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A Word or Two…from The Board of Directors

Greetings with Gratitude!

ADSOEF's pot of gold is overflowing because of YOUR amazing generosity. Our palette is full of colors due to your donations. All the directors are deeply grateful for the myriads of ways all of you give of your time, talents, caring, service, and money. The Foundation would not function without your investments, trust, and dedication!

We are excited to share a report from Dr. Lois Harkins, Alpha Lambda, about two educational project grants she received for her mission trip to Ghana. She included wonderful pictures of the students, teachers, and families in Ghana. It was hard to choose from her 500 photos!

Keep reading for more details about the Annual Meeting on May 2, 2026, the candidates who are nominees for election as directors, and the agenda. We still need help to find a new webmaster as well. So please consider taking the job or suggesting a candidate to ask.

With thankfulness,
Chris Snoddy and
The Board of Directors



Invitation to the ADSOEF Annual Meeting

- The **Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026,** during the OHSO Spring Executive Board Meeting at the Ohio University- Dublin Integrated Education Center, 6805 Bobcat Way, Dublin, Ohio.
- All Ohio State Organization members are also ADSOEF members and are encouraged to attend!
- The tentative **Annual Meeting Agenda** is the next to last page of the newsletter.
- The 2026-2027 budget will be published in the April issue of *Foundation Matters*.
- Five directors will be elected at the Annual Meeting, two for two-year (2026-2028) terms and three for three-year (2026-2029) terms. **Please read the biographies** of the nominees below.
- The yearly tradition of giving will continue at the OHSO Spring Executive Board Meeting with a raffle and the Birthday Luncheon Appeal. Read more about these events in the Fundraising Committee article below.

MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE ADSOEF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following members are running for two-year terms:

Lona Bowman, Delta Kappa, is a retired educator from the Dayton area. The majority of Lona's educational career was at Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) in a variety of Tech Prep and supervisory positions. Lona served as an adjunct in the School of Education and Health Sciences at the University of Dayton.

She also worked in the Chillicothe City Schools with orthopedically handicapped students, was a graduate assistant in the Reading Center at Bowling Green State University, taught Title 1 Reading in the Cory-Rawson Local Schools and taught Adult Literacy and ESL at MVCTC.

Lona currently serves on the Educational Services Committee for ADSOEF and will add a wealth of knowledge to the Board of Directors.

Barbara Dolan, Gamma Theta, is from Northeastern Lake County. Barb has been a teacher with special needs students for 24 years. She has worked in classrooms with students with multiple disabilities teaching them basic life skills. Barb also has worked with general education teachers to develop accessible materials for all students.

In 2024, Barb became a certified teacher of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing. Currently, she is working with high school students in the general education curriculum assisting with accessibility for all students. She is well versed in technical skills.

Susan (Sue) Samoviski, Chi, is a retired educator living in Butler County. She taught art from elementary school through the college level for thirty years. She has directed numerous teacher workshops in art related topics, such as interdisciplinary studies and linking academics with art. She has served in several leadership roles in her chapter.

Sue currently serves as an ADSOEF Director, as the Educational Services Committee Chairman, and as a lovely thank-you note writer for the Donor Relations Committee.

The following members are running for three-year terms:

Hannah Fairbanks, Gamma Theta, is a retired educator who taught for 39 years. She was the instructor for the Early Childhood Career Tech Program and Director of the Red Raider Preschool of Painesville City Local Schools.

After retiring, she accepted a position to teach at Lake Erie College. Hannah held that position for 10 years. At Lake Erie College, she was the lead teacher in Elementary Education. She was also a campus supervisor of Field Students as well as an instructor in the subject areas of Elementary Social Studies, Science, Math Methods, School and Community Service, and Child Development. Additionally, she served as the counselor to freshmen through senior students.

Hannah currently serves as an ADSOEF Director, as the Nominating Committee Chairman, and as a member of the Finance Committee. She also is the president of her chapter.

Dr. Lois Harkins, Alpha Lambda, is a retired educator. Her experience ranges from teaching fifth grade through graduate school at two Athens County school districts, a private college, and Ohio University. During her teaching career, she served in a variety of positions in both the academic and athletic areas. One of her positions involved a two-year federal grant for eighth graders focusing on increasing self-esteem and developing independent living skills as a means of curbing teenage pregnancy.

