

MARC Conference
Fairborn, Ohio
Leadership
Friday, October 9, 2009

The morning began with Dora Dill, IC 1st Vice President presenting “awaking you” which was a Tai Chi demonstration.

Elaine Lundberg, humor therapist taught us how to “de-stress for success”. Just laugh for the health of it!

After lunch, members were able to enjoy several hands on workshops. There were massages, flex logy, technology and we were able to make pincushions with St. Jude fabric, and other projects.

We then gather to hear B J Clark, ESA Executive Director on how to “celebrate you”.

The Market Place was set and opened for all to shop until you dropped.

The Gamma Kappa chapter hosted the “Wright Place” mixer.

Jan Rahn, Jr. Past President presented the candidates for the coming year. All candidates participated in a skit, the “Tatter Family”.

The members present were then challenged on trivia.

LaDonna Beck, Ways and Means Chairman then held the live auction. Four MARC shirts were auctioned off and then the baskets created by the states. All had a fun time and the live auction generated \$590 for the MARC Conference.

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First General Assembly

Brenda Meyers, Vice President called the meeting to order at 9:05AM

Kathy Loyd, 1997-1998 MARC President, presented flag ceremony.
Conference vocalist was B. J. Voll of Indiana.

Pam Grenard, Chaplain gave us the thought for the day.

Brenda Meyer introduced MARC President Sandy Lee

Sandy Lee, President declared the 24th Annual MARC Conference in session at 9:30AM
and the opening ritual was recited by all.

Carol Hazelett, Local Conference Chairman welcomed all to Ohio.
Chris from the Holiday Inn also welcomed everyone.

Sandy Lee, President introduced the current MARC Executive Board and appointed officers. She also recognized the MARC members serving on the International Council Board and those serving on the ESA Foundation Board. She recognized ESA Executive Director, BJ Clark. She also recognized Rose Pasillas, IC 2nd Vice President from Texas, Vicki Jones, IC Parliamentarian from Kentucky and Susan Winters, IC Workshop Coordinator from Kansas. Introduced Past IC Presidents from MARC. Sandy asked that all Past MARC Presidents please stand and be recognized. She thanked them for their dedication and past service.

LeAnn Wray, Parliamentarian, moved to dispense with the reading of the rules of the meeting as they are printed in the conference booklet. Judy Baxter of Wisconsin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Deana Walters, Recording Secretary read the following attendance report:

	# of Members	State	# of Reps in	# of Alternates	State Council Pres.	Alternate for State
State Council	in attendance	Membership	Attendance	Reps in Attendance	in Attendance	Council President
Illinois	7	149	2	0	1	0
Indiana	16	406	2	0	1	0
Iowa	7	60	2	0	1	0
Michigan	15	84	1	1	0	1
Minnesota	6	132	1	1	1	0

Missouri	3	276	1	1	0	1
Nebraska	5	100	2	0	1	0
Ohio	18	98	1	1	1	0
South Dakota	5	156	1	1	1	0
Wisconsin	9	80	1	1	1	0
TOTAL	91	1541	14	6	8	2

There was a quorum present.

Deana Walters, Recording Secretary moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting as they were sent to the MARC Board and Web Master for publication via email. Coletta Macaluso from Iowa seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Pat Ludwig, Communicator read a letter from Lois Byrd.

Margene Holtze, Treasurer reported the following:

Balance forward from 2008 Conference	\$6,497.22
Total Income	\$8,675.58
Total Disbursements	\$7,870.03
Checkbook Balance as of October 9, 2009	\$7,309.27

No questions, report to be filled for audit.

Margene present the proposed budget. Copy located on page 14 of convention booklet. (Copy to be attached to the minutes) There is one change to be made after Executive Board Meeting. The line for the MARC State Convention Reps changed from \$750 to \$1,000. Reason for the change was based on what was paid out this year.

Margene moved that the budget be accepted as corrected. Motion seconded by Joan Pedicore of Ohio. Motion passed.

Birdie had words of inspiration.

