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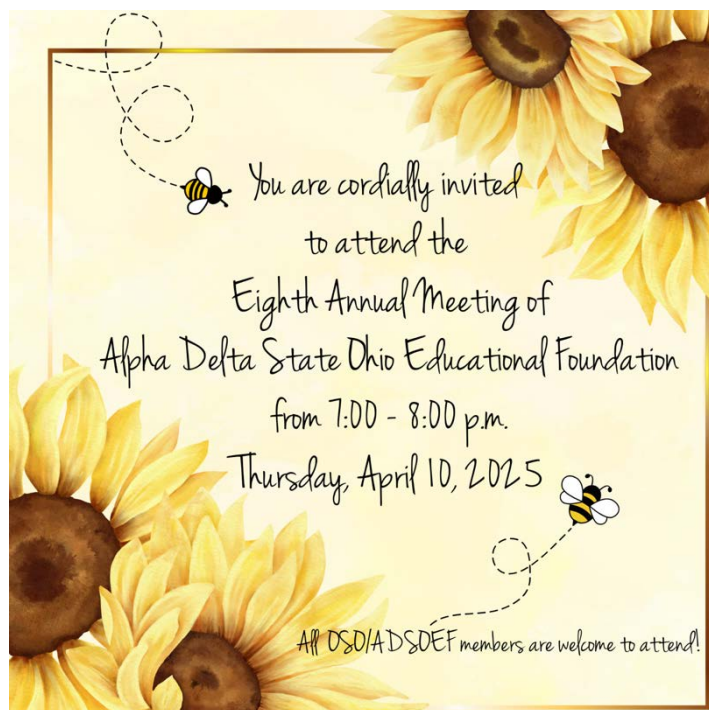
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Delta Kappa Gamma Society

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Cathy Tenney, Editor



A Word or Two...from the Board of Directors

- Mark your calendars for the ADSOEF Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 10, 2025, beginning at 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. via Zoom. (Just an hour of your time!)
- All OSO/ADSOEF members are welcome to attend!
- In this February publication of Foundation Matters you will find: your official 2025 invitation; the annual meeting agenda and the 2024 Annual Board Meeting Minutes. These documents are also posted on our website, adsoef.org.

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Foundation Directors

Brenda Armstrong, OSO State Member
2023-2025

Linda Diltz, Beta Rho
2023-2025

Hannah Fairbanks, Gamma Theta
2024-2026

Dr. Lois Harkins, Alpha Lambda
2024-2026
Treasurer

Candace Haudenschield, Alpha Psi
2024-2026

Diana Kirkpatrick, Alpha Delta
2023-2025
Chairman

Sue Loader, Alpha Psi
2023-2025
Vice Chairman

Sue Samoviski, Chi
2024-2026

Tammy Schroeder, Beta Eta
2023-2025

Christine (Chris) Snoddy, Alpha Lambda
2024-2026
Secretary

Melodie McGee, Gamma Nu
2023-2025
Ex-officio Ohio State Organization Liaison
OSO President

Dr. Norma K. Kirby, Alpha Delta
ADSOEF Registered Statutory Agent

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- You can read the biographies of the individuals vying for the five Director positions for two-year (2025-2027) and three-year (2025-2028) terms; and the 2024-2025 budget in the March edition of *Foundation Matters*. Be informed and ready to vote at the 2025 Annual Meeting.
- At the OSO State Convention luncheon on April 5th, we are planning to continue our yearly tradition of giving. You can help ***Bee-ing the Future of Education*** as contribution envelopes will be available on the Birthday Luncheon tables. Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all chapters and individuals donating to provide much needed financial support to fund the future of excellence in education for Ohio!
- We are looking forward with great anticipation to seeing you on **Zoom Thursday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m.!**

The ADSOEF Board of Directors

2025 Candidates for the ADSOEF Board of Directors

The 2024-25 Nominating Committee is happy to report that the following members have submitted applications and are vying for the five open Director positions. This will be the first election under the new Bylaws. We will elect three (3) directors for a two-year term starting in July 2025 and ending July 2027, and two (2) directors for a three-year term starting in July 2025 and ending July 2028. Diana Kirkpatrick, Alpha Delta and Annie Zahradnik, Gamma Theta are seeking a two-year term on the ADSOEF Board. Sue Loader, Alpha Psi; Linda K. Reeves, Alpha Delta; and Tamara Schroeder, Beta Eta are willing to serve either a two- or three-year term.

