

Spring 2024



ESAF Chairman Article

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It's March in St. Louis, Missouri, as I write this. Flowers are just starting to bloom, and birds are really starting to sing. I see a female cardinal in the bush outside my window and I know she is deciding where to build her nest this year. While spring is not officially here, it is difficult to tell that based on what I'm seeing. It is a time of new beginnings.

As with nature, this time of year is now a new cycle for the Foundation Board. This is the first year we started the new Board rotation. This rotation aligns with our updated calendar-based year fiscal year. I'd like to thank the outgoing Directors, Rosalie Griffith, Terrie Rust, and Carolyn Warren. Their service for the last the last 3 years (and in Rosalie's case, last 6 years) is greatly appreciated by the Board. I would also like to welcome our incoming Directors, Tammy Akines, Judi King, and Gordon Leong.

In January, the Board elected this year's officers: Kim Mandrell, Chair-

man, Ann Southall, Vice Chairman, Patricia Howerton, Secretary, and Gordon Leong, Treasurer. Foundation Directors fill a variety of Chairmanships, many of whom you will see authoring articles in this and future newsletters. I'd like to highlight a few of the positions.

The Endowment Chairman has transitioned from Terrie to Judi King. Judi is a longtime supporter of the Foundation and has also extensive ESA IC Council experience, including being a past International Council President. She is looking forward to working with the Foundation's endowers. Please direct any endowment questions to Judi.

Kathy Loyd continues to be the Scholarship Chairman. It's a busy time of year, as the season closed on February 1st, and Kathy and her committee are busy with reviewing applications and determining this year's winners.

Even though Rosalie Griffith is not a Director this year, she is continuing as the Grants Chairman. She is looking forward to sharing details of the grant recipients in the coming year.

This year the Foundation Fund Fest is being co-chaired by Patricia Howerton and Tammy Akines. We are looking forward to seeing many of you at the Fund Fest at IC Convention in Kansas in July.

As I conclude my thoughts on new beginnings, I'm thinking of all the new beginnings you have helped students and others looking to advance their careers through your contributions to the Foundation. Your support matters to so many. Thank you!

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at the Fund Fest at IC Convention in Kansas in July.

Kim Mandrell

ESA Foundation Chairman

ESA FOUNDATION
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS
TO BE HELD THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2024 FROM 2:00 – 3:30 PM IN OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS
TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE ESA FOUNDATION:

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the members of the ESA Foundation will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Kansas City – Overland Park, Kansas on Thursday, July 11, 2024, from 2:00 to 3:30 PM for the purpose of conducting ESA Foundation business that is deemed necessary.

All members whose dues have been received by the ESA Headquarters office by December 31, 2023 are entitled to vote. The ballots for chapters, councils, and other ESA entities will be sent to the entity's President on file with ESA Headquarters. All non-ESA entity proxy ballots along with all member and ESA entity ballots will be sent to the current email address on file with ESA Headquarters. **Please contact ESA Headquarters to update your email address and your entity's President's information prior to Aug 1, 2024.**

At this time, no voting is anticipated for the Annual Membership meeting. Voting for new Director candidates is planned for December 2024. Additional voting information will be sent closer to that time.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ann Southall, Director
Vice-Chairman of the Board
February 28, 2024

ESAF Career Enhancement Grant Recipient



Congratulations to Mona Quaid Johnston! Mona is a 40-year ESA member and is from Wilburton, Oklahoma. Mona recently received a Career Enhancement Grant for EMDR training in rural Southeast Oklahoma. As a Licensed Professional Counselor, Mona offers services to a variety of clients who have undergone trauma. Children who have suffered trauma, adolescents, adults, and recently the need has arisen to offer training to “First Responders” for trauma they have witnessed.

Mona received a call from the Latimer County Sheriff and was asked if she would be willing to have therapy sessions with his First Responders who had ‘worked’ a teen suicide.

Of course, the answer was yes, and she had the opportunity to help these First Responders who were First on the Scene. As they described their involvement, her mind went to the needs of others in her community that the EMDR training would benefit from due to the trauma these young men had undergone.