LeAnn Wray, Parliamentarian asked the membership to refer to page 15 in convention booklet for the Bylaw Changes where they were printed. (Copy will be attached to the minutes.)

Reason for the change is to move duties of the elected and appointed officers from the Bylaws to the Standing Rules. This will allow changes to appointments and duties to be made quickly and more efficiently. LeAnn moved that Article VIII Duties of Officers, Section 1-7 and Article IX, Appointed Officers and Committees, Section 1-10 be deleted from the bylaws and moved to the Standing Rules being renumbered as Standing Rule 2 and 3 respectively and the remaining standing rules be renumbered appropriately.

President Sandy called for a second. Jan Jones of South Dakota seconded motion.

Discussion called for, questions were clarified as to move. Sandy call for the vote, did a standing vote with 21 in favor, 8 opposed, motion carried.

LeAnn presented correction to Standing Rule #1. Currently reads: The Midwest Area Regional Council (MARC) consists of the following states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan Great Lakes, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Change to read: The Midwest Area Regional Council (MARC) consists of the following states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Reason, Michigan is now the Michigan State Council.

President Sandy called for the vote, motion carried.

LeAnn presented proposal to add Standing Rule #9 received from the MARC Executive Board. It to read: State Visits: Within the states in our region, the state visits will be conducted by elected officers first and then appointed officers until all requested visits have been assigned. Representatives doing state visits will be reimbursed transportation only. The amount will be determined by using Map Quest from the home of the representative to the conference site, round trip, to determine the total mileage. The mileage will be reimbursed at the IRS charity rate. No receipts will be necessary.

Reason is for clarification of how the transportation is budgeted and paid and allows for payment in a timely manner.

President Sandy called for discussion. Questions concerning other money and Sandy asked the Treasurer, Margene explain the reason for this standing rule and that funds are no longer available in the MARC treasury to cover anything other than transportation based upon around trip mileage.

Sandy entertained a motion to amend. Diane Vanusek of Minnesota made the amendment to read: strike Map Quest and insert "by the treasurer to use the most reliable method to determine the mileage" from the home to

Corinne Milburn seconded the motion of the amendment. Motion carried

Sandy then called for the vote to add Standing Rule #9 as amended. Motion carried.

Pat Ludwig, Communicator reported that she only had 6 subscriptions and total cost for the entire year was \$27.49.

Glenna Segall, Web Master thanked Sandy for the opportunity and looks forward to serving with incoming President Brenda next year. She encourages everyone to go to the web site and see the changes. Website is www.ESAMARC.org. Old one should be gone. She wants to add a photo page from all events within the states. Also would like to have a secure area on the website. Wants everyone to make suggestions of good or bad. This is our way of communication.

Kate Sala, Foundation Counselor. Kate reported that at IC we were informed of the down economy and the endowments were not exempt from that. We are down -1.77%. We are short \$155 to make the \$1,000 scholarship. It was voted on at IC that we would only give a \$750 scholarship for the 2010-2011 year and revisit this at IC next year. Our endowment balance is as follows: Total balance is \$13,787.92, \$5,000 non spendable and \$8,787.92 spendable. Kate encourages all the reps to encourage all the states to promote the MARC endowment to raise more funds to rebuild. She is having a fundraiser this weekend at a \$1 per chance. The winner from 2008-09 was Simone Renault from Clinton, Iowa.

Jan Rahn, Jr. Past President presented the following slate of officers for 2009-2010:

President	Brenda Meyers from Ohio
Vice President	Mariann Hayes from Iowa
	Emmy Neustrom from South Dakota
Treasurer	Deana Walters from Indiana
Recording Secretary	LaDonna Beck from Illinois
Parliamentarian	Pat Ludwig from Michigan
Communicator	LeAnn Wray from Michigan

President Sandy introduced the tellers. They are as follows:

Head Teller: Maggie Dohm from Wisconsin
Pat Hamby from Indiana
Janet Blimling from Nebraska

There was 5 minute break to cast ballots. Tellers were excused to the boardroom to count the ballots.