Look for their biography profiles in the March *Foundation Matters* newsletter.

Nominating Committee

Debby Canter, Delta Epsilon

Hannah Fairbanks, Gamma Theta

Nancy Water, Alpha Psi

Tammy Schroeder, Beta Eta, Chairman

Thank You for Bee-ing Our Valentines!



This is the time of year when we reach out and express our gratitude to the special people in our lives for ***bee-ing*** kind and supportive. You are those special people!! The Fundraising Committee wishes to thank each of you for ***Bee-ing the Future of Education*** with your support of the various grants, fellowships, scholarships, and projects of ADSOEF. The fall campaign exceeded our greatest expectations with a total of **\$10,202.86 *bee-ing*** donated. These donations helped to push the total contributions from July 1, 2024, through January 31, 2025, to **\$14,297.32**. With the OSO Birthday Luncheon and ADSOEF raffle in April, it's exciting to

anticipate the possibilities for finishing this year's fundraising on a high bee-buzz!!

If you have not registered for the OSO State Convention on April 4-5, 2025, at Deer Creek State Park Lodge, it's not too late. You don't want to miss this opportunity to socialize with fellow OSO members and to get the latest DKG updates. Enjoy participating in the ADSOEF raffle with the chance to win a fantastic gift for yourself! Plan to attend the Birthday Luncheon on April 5th and celebrate the 87th anniversary of OSO. Envelopes will be available at the luncheon if you wish to make a donation to one of the many ADSOEF funds. With Mother's Day following the State Convention, you might consider honoring or remembering a special woman in your life. Both the raffle and the Birthday Luncheon donations will be used to provide grants, fellowships, and scholarships, and to support individual/classroom/community projects. Let's all continue to ***Bee the Future of Education!***

The ADSOEF Fundraising Committee

Joan Avery, Chi

Holly Buente, Gamma Pi

Nancy Russell, Beta Kappa

Linda Diltz, Beta Rho, Co-chairman

Barb Zirke, Alpha Psi, Co-chairman



Melissa Bowers
In honor of Cathy Tenney

Ann Todd
In memory of Helen Payne

Zeta Chapter
In memory of Helen Payne

Anonymous
In honor of Beta Eta Chapter

Linda Falatic

Dr. Norma Kirby

Beta Nu Chapter
In memory of Maureen Leonhardt

Anonymous

Freda Cook
In memory of Vickie Groenke



Adjusting to Life in the United States Kendra Mejia

When I first arrived in the United States, I was filled with a mix of excitement and nervousness about starting my studies at Kent State University. Everything felt new. New people, a new culture, and even a new way of learning. At first, it was overwhelming. The pace of life here was so different from what I was used to, and even small tasks like ordering food or asking for directions felt like major challenges.

As the weeks went by, I began to adjust. One of the greatest sources of support during this time was Marilyn Slusser, who offered me tremendous encouragement. She listened to me when I was struggling with issues related to my roommate and provided thoughtful advice that truly made a difference. Her empathy and guidance made me feel heard and gave me the confidence to tackle these challenges.

I was also fortunate to attend conferences organized by Delta Kappa Gamma, where I met many talented and inspiring individuals. It was fascinating to learn from each of you and hear your perspectives. These interactions helped me broaden my horizons and feel more connected to this new environment.