Mona realized the need for this training did not only come from this need, but also for others who have been traumatized especially children who have been abused, mostly by parents, and have been placed in Guardianship Placement.

EMDR stands for Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing. It is very common around the world and is based on how your brain stores and retrieves trauma memories.

EMDR is used by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense as a ‘best practice’ in treating veterans with PTSD. It is also approved by the World Health Organization.

Rosalie Griffith

Grants Chairman



Welcome and congratulations to Robert and Theda Hall on the establishment of the Robert and Theda Hall endowment in the Epsilon Sigma Alpha Foundation.

Theda, a 52-year member of ESA, has served ESA in many ways, having been in four ESA chapters: in Owensboro, Kentucky, in Monroe, Louisiana, in Anchorage, Alaska, and in Springdale, Arkansas. She has served as state president twice in Alaska, and once in Arkansas. In her latest leadership role, she has served as SERC president.

Theda has been a great supporter of ESA and ESA Foundation and always has believed that the scholarship program “gives opportunity for all students to pursue their educational goals”. She is a strong supporter of education of all types.

Theda was so honored by her Arkansas members and later by her fellow SERC members who helped establish this endowment and provided the beginning funds. The members wanted to thank Theda for her tremendous leadership and her dedication to ESA.

What a fabulous idea for a gift.....have you considered supporting someone in such a meaningful way??

SCHOLARSHIP HIGHLIGHT

Jared Dodson – 2023 winner of the Hope Baney Memorial Scholarship



“The primary professional goal I have is to become a Professor of Theology after obtaining my PhD. Upon completing my PhD, I would endeavor to find a faith-based university in order to equip my students to have a long and enduring faith. I also wish to contribute valuable and unique research to the field of theology. In addition to becoming a professor, I also hope to become a writer. In my writing, I hope to make biblical theology accessible and understandable to people in their daily lives.

This scholarship would allow me to continue pursuing a higher education degree designed to form me into a better teacher and leader for students. In my goals to teach theology, I seek to help shape my students into a formative power in each of their distinct communities.

One of the accomplishments I am most proud of is winning the 2021 Stone-Campbell Journal National Student Paper Competition in Knoxville, Tennessee. This national competition selected two research papers from over a dozen Stone-Campbell affiliated Christian colleges in the USA to be finalists for their work on biblical topics. After being selected as a finalist, I flew out to Knoxville in order to defend my research in front of a panel of experts in the field of biblical studies during the annual Stone-Campbell Conference. After defending my research, I was selected as the winner of the competition by the judges. This was not only my first time presenting at a conference, but it was also my first time traveling across the country on my own.

I am so thankful to the Hope Baney Scholarship for its support of my academic journey. This award helps make it possible.”



The ESA Foundation is
Pleased to Sponsor the
Featured Speaker at IC
Convention

The ESAF Board of Directors look forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Meeting, Thursday, July 11, in the DoubleTree Ballrooms.

We will celebrate our achievements and hear from Scholarship and Grant recipients.



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The nomination from for the ESA Foundation Directors is now posted for the term of 2025-2028. Three directors will be elected, each for a three-year term. Eight directors are responsible for carrying out the various programs of the ESA Foundation and planning its future. Each Director brings his/her own unique experience and qualifications. A candidate must be an enthusiastic, active, dedicated individual member of the ESA Foundation interested in helping the Foundation remain a strong and viable part of ESA. The nomination form and official call for nominations are available at <https://epsilonsigmaalpha.org/about/ESAFoundation>, (click on the link in the Stay Up to Date section.) Deadline for nominations is October 1, 2024. If you have any questions feel free to contact me or one of the other Directors. Please submit completed forms to:

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870-814-9024

VOTING AND CREDENTIALS INFORMATION

Voting for ESA Foundation elections will be held electronically. To be sure you receive your ballot, your current email address must be on file. To check your email address, go to the ESA website (<https://epsilonsigmaalpha.org>), log into the member center, and check the address on your profile. Votes for chapters, councils, and other entities will be sent to the email address of the person listed as President for that chapter/entity.

