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

With just a month and a half remaining, it's time to put the finishing touches and complete the 2024-2025 fiscal year for ADSOEF. Here are the most recent developments and possibly the final ones for the year:

- Many thanks to all who participated and attended the recent virtual ADSOEF Annual Meeting on April 10, 2025, where ADSOEF celebrated many successes. Be sure to view the YouTube video of the ADSOEF 2025 Annual Meeting. Reports of the election, the ticket auction, and the contributions are in this issue of *Foundation Matters*.
- An additional thank you to those who supported the ticket auction and contributed so generously during the 87th Birthday Luncheon at the OSO State Convention.
- The Educational Services Committee received Board approval for two Individual/Classroom/Community Project Fund Awards. Jacinta Bertone, Gamma Theta, was awarded a \$500.00 grant for her *South Elementary Hoop Club* and Angela Stokes Miesle of Beta Eta, received a \$500.00 grant for her *NextGen Youth Artisan Market Project*.
- The Governance Committee continues its work revising required documents, hoping to finish and receive approval for all by the June 16 board meeting.
- The OSO/ADSOEF Scholarship Committee has nearly finished their tasks for the year and is scheduled to meet on June 23 to prepare for their ninth year with ADSOEF.
- Four dossiers were reviewed and evaluated for the A. Margaret Boyd Overseas Fellowship. Marilyn Slusser, ADSOEF Liaison, awaits confirmation from Mr. Kolsum of the Fulbright program regarding our 2025-2026 A. Margaret Boyd Fellowship recipient.

With warmest regards and respect,
The ADSOEF Board of Directors

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2023-2025

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2023-2025

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Meet the Newly Elected Board of Directors

The following five OSO/ADSOEF members were duly elected at the virtual ADSOEF Annual Meeting on April 10, 2025. The ADSOEF Board of Directors welcomes new directors Annie Zahradnik and Linda Reeves, and returning directors Sue Loader, Tammy Schroeder, and Diana Kirkpatrick.



Annie Zahradnik

Annie is a member of Gamma Theta Chapter. She presently serves as her chapter's treasurer. She has also been president of her chapter and has served on various committees. Annie spent 35 years in the field of special education as an early childhood intervention specialist. During her teaching years, Annie worked with a team of specialists, administrators, and parents to provide services for children under the age of 6. She will be serving a two-year term (2025-2027) on the Board.

Linda Reeves



Linda is a member of Alpha Delta Chapter. She spent 40 years in public education. During those years, Linda served as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, curriculum director, curriculum coordinator for an ESD region and superintendent of schools. She worked in Ohio, Texas, and Oregon. Linda earned her doctoral degree from the University of Texas. She is currently serving as ADSOEF's Donor Relations chair. Linda will be serving a three-year term (2025-2028) on the Board.



Diana Kirkpatrick

Diana is a member of the Alpha Delta Chapter. She is a past state president of OSO (2019-2021) and currently serves as the 2024-2025 Chairman of ADSOEF's Board of Directors. Diana has held numerous offices in her chapter as well as with OSO. She is a retired classroom teacher and school guidance counselor. She will be serving a two-year term (2025-2027) on the Board.

Tammy Schroeder



Tammy is a member of Beta Eta Chapter. She has been president of her chapter and has held various offices in her chapter as well as with OSO. She currently serves as ADSOEF's Nominating Committee Chair. Her professional career was spent as a home economics and kindergarten teacher. After retiring, she spent 13 years as a part-time reading coach. Tammy will be serving a two-year term (2025-2027) on the Board.



Sue Loader

Sue is a member of Alpha Psi Chapter. She has served as her chapter's president and is currently their treasurer. Sue has served on various OSO and ADSOEF committees. She is currently the chair of ADSOEF's Finance Committee. During her professional career, Sue taught students from pre-K through grade 12. She taught Health, Earth Science, Physical Science, Physical Education and Special Education and ended her career as an Assistant Principal. She will be serving a three-year term (2025-2028) on the Board.