Looking back, I'm proud of how much I've grown over the course of my first semester. Adjusting to life in the United States hasn't been easy, but with the help of people like Marilyn and organizations like Alpha Delta State Ohio Educational Foundation, I've found my footing. I'm now looking forward to the journey ahead, equipped with new skills, friendships, and a stronger sense of self.



Interested in knowing just how the Alpha Delta State Ohio Educational Foundation (ADSOEF) works and functions? Well...you are in luck! On March 27, 2025, the ADSOEF Board of Directors will be presenting an OSO convention break-out session on "The Works of ADSOEF," via Zoom. Join us to become better informed about the *ADSOEF* mission and purposes, plus gain knowledge of its educational services and programs!

Mark your 2025 calendar to save the date for the Biennial Seminar, June 11-12th, learning firsthand about the simple life of the Amish.

**Join us in Ohio's Amish Country, June 11-12, 2025
for Two Days of Fun Filled Learning!!**

*Registration Fee is \$120, which includes the cost of theater tickets for *Elvis Forever* (\$40); the day long Bus Tour of the Amish Community around Millersburg/Berlin, Ohio; the Behalt Museum fee, and the luncheon meal at an authentic Amish home (\$80). ADSOEF will provide the bus, as well as the gratuities for the tour guide and bus driver.

***Please register early as registration (complete with payment) is limited to the first 55 participants.** Electronic registration ends May 1 and there will be no refunds after May 15.

*Everyone is responsible for securing their own hotel accommodations. *See important information below.*

*Your 2025 Biennial Seminar Registration can be achieved by using: (1) the link with payment by PayPal/Credit Card; or (2) the link with payment by personal check *Links are located at the bottom of this page.*

*Dinners for Wednesday and Thursday evenings will be at your own expense and at venues of your own choosing.

*FYI...Many Amish venues or establishments accept ***cash only***. Come prepared!

2025 Biennial Seminar Registration with PayPal/Credit Card Payment:

<https://form.jotform.com/250346446260049>

2025 Biennial Seminar Registration with Payment by Personal Check

<https://form.jotform.com/250374613912050>

The Biennial Seminar Itinerary

Wednesday evening, June 11

- 5:00 – 6:30 P.M. Dinner at a Millersburg/Berlin venue of your own choosing!
- 7:00 – 9:00 P.M. Amish Country Theater Production of *Elvis Forever*
- 9:00 P.M. Back to the Encore Hotel for a good night's rest and/or visiting with DKG sisters!

Thursday, June 12

- Early to rise! Get ready for a day of fun filled learning and DKG fellowship.
- Partake of the Encore Hotel complimentary buffet breakfast served from 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.
- @ 8:30 A.M. Meet our tour guide and board the Pioneer Trails Tour Bus at the hotel entrance.
- Amish Heartland Tour from 8:30 A.M. – 4:30/5:00 P.M.
 - Travel the backroads for an introduction to our lovely area.

- Behalt Cyclorama tour & video and shopping
 - Visit a Dan order quilter and soy candle artisan ...and mother of 10 - to see a quilting demonstration inside her new home and shop her home store with soy candles, potholders, essential oil products...
 - Meal at an Amish home will be chicken and pie.
 - Visit an Amish buggy maker and tour his immaculate shop.
 - Shop Walnut Creek Cheese bulk food store
 - Visit 4 Amish sisters to watch a candle creation being made. Shop in their candle store.
- 4:00 – 5:00 P.M. back to the Encore Hotel.
 - 5:00 - 6:45 P.M. to rest and eat dinner. Chose a dinner location/venue of your own choosing.
 - 7:00 – 8:00 P.M. – Meet and gather in the Encore Hotel Community room to hear Marcus Yoder, director of the Behalt Amish and Mennonite Heritage Center speak in depth about the Amish way of life.
 - 8:00 -10:00 P.M. Fellowship, fun and games to follow the Marcus Yoder event.

