

*The Fraternal Order of Eagles
Minnesota State Auxiliary
76th Annual Convention Minutes
June 13, 14, 15, 2024
held in Albert Lea, MN #2258*

76th ANNUAL MINNESOTA STATE AUXILIARY CONVENTION MINUTES

JUNE 13, 14, & 15, 2024

Albert Lea, MN #2258

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024, TIME 8:45 AM

- State Officers escorted to their station
- Past State Presidents escorted to seats reserved for them
- Grand Auxiliary Representatives escorted to seats reserved for them
- State Mother, Grandmother & Historian escorted to seats reserved for them
- Welcome by Guest Speakers:
 - Mark the property manager from hotel welcomed us back to the Ramada
- Opening Ceremony
- Obligation to Delegates by Dee Threadgill from Chickasha, Oklahoma #4070
- Introduction of Grand Representatives and Others
 - Grand Madam Treasurer Dee Threadgill of Chickasha, Oklahoma #4070
 - Grand Madam Chaplain Debra Henry of Mankato #269
 - NCRP Sherry Peters of Bemidji #351
- Roll Call of Officers, Past Presidents, and Auxiliaries: Ellie Koepp
 - All state officers present.
 - Past Presidents in attendance: Margie Reinke, Karen Potratz, June Callier, JoAnn Burkel, Bina Silverthorn, Judy Spencer, Cindy Meyer, Maureen Malz, Joyce Corgard, Gayle Batchelder, Mary Lee, Garnet Karau, Sherry Peters, Debra Henry, Sue Neu, Marlene Hanson, Kathy Plank, Nancy Wadsworth
 - Auxiliaries; See attached report.
- Minutes of Previous Meeting: Ellie Koepp has them printed in the back of the room
- Charities Report: Ellie Koepp. She gave additions for two missing Auxiliaries. See attached report. Thanks for asking her to be your membership chair and ask that the report be placed on file.
- Finance Report: Kathy Plank. See report attached. Kathy moves to accept this report be placed on file, seconded by Linda Troboxin of St. Cloud #622. Motion carried.
- Credentials Report: Delegates_62_, Past Presidents_59_, State Officers_14_, PSP_18_, 10-Year Secretaries_7_, Visitors_6_.
- Audit Report: Marge Reinke. Everything was in very good order, thanked her committee and asks that the report be placed on file.
- Trustee's Report: Diane Haas. See attached report. Moved for her report to be placed on file, seconded by Rhonda Schultz of Mankato #269. Motion carried.
- International President's Report: Roxanne Skalicky. See attached report.
- Alta Browning Smith Award: JoAnn Burkel/Garnet Karau. Garnet read a letter submitted for JoAnn Burkel and moved to submit to Grand, seconded by Tina Giesen. Motion carried.
- Recess
- John Tobie and Jeff Olson visited the Auxiliary and spoke on the Confidence Learning Center. They have raised this past year \$221,955.84 with more to go. Tobie read off all of the donations done by the Auxiliaries of Minnesota

this past year. Jeff thanked everyone for his support over the last years. Sherry Peters donated another \$562 from their mother/daughter banquet fundraiser.