Jan Rahn present the future Conference Sites as follows:

2010 Indianapolis, IN Rozanne Robertson from Indiana presented the following information: Indianapolis Wyndom West Hotel on October 8-10, 2010. Room rate \$109 plus 16% tax. Phone number is 317-381-6143. This will be our 25th anniversary so there will be a little more glitter. Indianapolis In Deed is an impressive experience will set the tone for a fun filled weekend of meeting new friends, leadership opportunities and a weekend filled from beginning to end.

2011 Bloomington, IL. Joyce McCoy gave the following information: They are planning to be at the Parke Hotel and details will be made available at IC.

2012 is still open. Will accept a bid.

President Sandy announce the auditing committee as follows:

Chairman	Barbara Campbell from S. Dakota standing in for LuAnn Ouellette
	Joyce Reed from Illinois
	Coletta Macaluso from Iowa
	Diane Vanusek from Minnesota standing in for Sue Krites

Conference Audit Committee is as follows:

Chairman Ann Jaccaud
 Arlene Holtzman
 Judi Grefer

Announcements: The Marcettes will meet in Claudia Hatton's room right after the tour.
 Make sure you purchase your pot of gold chances from LaDonna.

Meeting recessed at 11:07 for pre-lunch shopping and will meet in the next room for lunch at noon.

The General Assembly resumed at 1:03pm.

Keynote speaker was IC President Jamie Atchinson. Discussed the membership growth and we all need to be engaged to get the members. How can we do this? It is to work on something across the country to spread the word about ESA in do the Hope for Heroes across America. Good works, spreads good words – You Betch Ya!! Spreading the word of ESA; really to do joint ventures with others. This will make ESA known. Jamie wants us to share the good works on the ESA web.

Brenda presented the "Sew Much Comfort". It was asked that all those attending MARC to bring boxers and lounge pants to give to the soldiers who are returning and they are wounded.

President Sandy recessed the meeting until Sunday at 9:00am.

Election results for MARC Board 2009-2010:

President	Brenda Meyers	Ohio
Vice President	Maryann Hayes	Iowa
Treasurer	Deana Walters	Indiana
Recording Secretary	LaDonna Beck	Illinois
Parliamentarian	Pat Ludwig	Michigan
Communicator	LeAnn Wray	Michigan
Jr. Past President	Sandy Lee	Michigan
Ways and Means	Emmy Neustrom	South Dakota

(Emmy and Maryann ran for Vice President. Maryann won the election and Emmy agreed to be the Ways and Means Chairman for the coming year.)

Saturday Afternoon: Airway Market open
Huffman Prairie Center Tour
Audit of the books
Candidates met in President's suite
Installation Rehearsal

Banquet Doors opened at 6:45pm
The installation of officers was conducted by Judy Huntley
Welcome
Introductions from Sandy Lee and Brenda Meyers
Invocation by Pam Grenard
Banquet – “Another Day in Paradise”
Entertainment was present by all the states with a Jimmy Buffet song, their own creation.
Reception was held for Brenda and the new MARC Board hosted by the Ohio State Council.

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Sunday, October 11, 2009
Second General Assembly

Chaplain Pam Grenard with Debbie Frazier from Indiana as soloist did the Celebration of Life service.

President Sandy declared the Second General Assembly in session at 9:50am.

The membership recognized the hotel staff for a wonderful job this weekend.

B. J. Clark gave us some words of wisdom. Share ESA whenever and wherever possible. If sending boxes to the military, please always include ESA information. You need to send them a note and offer ESA for them when they come home.

Information was shared about military deployed. BJ asked that all send information to headquarters and we can share everything across the country and may be able to find ways to create new partnerships and spread the good works of ESA.