Friday, June 13...at your leisure or convenience

- Early to rise or not! Pack your bags...and check-out of the hotel by 11:00 A.M.
- Be sure to partake of the Encore Hotel complimentary buffet breakfast served from 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. before heading home.
- Head home with wonderful memories, experiences and new facts of the Amish way of life.
- ...or perhaps a few will want to do a little more shopping before actually leaving the Amish community to head home?!
- Whatever the time sequence...**Safe travels to all...ADSOEF/OSO looks forward to seeing you in June of 2027 at our next Biennial Seminar!**



Encore Hotel & Hall + Amish Country Theater

RESERVATION INFORMATION

Encore Hotel & Hall + Amish Country Theater
 4365 State Route 39
 Millersburg, Ohio 44654

Call: 888-988-2414

Group Name: Delta Kappa Gamma OSO

Group Code: b528407

All reservations must be confirmed by credit card. (Discover, American Express, Mastercard)

Check in: after 3:00 p.m. Check out: by 11:00 a.m.

Complimentary buffet breakfast is served daily from 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM.

ROOM RATES: To take advantage of the **DKG Room Block**, room reservations must be made by May 1, 2025. The “cut-off date” for reserving rooms in the Room Block is 5:00 p.m. local time at Encore Hotel & Amish Theater on Thursday, May 1, 2025. **Be sure to sure the Group Name and Group Code making your room reservation!** After that date, it is at the hotel’s discretion whether to accept additional reservations, which will be subject to prevailing rates and availability. The room rates for June 11 and June 12 are as follows:

*Deluxe Guest Room – the room rate is \$129.00 each night (\$146 with applicable state and local taxes or occupancy taxes included).

*2 Queen Suite room rate is \$149.00 each night (\$160 with applicable state and local taxes or occupancy taxes included).

- Rates are for a single or double occupancy per room. Additional charges of \$10 per guest per night for triple or quad occupancy.
- Cancellations- Guests must call in and cancel 72 hours prior to their stay.

Into the Future. . .Important Dates to Remember

February 15, 2025

Foundation Matters arrives in your email

February 17, 2025

ADSOEF BOD Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

February 24, 2025

Governance Committee Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

March 4, 2025

Fundraising Committee Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

March 15, 2025

Foundation Matters arrives in your email

March 17, 2025

ADSOEF BOD Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

March 24, 2025

Breakout Session Practice @ 7:00 p.m.

March 27, 2025

Breakout Session Presentation @ 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

April 1, 2025

Fundraising Committee Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

April 4-5, 2025

OSO State Convention

Deer Creek State Park Lodge

22300 State Park Road 20

Mt. Sterling, OH 43143

April 10, 2025

ADSOEF Annual Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

April 15, 2025

Foundation Matters arrives in your email



ALPHA DELTA STATE OHIO EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

funding the future of excellence in education

Contribution Form

- Please use a separate contribution form if you are making more than one donation.
- A contribution acknowledgement will be sent in honor or in memory of the person designated below.
- Contributions or bequests are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.
- Checks should be made payable to Alpha Delta State Ohio Educational Foundation (ADSOEF) and should be mailed with this form to:

Dr. Lois Harkins
12 N. Shafer Street
Athens, OH 45701-2303

Date: _____ Amount: _____

Cash (In-person only)

Check # _____

(Please Circle)

This contribution is designated for:

____ The programs of Alpha Delta State Educational Foundation (without restriction)

____ Educational Projects Fund (Classroom/School/Community)

____ Scholarship Fund (Annie Webb Blanton)

____ International Studies Fund (A. Margaret Boyd)

____ Leadership Fund

____ Student Teacher Grant Fund (Esther H. Strickland)

____ Lifelong Learning Fund

____ Jane Brundige Stein Scholarship Fund

____ Florence L. Woodward Scholarship Fund

Donor Information (name of individual, chapter, or group)

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

____ I wish to remain anonymous.

In MEMORY OF or IN HONOR OF (circle one)

Name _____

Contact Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Donations can also be made by visiting adsoef.org and donating online using PayPal or a credit card.