2024-2025 Nominating Committee
Debby Canter, Delta Epsilon
Hannah Fairbanks, Gamma Theta
Nancy Waters, Alpha Psi
Tammy Schroeder, Beta Eta, Chairman



Rebecca Doak
In memory of Marilou Coverstone
In memory of Nancy K. McAlexander

Anonymous
In memory of Deceased Gamma Pi Members

Ellen Anglim
In memory of June White

Carmel Jenkins
In memory of June White

Hannah Fairbanks
In memory of Jean Poxon

Sherry Grimes
In memory of Linda Ruehrmund

Karen Dombrowski
In memory of Beth Anne Rice

Joan Bostelman
In memory of Patricia Hooks
In memory of Martha Puterbaugh

Patricia Mullins-Neal
In memory of Margaret Edwards

Nancy Russell
In memory of Ruth Rauch

Pam Feick
In memory of Mary Lorane Davis

Joanne Hepp
In memory of Sophie Zebrowski Pierce

Joan Bostelman
In memory of Patricia Eshbaugh
In memory of Winifred Jacoby

Joan Avery
In memory of Mae Prentice
In memory of Donna Lloyd
In memory of Tina Newlin

Gamma Nu Chapter
In memory of Frank Cleveland

Gamma Eta Chapter
In memory of Kathy Teitelman

Chi Chapter
In memory of Christine Newlin
In memory of Mae Prentice

Janet Kidd
In honor of Dr. Marian Kurner

Freda Cook
In honor of Beta Chapter Sisters

Emmy Brudzynski
In honor of Alice Berry

Darlene M Malaska
In honor of Margaret Remisa

Molly Tharp
In honor of Sue Loader

Deborah L. Van Arsdale
In honor of Delta Delta Chapter

Annie Roegner
In honor of Betty Monahan

Mary Ellen Hall
In honor of Betty Monahan

Dr. Norma Kirby
In honor of incoming OSO Officers & Nominating
Committee

Barb Zirke
In honor of Holly Buente

Chris Snoddy
In honor of Linda Sauer

Beth Archer
In honor of Marilyn Slusser

Melissa Bowers
 In honor of Dr. Molly Helmlinger

 Sue Loader
 In honor of ADSOEF Finance Committee

 Diana Kirkpatrick
 In honor of Linda Diltz
 in honor of Dr. Lois Harkins
 In honor of Dr. Norma Kirby

 Patricia Cermak
 In honor of Mary Jan Kaufman
 In honor of Barb Smith

 Linda Reeves
 In honor of Diana Kirkpatrick

 Linda Diltz
 In honor of Lyndi Ross

 Dr. Norma Kirby
 In honor of OSO Officers

 Jere K. Gardner
 In honor of Alpha Psi Chapter

 Dr. Lois Harkins
 In honor of Holly Buente

 Cathy Tenney
 In honor of Dr. Norma Kirby
 In honor of Diana Kirkpatrick
 In honor of Katie Gantz
 In honor of Dr. Molly Helmlinger

 Anonymous

 Marilyn Stanton

 Joyce Jones Weinkam

 Holly Elick

 Karyn Lazear

 Linda Harrison

 Jennifer Conkle

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 Julie Schmidt
 Cathy Adams
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 Janet Hess
 Sandy Royer
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 Alpha Eta Chapter
 Beta Nu Chapter
 Gamma Nu Chapter
 Beta Rho Chapter
 Delta Kappa Chapter
 Alpha Iota Chapter

Two New Project Grants Approved by the Board of Directors!

The Educational Services Committee is delighted to continue ADSOEF's mission "to provide funding to serve charitable purposes relating to professional and personal growth of educators and educational excellence" by announcing two awards recently approved by the Board of Directors.

Congratulations to Jacinta **Bertone, Gamma Theta**! She was awarded a \$500.00 Individual/Classroom/Community Project grant for her *South Elementary Hula Hoop Club*. She purchased professional quality hula hoops so her fourth grade club members could learn new skills and design routines for a Memorial Day Parade performance.

Congratulations to **Angie Stokes Miesle, Beta Eta**! She was approved for an Individual/Classroom/Community Project grant of \$500.00 to purchase easels and refreshments for her *NextGen Youth Artisan Market Project*. This will enable high school artists from Paulding County to display and sell their artwork during a November 2025 special event.