Members who have opted to not receive emails from the ESA Foundation, and who want to receive a ballot, should contact ESA Headquarters and provide an active email address.

If you are unsure if you are eligible to vote, please contact your Foundation Counselor or the ESA Vice-Chairman, Ann Southall, asouth_51@yahoo.com.

Foundation State Counselor information is available at: <https://epsilonsigmaalpha.org/scholarships-and-grants/scholarships/state-counselors>

For assistance updating your email address, please contact ESA Headquarters at 970-223-2824 or email esainfo@epsilonsigmaalpha.org.

Ann Southall
Vice Chairman



ESA FOUNDATION FUNDFEST
JULY 9
OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS



Are you READY???

Hope you'll join in the FUN and start the IC Convention with a fun-filled evening!

The Carnival Fun Fair will be a time for fun, enjoy being with other ESA members and raise money for the ESAF Foundation.



Games, prizes, and fun times. When you enter the Carnival, you'll receive game tickets. Play the games and win prize tickets. This year the game tickets will be used for a chance to win a life active membership for yourself or you can gift it to someone else.

Games are easy and you'll feel like you're back in the days when you enjoyed the carnival when it came to town!



Like golf? There'll be a putting area too so you can test your "HOLE IN ONE" skills.

Toss a few bags onto the board, win game tickets, and practice for the Corn Hole Event later in the week.



Many volunteers are needed to make this event successful. Your help is essential. Please consider signing up to be a special part of the evening. It's easy - send a message with your email address and phone number to -

esaffundfest@gmail.com.

Patricia Howerton and Tammy Akines, Co-chairs

For Office Use Only:

Date: _____ Amount: _____
Receipt #: _____ Check #: _____
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A member is considered ACTIVE and is eligible to vote at the annual meeting if his/her dues have been received at the Headquarters office by the close of the day on the last day of February.

Enclosed is my donation, made payable to ESA Foundation in the amount of \$ _____.

 This Donation is from: ☐ an individual ☐ a group (chapter/council/corporation/other)

Donor Name _____ Member # _____ Chapter/Council/District # _____ Chapter/Council/District Name _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

 Credit Card: ☐ Master Card ☐ VISA ☐ Discover Expiration Date: _____

Credit Card Number _____ Security Code _____ (3 digit # back of card)

Email Address: _____

Cardholder's Signature: _____

 Please apply my donation to: ☐ \$40.00 Annual Dues

 \$ _____ ☐ Perpetual Endowment for: _____

 \$ _____ ☐ Scholarship for: _____

 \$ _____ ☐ Other for: _____

(Note: Other Perpetual Endowment and Scholarship – Please insert specific Name)

This Donation is a memorial for: _____

This Donation is in honor of: _____

Acknowledgement Address: _____

*****WE SINCERELY THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION*****



ESA Foundation Fund Fest

**Tuesday, July 9, 2024
Overland Park, Kansas**



The ESA Foundation needs your help at IC Convention with the Foundation Fund Fest. Please let me know if you would be able to help at a game, set up and clean up, donate, or work at the silent auction tables and the game areas.

Sponsors: _____ \$100 – Carnival Sponsor

FFF Patrons: _____ \$200 Silver _____ \$300 Gold _____ \$500 Pearl _____ \$1,000 Platinum

Volunteer at the Silent Auction Table and Game Areas _____

Member Name/Email Address _____

Chapter Name/Number _____

Willing to Donate: _____ Silent Auction Items _____

_____ Oral Auction Items _____

_____ State Basket – Description _____

**Please remember that successful basket winner will probably be traveling by plane.
Possibly donate an 'experience' at a future convention city's event or outing.**

(PLEASE mark value of all auction items to assist in bid amounts)

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Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please return this form to: Patricia Howerton
146 Alanen Rd, Naselle, WA 98638
esaffundfest@gmail.com / 503-440-5268 (text)