Through various positions, she taught health, physical education, Child Development, Family Life Studies, Introduction to Teaching, and Specialized Instruction. Additionally, she oversaw Pre-Service Field Placements, served as Curriculum Editor and as Coordinator for the Local Professional Development Committee. She also is a Hospice volunteer and a Presbyterian Church Deacon.

Dr. Harkins has held numerous positions at the local and state levels for Delta Kappa Gamma. She currently serves as a Director and the Treasurer for ADSOEF and as her chapter's vice president.

Christine (Chris) Snoddy, Alpha Lambda, is a retired educator who taught sixth grade for 35 years in the Trimble Local Schools, Athens County. She taught all the major subjects. As a teacher, Chris served on the Building Leadership Team and was the sixth-grade team leader.

Chris served in various leadership roles for the Trimble Local Teachers Association. She was the building representative, secretary, vice-president, and president. In addition, she served as the local representative at the SEOEA and OEA conventions and was on the negotiations team for several contracts. She has also been serving on her church council.

Currently, Chris is a Director and the Chairman of the Board of Directors for ADSOEF. In the past, she was the Board Secretary and the Educational Services Committee Chairman. She is also the president of her chapter.

GHANA + OHIO: Supporting Schools in Ghana
A Call for Love and Generosity



The appeal by Dr. Lois Harkins and Ohio University Ph.D. candidate, Samuel Amanyo, to financially support schools in Ghana was heard loud and clear as evidenced by the outpouring of contributions. **ADSOEF** approved two grants totaling **$1,000** for her Individual/Classroom/Community Projects which were used for the academic and athletic needs of five schools in Ghana's Eastern Region. After learning of this mission, several OHSO members gave gifts. Friends, family, and church members also donated, which ultimately raised $6,789!

The academic items purchased included computers, printer, computer paper, ink cartridges, exercise books, charts, graphing boards, math sets, classroom supplies, and individual green backpacks featuring GHANA + OHIO. Athletic items included uniforms for soccer, volleyball, and track, as well as volleyballs, soccer balls, a volleyball net, and netting for soccer goals.

It is difficult to determine which group was happiest: the students, teachers, support staff, parents, administrators, PTA members, local dignitaries, or the GHANA + OHIO team members who spent five months working through the details. There were smiles all around! Here are some of our favorite quotes:

From Nyarkoa, Basic Six Obuho Nyarko D/A Basic: "I would like to say a very big thank you for your amazing gifts you donated to our school: the computers, bags, jerseys, and the graph board. The jerseys are super cool and beautiful. We will wear them with pride during our sports competitions and feel like champions. Your gifts show that you care about our education and wellbeing. Thank you very much. I am so grateful for your support and encouragement."

From Adam Godfred, Anum Apapam Presby "B" JHS: "I am super excited to write you this letter to show gratitude and to say thank you. The sports men and women are grateful for the items given to us as this will make our sports interesting in our school and community. May God richly bless you for everything you have spent on us. We know that God will replace whatever you have spent on us a million times over and you will never lack anything in your life forever."

From the Ghana Education Service: "This donation significantly improved the availability of teaching and learning materials, enhanced Information and Communication Technology usage, increased pupil participation in sports activities, and supported effective school administration. This donation exercise underscores the significance of well-coordinated partnerships between education institutions and development-oriented stakeholders."

This mission trip was life-changing! To be included in the glow of thankfulness and joyfulness on the faces of children, parents, adults, and team members, prompts one to reflect on the absolute gift of kindness. Sharing through faith does deliver hope. Thank you for granting us this opportunity to financially support the educational needs of the children of Ghana.

Sincerely
Dr. Lois Harkins











Opening for a New Webmaster

Due to the retirement announcement by Eileen McNally, the current webmaster, the ADSOEF Board of Directors (BOD) is searching for someone to provide the services of a webmaster beginning July 1, 2026. Eileen's contract ends on June 30, 2026, and she has indicated that she will not be renewing it. However, she will be available to mentor and train the new webmaster for the remainder of 2026.

