedule as she bid us farewell and handed the gavel to the next *Sandy*.

Presentation of Crown Jewel Pin - Dennis Marler: Dennis presented Sandy Dolence with ESA's Full Crown Jewel Pin in honor of her year of service as President of ESA Minnesota and thanked her for her service.

Induction into Gavaliers - Dennis Marler: Dennis gave a warm and touching tribute to Sandy Dolence as he inducted her into the Gavaliers. In its entirety:

*“LeAnn’s presentation showed us ‘the journey matters more than the destination’. Your journey, getting to this day, has amazed us. We knew you were a character. Roudy, blunt, and sarcastic. But, we didn’t know you wanted to lead. We talked you out of your favorite theme, ‘I don’t give a rat’s ass,’ but you didn’t give up, you stepped up. Then your legs gave out. And we said, ‘maybe not now, maybe later.’*

*You backed up, but you didn't give up. You stayed strong and we started to see your caring heart. Then COVID hit. We went into lockdown, but you didn't give up. You showed us how to lead. You had us meet in your driveway.*

*Then you lost one of your most precious treasures. You suffered a loss very few of us will ever endure. But you survived. You came back, a little softer, a little gentler. And here we are today.*

*The author James Michener says, 'Character consists of what you do on the third and fourth tries.' Sandy, we welcome your strong and loving character into the Cavaliers."*

President's Message - Sandy Hongerholt: Sandy thanked us for her third opportunity to serve as Minnesota ESA State President and also thanked her family for coming to her third Installation. The State Planning meeting will be June 26th at Perkins in Brooklyn Park and Osseo starting with 9:30 coffee and 10:00 a.m. meeting. She said, "With Marcie chained at her hip, the focus will be on membership. We are small but mighty."

Recess of 2nd General Assembly, Retirement of the Flags, and Adjournment of Convention: After the closing of the 2nd General Assembly and retirement of the flags by Chaplain Shirley Laue, President Sandy Hongerholt declared the 70th Annual Convention of the Minnesota State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha adjourned. Members joined hands and formed a circle to recite the Closing Ritual.

Jewel Pin: Mary Page, Gamma Omega, received her First Pearl Jewel Pin which was presented by her sponsor, Sandy Hongerholt.

Years of Service Award honors were presented to the following members by Sandy Hongerholt:

- 5 Years - Bruce Strachota, Beta Sigma
- 15 Years - Jen Davies, Beta Sigma
- 25 Years - Carol Ping, Gamma Omega
- 45 Years - Leann Monahan, Beta Sigma
- Pat Staffanson, Alpha Sigma
- 50 Years - Karla Kay Nicklaus, Beta Sigma

Installation of Elected Officers by Betty Marler. President Sandy's Theme for next year is "Sparkle On and Shine Brightly."

Sandy Hongerholt introduced the 2021-2022 Appointed Board:

- Association of the Arts - Kay Matras
- Chaplain - Bruce Strachota
- Educational - Kathy Eastlack
- ESA Foundation - Karla Kay Nicklaus
- ESA International Disaster Fund/MN Love Fund - Sandy Dolence
- ESsAy Editor - Terri Olson



Financial Planning Committee:

- Kathie Wasson, Birdie Elkofska
- Kim Larsen, Dianne Ocel

MARC Representatives - Diane Vanusek, Billie Jane Mintjal

Medtox/LabCorp - Rhonda Krehl

Membership - Marcie Haigh

Philanthropic Chair - Birdie Elkofska

Social - Bruce Strachota

St. Jude Coordinator, Senior - Delta Mu Chapter

St. Jude Coordinator, Junior - Alpha Sigma Chapter

State Project #1 Welcome Home Vets - Betty Marler, Vicky Sandhofer-Krolick

State Project #2 Wishes & More - Lori Thorpe

State Convention Hosts, 2022 - Alpha Zeta, Delta Rho

Ways and Means - Billie Jane Mintjal

Webmaster/Roster - Jen Davies

**Saturday Evening Banquet**

Entertainment: Prize drawings and Sing-Along to music videos of the 70's and 80's.

## 2021 Chapter Delegates

Chapter membership will determine the number of delegates for each chapter:

CHAPTER	VOTES	DELEGATE	June 12	
			FIRST General Assembly	SECOND General Assembly
<i>Alpha Chi</i>	1		---	---
<i>Alpha Sigma</i>	1	Birdie Elkofska	Present	Present
<i>Alpha Zeta</i>	1	Jodi Lang	Present	Present
<i>Beta Sigma</i>	2	Bruce Strachota	Present	Present
		Judy Searles	Present	Present
<i>Beta Theta</i>	1		---	---
<i>Delta Mu</i>	1	Dee Roterling	Present	
		Terri Olson		Present
<i>Delta Rho</i>	1	Billie Jane Mintjal	Present	Present
<i>Gamma Omega</i>	2	Lori Thorpe	Present	Present
		Betty Marler	Present	Present
<i>Gamma Zeta</i>	1	Dianne Ocel	Present	Present
<i>Jr. Past President</i>	1	Dennis Marler	Present	Present
<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>12</b>		10	10
		<b>Forfeit Votes</b>	2	2
		<b>Assembly Total</b>	12	12

1 – 10 eligible members  
11 – 20 eligible members

1 delegate  
2 delegates