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A Word or Two…from the Board of Directors

Welcome to the ninth fiscal year of ADSOEF! We are excited to continue our mission of raising funds to serve charitable purposes relating to professional and personal growth and excellence in education.

Remember that all OSO members are also ADSOEF members. We have been overwhelmed by your extremely generous support and could not fulfill our mission without you. Thank you, thank you!

Each year you have expanded your support, and your contributions for 2024-2025 totaled over $22,500.00. WOW! Using those donations and interest from investments, the Foundation was able to award $39,900.00 in scholarships, fellowships, grants, and educational opportunities in the past fiscal year!

My deep graditude goes to the Board of Directors for their confidence in me when choosing me as the new Chairman and to Sue Loader, Vice-Chairman; Tammy Schroeder, Secretary; and Dr. Lois Harkins, Treasurer. Their willingness to serve as officers is invaluable. Thank you!

With gratitude,
Chris Snoddy
The ADSOEF Board of Directors

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Are you creative and enjoy designing themes and graphics? The **Fundraising Committee** needs you!

Are you interested in technology and social media? The **Marketing Committee** needs you!

Do you have administrative experience? The **Personnel Committee** needs you!

Are you outgoing, friendly, and willing to ask people to join the Board? The **Nominating Committee** needs you!

Have you attended past Biennial Seminars, love lifelong learning, and want to help plan the next trip? The **Biennial Seminar** Committee needs you!

Are you interested in something else? The other committees are Donor Relations, Educational Services, Finance, and Governance. Email Chris Snoddy at **ckvs@sprynet.com** to volunteer.

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2025 Biennial Seminar

The 2025 ADSOEF-OSO Biennial Seminar was a huge success. Forty attendees found this trip to be much more than a typical visit to Amish Country. Shelly, our Amish Heartland Tour guide, shared with us behind the scenes buggy making and candle dipping while we learned a great amount of new information about the area. Her vivacious personality made the tour extremely enjoyable.

Visiting the Behalt Museum/Amish & Mennonite Heritage Center's 10 ft. x 265 ft. hand painted cyclorama depicting their rich history is a must see while in the area. An Amish pastor dramatically explained all the major events shown in the cyclorama.

A delicious lunch in an Amish home was served family style and left nobody wanting for more. Visiting an Amish quilter's home, meeting five of her children, and learning about their family was a wonderful experience. There were plenty of shopping opportunities at the quilter's little shop, the candle shop, the museum's gift shop, and the Walnut Creek Cheese and Market in Berlin, Ohio.

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Later that evening Marcus Yoder, the Director of the Behalt Museum, kept us on the edge of our seats with both laughter and tears sharing his experience growing up Amish. His personal accounts showed the importance of family, faith, and community. I believe all in attendance will agree, his speaking skills made each one of us internalize the importance of these things in our own lives.

The $2,000 ADSOEF funding helped to make the tour more affordable for the participants. These funds covered the deposits, the cost of our tour bus, tips for the bus driver (who's also a school bus driver), tour guide, and guest speaker, and the cost of reserving the Encore Hotel's community room for Marcus Yoder. Thank you ADSOEF for your financial support in making the 2025 Biennial Seminar a success!

Cindy Lawyer, Alpha Psi
Biennial Seminar Coordinator



Dear ADSOEF Members,



I am writing this letter with deep gratitude and appreciation for the unwavering support I received from the incredible women educators, leaders, and members of the DKG community throughout my Master's Degree program in Special Education. Your belief in my journey and consistent encouragement made a world of difference, especially during the challenging moments of balancing rigorous academic work and family life in a new country. Through it all, the warmth and strength of the DKG sisterhood remained a constant source of motivation and comfort. Thank you for standing by me and cheering me on until the very end.