Be on the lookout for photos and final reports on the Weightlifting Equipment and the Hula Hoop Club Projects in the June and July *Foundation Matters* issues!



And the Winners are....

One of the key events at the 2025 State Convention was the ticket auction generously sponsored by ADSOEF's Fundraising Committee. The auction successfully raised \$959.00, contributing to the committee's goal of \$10,000.87 in celebration of the 87th anniversary of our state organization. We extend our gratitude to all who donated prizes and to everyone who participated in purchasing tickets for the auction...thank you!

Here are the twelve lucky winners:

	Donor/Item	Winner/Chapter
1	Dr. Lois Harkins <i>Life is Good</i> , Framed Sunflower Puzzle	Judy Ruen, Beta Eta
2	Debbie Frazier Handmade lap quilt	Lyndi Ross, Beta Rho
3	Barb Zirke Hand painted birdhouse with 10 handmade cards	Sue Samoviski, Chi
4	Joan Avery and Nancy Russell Basket with bee themed kitchen items	Rita Hupp, Beta Rho
5	Joan Avery and Nancy Russell Basket with bee themed personal items	Teresa Emerine, Beta Rho
6	Beth Archer The Mystery Item	Linda Reeves, Alpha Delta
7	Katie Gantz Custom-made necklace of Amazonite, freshwater pearls, and a shell pendant	Janet Kidd, Omicron
8	Katie Gantz Custom-made necklace of jade beads with a seahorse clasp	Joyce Weinkam, Gamma Xi
9	Linda Diltz Wine and Chocolate Basket	Pam Todd, Alpha Iota
10	Holly Buente and Barb Zirke Scratch-off Lottery Tickets	Jan Schoellman, Delta Chi
11	Chris Snoddy <i>A Bee Happy!</i> gift bag of sunflower and bee items	Freda Cook, State
12	Cathy Tenney <i>Busy Bee</i> gift items	Mary Bumstead, Beta Chi
13	Diana Kirkpatrick Basket of Logo (Sunflower) Iced Cookies	Jen Conkle, Delta Phi

Lauren Jewell Student Teaching Story

The Esther H. Strickland Student Teaching Grant played an important role in my success as a student teacher. By helping alleviate financial burdens, it allowed me to reduce my work hours, letting me dedicate more time to my students and classroom responsibilities. This newfound flexibility was invaluable, enabling me to delve deeper into lesson planning, creating engaging and innovative activities that catered to the diverse learning styles of my students. Additionally, the grant helped cover extra expenses, such as increased gas costs due to a longer commute to my placement school.

This financial support enabled me to be fully present in my student teaching experience, attending both nights of parent-teacher conferences without worrying about work commitments. By building strong relationships with parents and the school community, I have gained invaluable insights into the unique needs and challenges of my students, and how to help them succeed even more.

Furthermore, the grant allowed me to attend two essential workshops: *Classroom Management* and *Understanding and Working with Difficult Students*. These workshops equipped me with practical strategies and techniques to create a positive and productive learning environment. I learned how to effectively manage classroom behavior, establish clear expectations, and address challenging student behaviors in a constructive manner.

The Esther H. Strickland Student Teaching Grant not only supported my financial needs but also fostered my professional growth. By providing me with the time and resources to excel in my student teaching role, it has laid a strong foundation for a successful career in education. I am incredibly grateful for this opportunity and look forward to using the skills and knowledge I have gained this past semester to make a positive impact on the lives of my students.

Into the Future. . .Important Dates to Remember

May 15, 2025

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May 19, 2025

ADSOEF Board of Directors Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

June 5, 2025

Governance Committee Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

June 11-12, 2025

Biennial Seminar

June 15, 2025

Foundation Matters arrives in your email

June 16, 2025

ADSOEF Board of Directors Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

June 23, 2025

ADSOEF/OSO Scholarship Committee Meeting
Via Zoom @ 10:00 a.m.

June 31, 2025

End of the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year

July 1, 2025

Beginning of the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year



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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: _____

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Check # _____

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____ 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

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