Alpha Delta State Ohio Educational Foundation 10/23



ALPHA DELTA STATE OHIO EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, April 10, 2025
7:00 – 8:00 P.M.
Via Zoom Technology

Call to Order and Meeting Guidelines	Diana I. Kirkpatrick, Board Chairman
Approval of the April 6, 2024 Minutes	Christine (Chris) Snoddy, Secretary
Treasurer's Report	Dr. Lois Harkins, Treasurer
Committee Reports	
Nominating, <i>Election of Directors</i>	Tammy Schroeder, Chairman
Finance	Sue Loader, Chairman
Donor Relations	Linda Reeves, Chairman
Educational Services	Christine (Chris) Snoddy, Chairman
Fundraising	Linda Diltz, Chairman
Marketing	Brenda Armstrong, Chairman
Governance	Dr. Norma Kirby, Chairman
Fellowships and Grants	Marilyn Slusser, Liaison to OSO Scholarship Committee
Unfinished Business	
New Business	
Announcements	
Adjournment	Diana L. Kirkpatrick, Board Chairman
Joyce Joes Weinkam, Gamma Xi, is serving as Parliamentarian.	

As stated in the ADSOEF Bylaws, Article VIII, Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (current edition) may guide ADSOEF proceedings in all cases to which they are applicable and in which this authority is not inconsistent with state or federal statutes and ADSOEF Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.



ALPHA DELTA STATE OHIO EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
2024 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
April 6, 2024
The Saint John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Grove City, Ohio

Chairman Diana Kirkpatrick, Alpha Delta, welcomed all members and guests to this seventh Annual Meeting of ADSOEF. She called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. She introduced herself and the ADSOEF officers.

Printed copies of the 2024 Foundation Report for the ADSOEF Annual Meeting (Foundation Report) were distributed and had previously been sent electronically. The meeting was voice recorded. All documents were also located on the Foundation's website: adsoef.org.

Joyce Jones-Weinkam, Gamma Xi, served as Parliamentarian and read the Special Rules of Order on page 4 of the Foundation Report. These rules were adopted without objection.

Agenda

The agenda on page 5 of the Foundation Report was adopted without changes.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 14, 2023, ADSOEF Annual Meeting on pages 6-9 of the Foundation Report were approved as electronically distributed and as printed. There were no corrections.

Treasurer's Report

Dr. Lois Harkins referred to the financial portions of the Foundation Report for members to review. She summarized the goals for the fiscal year detailed in the Treasurer's Report on page 10, which were to invest and spend the Foundation's funds wisely.

Lois noted the Treasurer's Annual Report on page 22 of the Foundation Report was dated July 1, 2023, through January 31, 2024, which is part of a fiscal year. She explained the details of the revenue, including \$11,383.20 raised by the *Planting Seeds for the Future* campaign, \$8,651.00 earned from investments, and an overall increase in the value of the portfolio since January 31, 2023. She stated that 76% of donations were unrestricted and listed the funds in order from those receiving the most amount of designated funds to the least amount of funds.

Lois detailed the expenditures of the Foundation for grants, scholarships, business, and board and committee expenses which totaled \$38,763.00. She explained that expenses in the previous fiscal year were higher due to an attorney fee to settle an estate case. The cost was worth it since it generated over \$300,000.00 to establish the Jane Brundige Stein Fund.

Lois also shared that the ADSOEF portfolio currently has \$931,687.11 in investments. She pointed out items of interest, such as the transfer of funds from the International Fund and Student Teaching Funds to the checking account to meet spring semester obligations.

The Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit at the end of the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee

Chairman Sue Loader, Alpha Psi, announced that five candidates had submitted applications for the position of director for 2024-2026. Information on each of the candidates was printed in the March 15, 2024, issue of *Foundation Matters*. She read each candidate's name and those who were present stood to be recognized. They were:

Hannah Fairbanks, Gamma Theta
Dr. Lois Harkins, Alpha Lambda
Candace Haudenschild, Alpha Psi
Susan Samoviski, Chi
Christine Snoddy, Alpha Lambda.

Diana Kirkpatrick asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were no new nominations, and Diana declared the nominations closed. Since the list of nominees consisted of no more than one nominee per open director position for the 2024-2026 term, she declared the five nominees elected by acclamation and that the voting process was completed.

Finance Committee

Millie Holzer, Beta Zeta, referred to the Finance Committee Report on page 11 of the Foundation Report that members could read for themselves. She then described the 2024-2025 budget on page 23 of the Foundation Report, which included generous grants made possible by the generous donations of members. To avoid paying money to the IRS, ADSOEF continued to disperse 5% of its total assets. Special thanks were given to the treasurer, Dr. Lois Harkins, who kept the committee informed on the investments and financial activities.

Donor Relations Committee

Chairman Debbie Frazier, Beta Rho, explained the privilege of hearing from so many generous OSO members and chapters. For the calendar year of January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, ADSOEF received 255 contributions. Tax letters were generated and mailed for most of these donations, and some were delivered via email. Also personal thank-you notes were sent. Some contributions were anonymously given, and some were given in memory or in honor of someone. Those honored were notified of the honor and of the contributor. Family members were notified when a loved one was recognized in memory and told of the contributor as well.

Educational Services Committee

Chairman Christine (Chris) Snoddy, Alpha Lambda, referred to pages 10-11 of the Foundation Report. She explained that the committee oversees three grants: the Leadership Development Fund, the Lifelong Learning Fund, and the Individual/Classroom/Community Project Fund.

She announced that the Board had just approved a \$500.00 grant on March 18, 2024, for Julie Lombardo's application on behalf of Monica Lombardo Todisco. The project entitled Media Arts Equipment helped purchase a Cricut machine, Cricut Heat Press, and supplies for Monica's Media Arts class at Circleville High School. This will enable the students to take their computer designs to the hands-on stage of making products, which will enhance their learning of the media arts standards. Another application and three letters of support had been received for an Individual/Classroom/Community Project Fund grant, which were going to be reviewed by the committee and voted on by the Board at the May 2024 board of Directors meeting.

No applications were received for the Leadership Development Fund nor the Lifelong Learning Fund in this current fiscal year. Chris encouraged all to apply using the fillable applications found

on the Foundation's website. They can be submitted at any time of the year. Chris also thanked and named the members of this committee.

Fundraising Committee

Chairman Linda Diltz, Beta Rho, reported that the committee met weekly in September 2023 to create the theme and goal of the campaign for 2023-2024. In recognition of the 86th anniversary of the founding of OSO, the goal of \$8,600 was chosen with the theme *Planting Seeds for the Future*. A letter was sent to past donors with the news that two anonymous donors had provided matching funds up to \$1,000.00 each for donations given between National Philanthropy Day and Giving Tuesday. The response was overwhelming with \$5,850.83 donated during that period, and \$11,113.20 given from July 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. Linda expressed heartfelt thanks to all the generous donors who support all the grants, projects, scholarships, and fellowships.

Linda highlighted the attractive and informative monthly Update being created and sent via email by Holly Buente to all chapter liaisons to share with their members. Articles are also posted each month in the *Foundation Matters* newsletter to report on the fundraising progress being made. The 86th Birthday Luncheon being held after the Annual Meeting afforded another opportunity for members to support the Foundation's programs using the provided envelopes.

The committee had already started to work on the theme and logo for the 2024-2025 campaign which will incorporate the current campaign's sunflower images in some way. Linda thanked and named the committee members who put the fun in fundraising. See pages 11-12 of the Foundation Report.