I am happy to share that I have arrived back in Kyrgyzstan safely, filled with new knowledge, inspiration, and renewed enthusiasm to continue my work—advocating for equal education and supporting students with diverse disabilities. This journey has strengthened my resolve to be a voice for inclusive education and to stand for the rights of every child to

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learn, grow, and thrive. A heartfelt thank you to Gamma Pi Chapter members for being my steadfast supporters. Your kindness, wisdom, and guidance have meant more than words can express. I also extend my deep appreciation to the Gamma Lambda Chapter, for their initiative and vision in supporting my book project.

My family also joins me in expressing heartfelt gratitude. They, too, are thankful for the unforgettable experience we had in the United States. Our return has been joyfully welcomed by our big extended family, and everyone is happy to have us home, ready to contribute even more to our community and country. We warmly welcome any DKG/ADSOEF members who may one day wish to visit Kyrgyzstan and experience the breathtaking beauty of our high mountains and unspoiled nature. You will always have a friend and sister here. As a proud member of DKG/ADSOEF, I will continue to walk the path of educational advocacy and development—and I am always open to your guidance, encouragement, and support in the work ahead.

With deepest appreciation and admiration,

Mukadas Tashieva

Individual/Classroom/Community Project Fund Award-Hulu Hoop Club



The Educational Services Committee urges you to read this wonderful final report from Jacinta Bertone for the $500.00 Individual/Classroom/ Community Project Fund grant she received for her Hula Hoop Club project. She told a Board Director that 250 students joined the club partly due to the new hula hoops she was able to purchase!

In the winter of 2022, two other staff members and I established the first ever South Elementary School Hula Hoop Club in Madison, Ohio. The SES Hula Hoop Club was designed for 4th graders to learn new skills, try new things, get active, and gain confidence within themselves in a comfortable, judgement-free environment. SES Hula Hoop Club is voluntarily directed, one day a week, for an hour after school. Students learn how to do hula hoop tricks like the coin-flip, hoop dive, orbit, pivot tosses and many more. We also designed an end-of-the-year routine and marched in the Memorial Day Parade. Establishing, directing, and hosting SES Hula Hoop Club has allowed me to teach one of my passions, hula hooping, to students and get them to fall in love with the art of flow, encourage them to try new things and work as a team, and teach them that a little effort and practice can go a long way. As I always say, “Even professional football players miss catches sometimes.”

In January of 2025, ADSOEF Board of Directors awarded me with a grant from the Individual/Classroom/Community Project Fund. I could not have been more ecstatic! With this grant, I was able to purchase 22 professional-grade hula hoops. These hoops have highly impacted the students’ skill levels and progress in their abilities with hula hoop tricks. Up until this

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year, the students used heavy gym hula hoops, which are great for gym games, but not the best for doing tricks because of how weighted they are. Students could only practice doing tricks with the hoops for a few minutes before it would begin to make their limbs tired. With the professional-grade hoops, students can attempt and accomplish many more hula hoop tricks and feel more successful with themselves than in past years due to the buoyancy and lighter weight of the hoops.

Since we get a new group of 4th grade students every year for the SES Hula Hoop Club, we will be able to use the professional-grade hoops year after year. We also had all the students sign a contract to *rent* the new hula hoops (free of cost of course) so they can take them home and practice. This has been a huge advancement for the club, but also for the students. We know that all families may not be able or willing to pay +$20.00 for a professional-grade hula hoop, so it has been our pleasure to let students *rent* the new hoops to practice at home and advance in their skills.

Thank you so much ADSOEF for your support in funding the SES Hula Hoop Club and helping make our club and students more successful than ever before!

Sincerely
Jacinta Bertone

Into the Future. . .Important Dates to Remember!

July 1, 2025
The 2025-2026 Board of Directors began its tenure and the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year commenced.

Third Monday of Each Month
July 21, 2025
ADSOEF Board of Directors Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

August 18, 2025
ADSOEF Board of Directors Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

September 15, 2025
ADSOEF Board of Directors Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

October 20, 2025
ADSOEF Board of Directors Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

November 17, 2025
ADSOEF Board of Directors Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

No December BOD Meeting

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