- Connie Wadding welcomed the delegation to Albert Lea.
- Treasurer's Report: Kathy Plank. Kathy stated she is not running for re election as her arthritis is making it harder for her to get around and thanks everyone for their support for the last 12 years. The new treasurer will assume her duties of making deposits and be the key executive of the bank accounts. She hopes the new treasurer will enjoy this office as much as she has. See attached report. Please place my report on file and finished with a joke.
- Secretary's Report: Ellie Koepp. See attached report. Please place my report on file.
- Communications: Ellie Koepp. Read a letter from Pam Thiner on her health and absence from the convention
- Sunshine Report: JoAnn Burkel. She sent out cards to Judy Spencer, Family of Tootie Schultz, and Garnet Karau. There are several cards going around to be signed for Ellie Kunkel, Tammy Bennett, Carol Eveslage, Wanda Wilkens, Pam Thiner, and Gwen Stallkamp. While JoAnn is sunshine lady, no money needs to be put in the sunshine fund as she will cover the expenses. Put it to another use.
- Resolutions: Tina Haugen. Thanked her committee.
 - Krista Kukowski of Roseau #3882 expresses thanks to Grand for NCRP Sherry Peter's wonderful guidance and asks that this resolution be placed on file. Susan Johnson of Owatonna #1791 seconds that this resolution be placed on file.
 - Susan Johnson of Owatonna #1791 expresses thanks to the host city and Auxiliary of Albert Lea and asks that this resolution be placed on file. Krista Kukowski of Roseau #3882 seconds this resolution be placed on file.
 - Joan Lubitz of Thief River Falls #2368 expresses our support for Debra Henry for Grand Office and moves to send a copy to the Grand Auxiliary and place on file. Tina Haugen of Thief River Falls #2368 seconds this.
- By-Laws: Tina Giesen-1st Reading
 - Section 5.1 – Increase mileage from 15 cents to 25 cents by Tina Giesen
 - Section 5.1.2 – Increase mileage from 15 cents to 25 cents by Tricia Tobin
 - Section 5.1.5 – Increase mileage from 15 cents to 25 cents by Kim Hanson
 - Section 5.2 – Increase mileage from 15 cents to 25 cents by Sue Neu
 - Section 5.2.1 – Increase mileage from 15 cents to 25 cents by Kelly Henry
 - Section 5.3.1 – Increase mileage from 15 cents to 25 cents by Kelly Henry
 - Section 5.6 – Increase mileage from 15 cents to 25 cents by Sue Neu
 - Section 5.7 – Increase mileage from 15 cents to 25 cents by Tina Giesen
 - Section 5.8 – Increase mileage from 15 cents to 25 cents by Sue Neu
 - Section 5.10 – Increase mileage from 15 cents to 25 cents by Kelly Henry
 - Section 5.5 – Increase State Treasurer salary from \$200 to \$400 annually by Kim Hanson
 - Section 6.2 – Adding an expense limit of \$500 unless preapproved by Tricia Tobin
- Ritual Chairman: Sherry Peters. Only two teams competed. We need more. Start a reading team to get started.
- Recess
- Sunshine March: \$87 to the Confidence Learning Center. Deby Kytola of Owatonna #1791 moves to donate to the CLC, seconded by Ruth Tennis of Albert Lea #2258. Motion carried.
- Grand Representatives were asked for any remarks but they will hold off until tomorrow.
- By-Laws: Tina Giesen-2nd Reading

- Section 5.1 – Increase mileage from 15 cents to 25 cents by Tina Giesen
- Section 5.1.2 – Increase mileage from 15 cents to 25 cents by Tricia Tobin
- Section 5.1.5 – Increase mileage from 15 cents to 25 cents by Kim Hanson
- Section 5.2 – Increase mileage from 15 cents to 25 cents by Sue Neu
- Section 5.2.1 – Increase mileage from 15 cents to 25 cents by Kelly Henry
- Section 5.3.1 – Increase mileage from 15 cents to 25 cents by Kelly Henry
- Section 5.6 – Increase mileage from 15 cents to 25 cents by Sue Neu
- Section 5.7 – Increase mileage from 15 cents to 25 cents by Tina Giesen
- Section 5.8 – Increase mileage from 15 cents to 25 cents by Sue Neu
- Section 5.10 – Increase mileage from 15 cents to 25 cents by Kelly Henry
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• Nomination of Officers:

Madam President	Diane Hinkemeyer	by: Linda Troboxin of St. Cloud #622	
Madam Vice President	Linda Connell	by: Garnet Karau of St. James #3420	
Madam Chaplain	Tina Haugen	by: Joan Lubitz of Thief River Falls #2368	
Madam Conductor	Tina Giesen	by: Jill Skalicky of Faribault #1460	
Madam Inside Guard	Crystal Cabana	by: Cindy Meyer of Crookston #873	
Madam Outside Guard	Diane Haas	by: Grace Tobin of Mankato #269	
Madam Treasurer	Deb Kytola	by: Kim Hanson of Owatonna #1791	Votes 72
	Carolyn Skogstad	by: JoAnn Burkel of Roseau #3882	Votes 96
	Nancy Johnson	by: Sherry Peters of Bemidji #351	Votes 162
	Tandra Landman	by: Karen Potratz of Brainerd #287	Votes 156
	Tricia Tobin	by: Judy Spencer of Mankato #269	Votes 116
Madam Trustee	Krista Kukowski	by: Carolyn Skogstad of Roseau #3882	Votes 57
	Susan Johnson	by: Kim Hanson of Owatonna #1791	Votes 165