Marketing Committee

Brenda Armstrong, OSO State member, reported on the work of the committee as outlined on page 12 of the Foundation Report. The members develop strategies to encourage member involvement. Both paper and electronic documents were updated and posted on the ADSOEF website under *Resources for Chapters and Members*. The committee reviews the website and manages the Facebook page. The members were in the process of reviewing and updating the Marketing Guidelines and Responsibilities. Everyone was encouraged to visit the website and view the Facebook page and give input and suggestions for improvement.

Governance Committee

Chairman Dr. Norma Kirby, Alpha Delta, admitted that the work of this committee to review and revise the Bylaws, policies, and procedures may not be the most exciting work but it is very important for the efficient and successful operation of the Foundation. This fiscal year, the committee has reviewed and or revised the Bylaws and all the existing policies. The members have created new Personnel and Volunteer Policies and are working to write a Cybersecurity Policy. All the updated Bylaws and policies can be found on the ADSOEF website under *Official Documents*.

Each policy also needs a procedure to accompany that policy. The committee has reviewed and revised the procedure documents that were complete or in draft form, as well as creating procedure documents where needed. The goal is to complete all this work by the beginning of the 2024-2025 fiscal year, so the next committee can begin its work on schedule. Norma thanked and named the committee members, page 12 of the Foundation Report.

Liaison from OSO Scholarship Committee

Marilyn Slusser, OSO Scholarship Committee Chairman and Liaison to ADSOEF, Delta Kappa, referred to page 13 of the Foundation Report. The committee received 24 applications for student teaching grants which were carefully evaluated. Thirteen grants were given from the Esther H. Strickland Fund. Additionally, three recipients from Miami University were awarded grants using the interest from the Ruth Grimes Scholarship since no OSO members applied for graduate study grants. One applicant was from

Marion County and qualified for the Jane Brundige Stein Fund Scholarship at Ohio State University, Marion Campus. This brought the number of student teaching grants to 17, for a total amount of \$24,400.00. Marilyn read the names of the 17 recipients from page 14 of the Foundation Report.

Marilyn has the privilege of working with the A. Margaret Boyd Overseas Fellowship recipients. Thanks to the generosity of donors, these grants were continued at \$13,000.00 for each awardee, with \$8,000.00 being given for the first year of graduate study and \$5,000.00 for the second year.

Currently, the Foundation is supporting Della Kartika Sari from Indonesia in her second year at the University of Cincinnati (UC) in a Doctorate Program in Educational Assessment, Evaluation, and Research. Della has joined the Gamma Phi chapter in Cincinnati and will continue her studies at UC after the grant from ADSOEF expires.

Mukadas Tashieva from Kyrgyzstan is in her first year of the A. Margaret Boyd Fellowship grant and is pursuing her master's degree in Language Teaching at Kent State University. She will be continuing her studies there and has been awarded \$5,000.00 for her second year.

The committee has received, read, and ranked six dossiers for the 2024-2025 school year from the Fulbright Institute of International Education. The scores have been returned to the institute, but there has been no response yet as to which candidates will receive the grants.

Marilyn announced the grand total of \$37,400.00 being granted in scholarships and fellowships. She asked for a round of applause for all involved. She thanked and named the members of this committee.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Diana Kirkpatrick welcomed and applauded the five newly elected Foundation directors.

Announcements

Diana thanked the web master, Eileen McNally, and the newsletter editor, Cathy Tenney, for their efforts and attention to details. The *Foundation Matters* newsletter is very effective and polished. The website is kept updated and the information is invaluable.

The newly elected directors were invited to attend the May and June Board of Directors meetings to help them get started. However, their terms officially begin on July 1, 2024.

Diana expressed sincere thanks to all the OSO members who chose to participate in this Annual Meeting and the volunteers who were involved in the many facets of the Foundation. Their involvement, no matter what level, was valued and immeasurable. She was truly humbled and honored to serve as the ADSOEF Chairman.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Snoddy, Secretary

Sandy Royer, Chairman