Final Conference numbers:

MARC Sisters	106
Non MARC Sister's	9
DESA's/MESA's/Elon's	1
Guest	10
Room Reservations	41
Leadership	97
Mixer	82
Luncheon	99
Banquet	114
Brunch	88

President Sandy recognized the Ohio State Council Membership

LaDonna Beck, Ways and Means Chairman reported the following:

Pot of Gold Raffle	\$625 (\$312.50 going to MARC)
Silent Auction	\$955
Chinese Auction	\$615
Shirts, Pins State Baskets	\$630 (live auction Friday was \$590)
Total	\$2,5612.50
Shirts previously sold	\$379
Total Deposited	\$2,891.50

LaDonna had Emmy come up to draw the pot of gold winners. They were as follows:

3 rd Place	\$62.50	Pam Grenard, Indiana
2 nd Place	\$93.75	Phyllis Hocking, Michigan
1 st Place	\$156.25	Phyllis Hocking, Michigan

Barb Campbell from South Dakota thanked the audit committee and reported that they found the books to be in order and signed off. A couple of minor recommendations were made, but they did not affect the handling of the money.

Marge made a correction on the balances given. They are as follows:

Beg. Bal.	\$6,497.72
Income	\$8,675.58
Expenses	\$7,870.03
Ending Bal.	\$7,303.27

President Sandy gave her closing remarks. Vocalist BJ Voll sang, "Wind beneath My Wings" to convey her thoughts and feelings.

Jr. Past President, Jan Rahn lower Sandy's gavel.
Judi King raised Brenda Meyers gavel.

Sandy presented Brenda with the MARC President's gavel.

Claudia Hatton Chairman inducted Sandy into the MARCettes. They dress Sandy up as a Precious Moment.

Brenda gave her acceptance speech, Another Day in Paradise. Her goals are simple and important. She wants to make a personal connection with as many MARC members as possible, more frequent communication with the State Presidents, have the best MARC conference in 2010 in Indiana, support IC President Jamie and her ideals and to make sure we are having fun while doing all of this.

Brenda announced 2009-2010 Executive Board. (See election results)

The appointed board is as follows:

Chaplain	B J Voll	Indiana
ESA Foundation Chairman	Mary Lykins	Ohio
2010 Conference Chairman	Rozanne Robertson	Indiana
Ways and Means Chairman	Emmy Neustrom	S. Dakota
Workshop Coordinator	Jenn Schaefer	Indiana
Web Master	Glenna Segall	Michigan
Web Assistant	Nancy Irvine	Michigan
Advisors	Claudia Hatton	Missouri
	Lois Bryd	Michigan
Corresponding Secretary	Carol Hazelett	Ohio
Fun Chairman	Mattie Kurzynski	Ohio

Administrative Assistant Amanda Rowland Ohio

Brenda announced the committee members:

Ways and Means:	Emma Neustrom, Chairman	S. Dakota
	Kathi Silvey	Ohio
	Brenda O'Neil	Nebraska
	Annabelle Plenge	Indiana
	Birdie Elkofska	Minnesota
	Barbara Warmoth	Illinois
	Marty Neuman	Missouri
Audit Committee:	Margene Holtz, Chairman	Nebraska
	Luann Quелlette	S. Dakota
	Wendy Yaste	Indiana
	Ginny Lambert	Michigan
Budget Committee:	Deana Walters, Chairman	Indiana
	Sandi Anderson	Illinois
	Sandy Hosack	Missouri
	Joyce Reed	Illinois
Nominating Committee:	Sandra Lee, Chairman	Michigan
	Mariann Hayes	Iowa
	Arlene Holzman	Ohio
	Lynn Howley	Indiana

Sandy asked for announcements: Centerpieces are for the one at the table who has a birthday closest today. Remember to leave nametags on table to be reused next year.

(Winter board meeting will be March 12 & 13, 2010 in Indiana.)

Chaplain Pam Grenard gave the closing thoughts.

Kathy Loyd retired the flags.

Brenda adjourned the 24th Annual Leadership Conference of the Midwest Area Regional Council of ESA International at 10:58am.

The closing ritual was recited by all.

Sandy Lee

Sandy Lee, President

Electronically signed

Deana Walters

Deana Walters, Recording Secretary