The main responsibility of the webmaster is to maintain and update the ADSOEF website. Currently, this includes but is not limited to Weebly for the website and Jotform for the applications. Experience with Weebly and Jotform is preferred, but anyone willing to learn and work with these platforms is welcome to apply. The contract is for one fiscal year from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026, with a stipend of $500.00 for the year.

Please consider helping ADSOEF keep the website updated, accurate, and user friendly! It greatly impacts the Foundation's ability to raise funds, attract donors, advertise opportunities, and allow people to apply for scholarships, fellowships, awards, and grants.

Contact Chris Snoddy at **ckvs@sprynet.com** with any questions.

Colors of Hope Campaign



Every donation adds a new **color** to our palette—bringing us closer to a brighter future for students and educators. We are deeply grateful for the generosity of our donors, whose support allows us to expand opportunities and make a meaningful difference in classrooms across our communities.

When you give, you are helping us fill our paint palette with vibrant new colors. Each color represents possibility—funding for innovative classroom resources, support for professional growth, and opportunities for educators to further their education. Your contribution helps teachers bring fresh ideas to life and provides students with engaging, enriched learning experiences.

Because of you, classrooms become more creative, more inspiring, and more effective places for learning. Your generosity empowers educators, supports student success, and helps turn bright ideas into lasting impact.

Thank you for helping us ***Paint a Brighter Future*** full of opportunity, creativity, and hope! Together, we are creating a masterpiece that benefits students, educators, and our entire community.

Attending the OHSO Executive Board meeting on May 2, 2026? Please support our efforts by donating during the Birthday Luncheon.

Watch for more details about the ADSOEF Raffle, also being held on May 2, during the Executive Board Meeting!

Charlene Greene, Delta Mu
Annie Zahradnik, Gamma Theta
Holly Buente, Gamma Pi, Co-Chairman
Barb Zirke, Alpha Psi, Co-Chairman



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In memory of Chelsea Sutter

Into the Future. . .Important Dates to Remember!

March 16, 2026
ADSOEF Board of Directors Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

March 23, 2026
ADSOEF Personnel Committee Meeting @ 3:30 p.m.

April 1, 2026
ADSOEF Fundraising Committee Meeting @ 4:30 p.m.

April 6, 2026
ADSOEF Governance Committee Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

April 13, 2026
ADSOEF Board of Directors Practice for Annual Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

NO APRIL Board of Directors Meeting

Foundation *Directors*

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2025-2026

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2024-2026

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2024-2026
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2025-2027

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Vice Chairman

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2025-2028

Sue Samoviski, Chi
2024-2026

Tammy Schroeder, Beta Eta
2025-2027
Secretary

Christine (Chris) Snoddy, Alpha Lambda
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2025-2027
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Ex-officio Ohio State Organization Liaison

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

ALPHA DELTA STATE OHIO EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION (ADSOEF)
TENTATIVE ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA
Saturday, May 2, 2026
Ohio University Educational Center, Dublin, OH

Call to Order	Christine (Chris) Snoddy, Board Chairman
Annual Meeting Rules of Order	Joyce Jones Weinkam, Parliamentarian
Approval of Minutes of April 10, 2025	Tammy Schroeder, Secretary
Treasurer's Report	Dr. Lois Harkins, Treasurer
Committee Reports	
Nominating, *Election of Directors*	Hannah Fairbanks, Chairman
Biennial Seminar	Diana Kirkpatrick, Chairman
Donor Relations	Linda Reeves, Chairman
Educational Services	Sue Samoviski, Chairman
Finance	Sue Loader, Chairman
Fundraising	Holly Buente, Chairman
Governance	Dr. Norma Kirby, Chairman
Marketing	Diana Kirkpatrick, Chairman
Personnel	Jane Meese, Chairman
Scholarship	Marilyn Slusser, Chairman
Unfinished Business	
New Business	
Announcements	
Adjournment	Chris Snoddy, Board Chairman

Joyce Jones 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.

Thank you. . .your support of ADSOEF is invaluable!

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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)

____ International Studies Fund (A. Margaret Boyd)

____ Student Teacher Grant Fund (Esther H. Strickland)

____Jane Brundige Stein Scholarship Fund

____ Scholarship Fund (Annie Webb Blanton)

____ Leadership Fund

____ Lifelong Learning Fund

_____Florence L. Woodward Scholarship Fund

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

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

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