- Alternate to International Convention: Linda Connell. Diane Hinkemeyer is unable to attend so Roxanne Skalicky will be our representative. Moved by Garnet Karau, seconded by Nancy Johnson. Motion carried.
- Door Prize Drawings: 50/50 for \$186.00
- Announcements: Membership workshop at 1pm. District hospitality room after the banquet, must wear your convention badge to enter the hospitality room. Someone lost a blue dress. Boxed lunches for \$15.

Recess until 9 A.M. Friday

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024, TIME 9:00 AM

- Charter Draping Ceremony: Past Presidents team.
 - Jr. Past President: Sue Neu
 - President: Judy Spencer
 - Vice President: Garnet Karau
 - Conductor: Margie Reinke
 - Chaplain: JoAnn Burkel
- Roll Call of Officers, PSMPs and Auxiliaries: Ellie Koepp
 - All state officers present.
 - Past Presidents in attendance: Margie Reinke, Karen Potratz, June Callier, JoAnn Burkel, Bina Silverthorn, Judy Spencer, Cindy Meyer, Maureen Malz, Joyce Corgard, Gayle Batchelder, Mary Lee, Garnet Karau, Sherry Peters, Debra Henry, Sue Neu, Marlene Hanson, Kathy Plank, Nancy Wadsworth
 - Auxiliaries; See attached report.

- Obligation to Delegates by Sherry Peters of Bemidji #351
- Credential Report: Delegates_6_, Past Presidents_5_, State Officers_0_, PSMP_0_, 10-Yr Secretary_1_, Visitors_0_
- Membership: Bina Silverthorn. Also gave her international report. See attached. Handed out awards to Luverne, Thief River Falls, and Owatonna for net gain. Handed out awards to Askley Moran, Shirley Flick, Anna Vogt, Kathy Plank, Angie Boyles, Cindy Pecachek, Deb Kytola, and Dorothy Plath.
- By-Laws: Tina Giesen -3rd Reading & Voting
 - Section 5.1 – Increase mileage from 15 cents to 25 cents. Motion by Kelly Henry, seconded by Michelle Moorhead. Motion passed.
 - Section 5.1.2 – Increase mileage from 15 cents to 25 cents. Motion by Kelly Henry, seconded by Nancy Johnson. Motion passed.
 - Section 5.1.5 – Increase mileage from 15 cents to 25 cents. Motion by Kelly Henry, seconded by Deb Kytola. Motion passed.
 - Section 5.2 – Increase mileage from 15 cents to 25 cents. Motion by Sue Neu, seconded by Ruth Tennis. Motion passed.
 - Section 5.2.1 – Increase mileage from 15 cents to 25 cents. Motion by Sue Neu, seconded by Susan Johnson. Motion passed.
 - Section 5.3.1 – Increase mileage from 15 cents to 25 cents. Motion by Sue Neu, seconded by Rhonda Schultz. Motion passed.
 - Section 5.6 – Increase mileage from 15 cents to 25 cents. Motion by Tricia Tobin, seconded by Tandra Landman. Motion passed.
 - Section 5.7 – Increase mileage from 15 cents to 25 cents. Motion by Kim Hanson, seconded by Diane Haas. Motion passed.
 - Section 5.8 – Increase mileage from 15 cents to 25 cents. Motion by Kim Hanson, seconded by Crystal Cabana. Motion passed.
 - Section 5.10 – Increase mileage from 15 cents to 25 cents. Motion by Tina Giesen, seconded by Tina Haugen. Motion passed.
 - Section 5.5 – Increase State Treasurer salary from \$200 to \$400 annually. Motion by Tricia Tobin, seconded by Vicki Ankrum. Motion passed.
 - Section 6.2 – Adding an expense limit of \$500 unless preapproved. Motion by Tina Giesen, seconded by Lisa Villnow. Motion passed.
- Grand Madam President Mary Gutierrez's visitation to MN: do not know the dates yet. Auxiliaries must be in compliance. So far Owatonna and St. Cloud will host her. Looking for an Auxiliary in the north.
- Resolutions: Tina Haugen
 - Susan Johnson thanks Debra Henry of Mankato 269 for representative of Minnesota for the Grand Auxiliary office. Susan Johnson of Owatonna #1791 moves this resolution to be placed on file, seconded by Krista Kukowski of Roseau #3882.
 - Krista Kukowski of Roseau #3882 expresses thanks to Grand for Grand Madam Treasurer Dee Threadgill's wonderful wisdom and asks that this resolution be placed on file. Joan Lubitz of Thief River Falls #2368 seconds that this resolution be placed on file.
- Bowling Report: Bina Silverthorn and Nancy Larson - Tournament: See attached report.
Tournament in Detroit Lakes on October 26-27, 2024
- Introduction of the Hall of Fame, Sister Eagle & Secretary of the Year:

- Hall of Fame – Marge Reinke: Mary Lee of Detroit Lakes #2342. Marge Reinke moves, seconded by JoAnn Burkel, to send the letter to the Grand. Motion passed.
- Sister Eagle – Nancy Wadsworth: Caroyl Hummel of Hastings #2212
- Secretary of the Year – Linda Connell: Connie Wadding of #2258
- Grand Representative Message:
 - Dee spoke on her own journey with the Grand Auxiliary. Be a mentor to new members.
 - Debra brought up the receiver training. You can use a business card-sized referral instead of an application when traveling. Patnry for food will be up for becoming a Grand Charity at this year's international convention.
 - Sherry spoke about getting back to the basics. You can't do business at a round table. She thanked everyone for their support.
- Sunshine March: \$91.00 Nancy Wadsworth moves to donate to the Sunshine Lady, seconded by Debra Henry. Motion carried.
- Voting as directed by Election Committee
- Door Prize Drawings
- Announcement: Parade of Teams & Memorial Service 6:30 PM *must attend to enjoy hospitality room*. The luncheon will be at 12:30 at Main Street across the street.

Recess until 9 AM Saturday

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024, TIME 9:00 AM

- Roll Call of Officers, PSMP and Auxiliaries: Ellie Koepp
 - All state officers present except Tina Haugen. Moved by Ellie Koepp to excuse, seconded by Joan Lubitz. Motion carried.
 - Past Presidents in attendance: Margie Reinke, Karen Potratz, June Callier, JoAnn Burkel, Bina Silverthorn, Judy Spencer, Cindy Meyer, Maureen Malz, Joyce Corgard, Gayle Batchelder, Mary Lee, Garnet Karau, Sherry Peters, Debra Henry, Sue Neu, Marlene Hanson, Kathy Plank, Nancy Wadsworth
 - Auxiliaries; See attached report.
- Protocol by Debra Henry
- Saturday Credential Report: Delegates _1_, Past Presidents _0_, State Officers _0_, PSMP _0_, 10-Yr Secretaries _0_, Visitors _0_.
- Final Credential Report: Delegates _69_, Past Presidents _64_, State Officers _14_, PSMP _18_, 10-Yr Secretaries _8_, Visitors _10_, Total Registered _79_, Total Auxiliaries _21_
- Communications/Housekeeping: Diane Hinkemeyer now has an email address: dianehinkemeyer2957@gmail.com; Lindback distributing will no longer be used by the FOE and they will sell their own pins; add \$12,000 to Roseau's local donations on the charity report; NCRC will be in Valley City, ND September 13-15, 2024. No blocks of rooms, just book; Ellie Koepp presented Kathy Plank with her Past State Madam President's pin.
- Ritual Report: Mary Lee

ALL STATE TEAM:

Jr. Past President:	Judy Spencer	Score: 100	Carolyn Skogstad	Score: 98.9
President:	Maureen Malz	Score: 100	Tina Haugen	Score: 96.1
Vice President:	Joan Lubitz	Score: 99.8	Roxanne Skalicky	Score: 99.5
Chaplain:	Tina Giesen	Score: 99.4	Teri Anderson	Score: 97.9
Conductor:	Sherry Peters	Score: 100	Debra Henry	Score: 100

ALTERNATES:

- Resolutions: Joan Lubitz
 - Krista Kukowski sends congratulations and thanks to the memorial team and placed on file
 - Susan Johnson expresses thanks to Gwen Stallkamp for putting together a great convention and her presence is missed. Asked to be placed on file.
- President's Visitation Speech: Roxanne Skalicky; see report attached
- State Mother and State Historian Remarks
 - State Historian: Mary Dahlheimer: Made 3 books showcasing her travels and conventions
 - State Mother: Tina Giesen (read by Grandmother Jill Skalicky): see attached.
- Question and Answer Session for the Grand Reps:
 - The charter needs to be on display during the State Convention. Does it need to be on display during regular business meetings or ritual of a local Auxiliary? No
 - Can you have officers of your Auxiliary call in for the meeting if they are unable to attend in person? No
 - If you have to cancel your meeting due to inclement weather, etc., do you have to reschedule or can you just skip that meeting? You must hold 2 meetings per month. 2 officers must be present with a total of 7 for a quorum to be held.
- Past State President's skit
- Election Report: Bina Silverthorn. Not everyone that was registered as a delegate voted. Carolyn Skogstad has received the most votes in the election for Madam Treasurer and will assume the position and executive duties of Minnesota State Auxiliary Treasurer, previously held by Kathy Plank. Bina Silverthorn moves to accept the report and moves to be allowed to destroy the ballot, seconded by Debra Henry. Motion carried.
- Sunshine March \$61 Ellie Koepp moves to give to St. Jude, seconded by Carla Schmidt. Motion carried.
- Good-Bye from Grand Representatives
 - Dee Threadgill: she talked about member retention. Thanked everyone for everything. Ellie handed her a card with \$50 on behalf of the State Auxiliary.
 - Debra Henry: spoke on next year's program for the Grand and rewards for incoming Grand Madam President Mary Gutierrez. She thanked everyone on her grand office and hopes she has done everyone proud. She shared her memories of traveling. Thanks to all officers that put in the hard work.
- Trustees Final Report:
 - Candy: $246 + 285 + 234 = 765$
 - 3-Day: $144 + 105 + 92 = 341$
 - Sunshine: $87 + 91 + 61 = 239$
 - Total of \$1,106 is split between Confidence Learning Center, St Jude Children's Research Hospital and the State Auxiliary
- Incoming President: Diane Hinkemeyer
 - Thank you for all your support through the chairs and not kicking her to the curb after not attending for two years since she was in the hospital.
- Announcements: Pictures, Installation of Officers, and Officer's Meeting.
- Door Prize Drawing
- Closing Ceremony
- Respectfully submitted,
- Elizabeth Koepp, Minnesota State Auxiliary Secretary



State Convention Attendance Albert Lea		6/13/24	6/14/24	6/15/24
#2258	ALBERT LEA	13	10	11
#3063	ALEXANDRIA (RUNESTONE)	0	0	0
#703	AUSTIN (LOOKOUT)	3	3	3
#351	BEMIDJI	3	3	3
#287	BRAINERD	5	5	5
#873	CROOKSTON	5	5	5
#2342	DETROIT LAKES	5	5	5
#3394	FAIRMONT	2	2	2
#1460	FARIBAULT	4	4	4
#2469	GRAND RAPIDS	1	1	1
#2212	HASTINGS	0	0	0
#3424	LITCHFIELD	1	1	1
#3403	LUVERNE	0	0	0
#269	MANKATO	9	8	7
#3405	MARSHALL	0	0	0
#34	MINNEAPOLIS	2	2	2
#620	MORRIS	0	0	0
#3718	NEW BRIGHTON	9	9	9
#1791	OWATONNA	5	5	5
#2228	ROCHESTER (ZUMBRO)	1	1	0
#3882	ROSEAU	4	4	4
#4120	SHAKOPEE	0	0	0
#622	ST CLOUD	3	3	3
#3420	ST JAMES	3	3	3
#2368	THIEF RIVER FALLS	3	3	3
#4195	WARROAD	0	0	0
#2334	WILLMAR	1	1	1
#3282	WORTHINGTON	4	3	4
#4070	CHICKASHA, OKLAHOMA	1	1	1
#2421	VERMILLION, SOUTH DAKOTA	2	2	2
TOTAL		89	84	84